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March 2020

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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

**Please note that no
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after this date**

March



Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th

Chapmanslade Village Hall Spring Clean – 1 pm onwards

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – Village Hall

Saturday 14th

Get a Buzz about Science – 1.30 - 4.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Monday 16th

Corsley Annual Parish Meeting – 6.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 19th

Cinema Corsley – ‘Rocketman’ – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 20th

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

Saturday 21st

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers – meet at the Three Horseshoes, setting off at 11am

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

Park Tidy Day – 10 am to 3 pm – Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Chapmanslade Village Hall Fun Quiz – 7 for 7.30pm

April

Tuesday 7th

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

Chapmanslade Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12th

Special Service – Holy Communion – 9 am, St Mary’s Church, Temple

Thursday 16th

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

Cinema Corsley – ‘Knives Out’ – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7.30 pm

Thursday 23rd

Earth Day Open Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 26th

Chapmanslade Zero Waste – ‘Give and Take Day’ (free community swap shop), 3 - 5 pm,
Chapmanslade Village Hall

May

Monday 4th

Corsley Parish Council Annual Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 5th

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

Friday 8th

‘Victory in Europe’

Saturday 16th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - May Fayre – The Barn, Manor Farm, Corsley

Thursday 21st

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

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

June

Monday 1st

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

July

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We will be there for about three hours... that's just two hours work and an hour for tea and gossip... and home (or down the pub) in time for the England v Wales Six Nations rugby match.

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which TV sitcom featured the Boswell family?
- 2 On the Monopoly Board, how much does it cost to buy a station?
- 3 How many sides has a rhombus?
- 4 Which dame has had hit singles with Cliff Richard, ELO and John Travolta?
- 5 “Running through a wheat field” was the naughtiest thing which Politician owned up to doing?
- 6 If you were travelling on a train to Waverley Station, which UK city would you be visiting?
- 7 Who wrote the folk tales about Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Rapunzel and Rumpelstiltskin?
- 8 The sister of which film star used to appear with on television with Muffin the Mule?
- 9 Which dance was named after a street in London SE11?
- 10 How many legs does an ant have?
- 11 In the late 1950s, who recorded the children’s song “My Brother”?
- 12 How many US State names start and end with a vowel – 6, 7 or 8?

Answers on page 48

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers

January saw a merry band of four-legged friends, little people and fully grown Chicken Chasers head out for an enjoyable walk around the village.

Fully kitted out with wellies, coats and copious snacks for the hungry youngsters, no path was too wet or hill too steep!

The conversation flowed and, as always, it was great to see a cross-section of people walking and enjoying the January sunshine.

A massive thank you to everyone for coming along.

We're heading out again on Saturday 21st March at 11am, leaving from the Three Horseshoes - if you've never been before maybe it's time to come and give it a go. The walk of three or so miles is gently paced with stops for a breather as needed.

Feel free to get in touch with **Jaimie 07740 473725**
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Science: changing the world

Coronavirus

Should we be worried?

It is early days, so what can we say today?

All my working life I have been producing scientific papers, knowing that there could be discoveries between writing and publication that may change my conclusions. That is how science works. This article is the same. I am writing about the new coronavirus at least two weeks before you read this. Information will change and I may have to provide an update in a future article.

Coronaviruses form a class of respiratory viruses that is estimated to cause up to a third of all colds. However, some cause more severe pneumonia-like symptoms, such as the previous outbreaks of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) viruses, which caused a number of deaths. The new coronavirus, identified in December 2019, was originally called 2019-nCoV but may be renamed as it is thought to be related to the SARS virus. This is mainly of interest to microbiologists and doctors concerned about how these viruses rapidly evolve, sometimes to be more easily transmitted or to cause a more

severe, higher-fatality disease.

Of more general interest is knowing how dangerous the new virus is and what we can do to avoid it!

The virus was originally thought to be caught from animals – both bats and pangolins have separately been implicated by various groups, but the main danger is human-to-human transmission. This virus appears to spread more rapidly than other coronaviruses. On 18th February there were 73,336 confirmed cases of the new coronavirus disease (known as COVID-19) around the world, 72,438 of which were in China.

There were 1,874 deaths and 13,049 recovered individuals at the same date. The World Health Organisation has called a global emergency as it is still unclear whether this will give rise to a pandemic. One estimate is that failure to halt the virus could infect 60% of the world's population and result in 50 million deaths. This would be most serious in poor countries, where health systems are struggling, but it was recently claimed that 50% of UK individuals could become infected. However, such scary

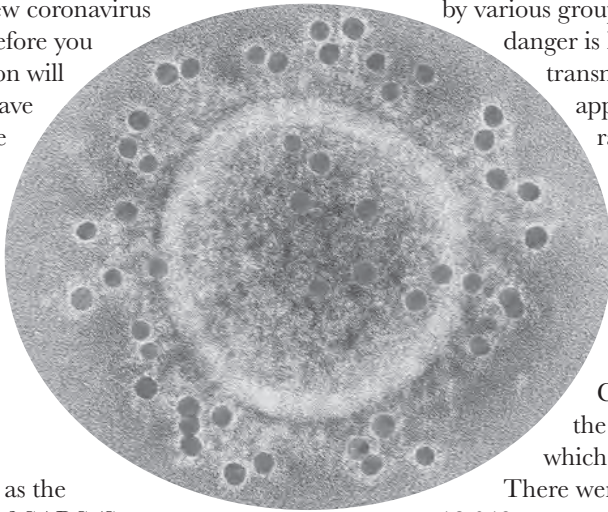


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figures have no basis in fact as yet. They are worst-case estimates.

So how serious is COVID-19? Currently deaths occur in 2.6% of confirmed infected individuals – these are mainly elderly patients. For comparison, MERS had 34% deaths and SARS had 9.5%. Flu, for which nearly half the UK population is offered the vaccine, had a death rate of .13% of diagnosed cases in 2018-19. The major difference is that COVID-19 virus spreads very quickly in a human population. A vaccine may take 18 months to develop.

What can we do to minimise the risk?

At a national level, infected individuals are being isolated and those at risk of infection from contacts are being advised to isolate themselves. Goods from China are not considered a risk.

What can we do at a personal level?

Most obviously, try and minimise contact with anyone coughing and showing flu-like symptoms. Avoid touching communal surfaces with your bare hands (I wear gloves on public transport and try not to use handrails in the flu season). Wash your hands frequently or

use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser. Minimise hand-to-mouth contact, which may transfer a virus from surfaces to the respiratory tract; we may unconsciously do this about 15 times an hour. Wearing a facemask does little to help as they are ill-fitting and become moist inside, allowing other germs to breed, and they can be a hazard when discarded. Hospital staff follow strict protocols with their facemasks. If you come down with pneumonia-like symptoms, isolate yourself and phone for medical advice. The “catch it, bin it, kill it” advice for flu also applies to coronavirus.

Given the number of cases in the UK, flu is currently a more serious problem than COVID-19 in my view. However, this may change. It is still early in the outbreak and microbiologists and medical professionals around the world are on high alert.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com. He is a microbiologist and is not medically qualified. This is a personal view.

Easter Communion Service

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The Friends of St Mary's are pleased to announce that, with the kind permission of Rev. Pauline Reid, there will be a 9 am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's on Easter Sunday, 12th April. We are grateful to Canon Tony Watts for agreeing to take the service and to David O'Connor for agreeing to play the organ.

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Chapmanslade History Group

Searching for the old and the new...

These last few months have been particularly busy for the Chapmanslade History Group, which until very recently has been led by Joyce Jefferson. Since 2013, Joyce had been the inspiration and fountain of historical knowledge behind all the hard work that the group put into publishing a brand new book, 'A History of Chapmanslade', which was launched at the Three Horseshoes over the weekend of 18-19 October 2019. Since then, over 320 copies have been sold. Thanks to everyone who has bought the book and supported the group.

This brand new local history book tells the story of Chapmanslade through the ages, from prehistory up to near present day. It has over 100 pages and 120 photos. Group member David Gafney produced numerous maps especially for the book. The photo, taken at the book launch, shows Ben Leveque, General Manager at the Three Horseshoes with Joyce Jefferson.

Chapmanslade has been a complicated parish to research for the group, as it only became a parish in its own right in 1934, having been created from parts of Dilton Marsh, Corsley and Upton Scudamore. The group needed to look at the history of all three parishes before the history of Chapmanslade



could be understood. On the other hand villagers have been extremely generous in sharing their treasured family photos, stories and local knowledge.

On the 14th January, 22 people attended the group's annual lunch – of course at the Three Horseshoes. This was Joyce's official Leaving-Do, following her and husband Phil's move to Tetbury. Joyce was presented with several 'thank you' gifts and Dennis Barnard said a few words of farewell.

The group have continued unabated into 2020 having decided to research various

properties in the village using original deeds where possible, then potentially try to use that information together with other material to help produce a historical guide when walking through Chapmanslade. So if you have any deeds or information about your house that you would like to share, the History Group would love to hear from you.

Contact the History Group by emailing Linda at lindarose105@btinternet.com



Buy your copy of 'A History of Chapmanslade' for £10 at The Three Horseshoes, Coates & Parker (Warminster) or Hunting Raven Books (Frome). Profits will go to village funds.

Campanology News

No doubt those of you who can hear the bells have noticed that they have been ringing rather more than usual during the last month. We have been practicing hard for two competitions; Rounds Competition for novice ringers and 6 Bell Striking Competition for more experienced ringers.

I have been teaching now for four years and three years ago we entered a novice team consisting of two of my learners supported by four slightly more experienced ringers and they won! They then went on to win the Salisbury Guild Trophy. As far as I know it is many years since our tower has entered the striking competition.

Ringling is judged to be perfect when a constant rhythm is achieved with an equal gap between each sound of a bell. This is extremely difficult to manage over the four or five minutes the performance takes and for most it is impossible but we will do our best.

The competitions are marked by two judges sitting outside and remote from the church. They therefore do not know which

tower is ringing and have the amazing ability to hear even the slightest fault during the performance.

The Rounds Competition is handicapped. Competitors who have rung for under two or five years deduct faults from the total and those who have rung for over five years add faults to the total. Four of my learners are ringing with two members who have recently joined. The Striking Competition is not handicapped and simply marked on the standard of ringing. Wish us all luck!

Both competitions are being held at our tower starting at 2 pm and probably lasting all afternoon so there will be some very good ringing if you wish to come and hear. We will have beverages and cake etc. on sale inside the church with proceeds going to the LEBRF, the guild grant organisation who helped us with the monies for our work on the bells. All are welcome.

Marion Moldon
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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activities

There has been one meeting since the last edition of *The Bridge*, an occasional, on 20th January, to consider one planning application and take routine reports and consider ongoing matters.

The PC also met as Trustees of the Len White Fund to consider one grant application and the Fund's future. In the context of the latter, the PC is grateful for the four letters which have been received concerning the winding up of the Fund. It should be noted that Trust meetings are not public, but the general outcome of the considerations relating to the Fund's future is reported below.

At moment, Wiltshire is beset by a 'mega' IT collapse and the planning website is not available for new inputs. There is one Corsley planning application waiting in the wings (20/00391/FUL - access to a paddock at Cranfield, Lane End), but no papers yet posted, and a decision is overdue on the Corsley House bund. The PC is in direct contact with Wiltshire on the latter.

Planning application

19/11626/FUL - Construction of new vehicular access and parking/turning area to serve residential dwelling: Deerleap Cottage, 112 The Hollow, Corsley

The PC agreed no objection to this application subject to a fence/hedge being established along the edge of the drive and the parking hammerhead, to delineate between

the residential curtilage and the agricultural land.

Replacement of bus stop shelters

The PC is very aware of the poor material state of the bus stop shelter at the Heath. Temporary repairs have been made after one of the roof supports collapsed and the PC is very grateful for the work that Graham Watts did, in foul weather at very short notice, earlier in the year. The PC is now taking steps to find a suitable replacement for this shelter, to be funded from the precept.

The intention is to replace the shelter with a structure which is durable, functional, but rather more in keeping with the village setting than the current austere structure. The new wooden shelters at Beckington have been inspected, as potential models, but it is felt that, whilst they are an appropriate and attractive style, an all wooden structure would not have the required life or resistance to vandalism. Neither is a modern perspex/metal frame design considered to be desirable.

It was agreed that a 'rustic' design was appropriate and that it would be sensible to approach a local builder for proposals. The search is on and any contribution from bus stop shelter 'afficionados' would be gratefully received by Gill Parkinson and Steve Meyer who are leading the charge.

Annual Parish Meeting

Elsewhere in this *Bridge* is a notice confirming the Annual Parish Meeting for 6.30pm,

Monday 16th March, in the Reading Room. The speakers will be; from Longleat, Jon Timney, Director Estates and Maintenance and Simon Townsend Operations Director; from the Reading Room Management Trustees, Chairman Hugh Deed who will explain the challenges faced by the Trustees and options for the way ahead. As also indicated on the notice, as Chairman, I always prepare a report and am perfectly ready to deliver it and answer questions afterwards. However, in the past few years the room has generally emptied when the meeting gets to this point - if you have read all the briefings in The Bridge briefs! The PC looks forward to a full attendance. Reminder notices will be posted at the usual key points around the village.

Len White Fund

The PC, as Trustees of this Charity, met on 20th January to consider bids and the future of the Fund. One bid had been received, plus several suggestions on how to dispose of the Fund's capital should the funds available for grants be exhausted. In the event, the one application received did not meet the Trust Deed's criteria and the possibility of Fund closure was no longer an issue. However, it seemed evident that, despite regular advertisements in The Bridge, there was no longer any demand from the village for qualifying grants. Recognising this situation, the Trustees made three decisions.

First, it is clear from the Trust Deed that bids for grants do not have to arise solely from external applicants. The Trustees themselves are equally able to propose schemes, provided that they are strictly in accordance with the Trust terms, ie "...for the benefit children of Corsley between the ages of 5 and 11 for educational purposes as the full Parish Council shall think fit." Several putative schemes were discussed in line with the decision that the Trustees might generate their own ideas, and all those which had been

offered from the village.

Second, before making any firm decision to take this route, the Trust should be advertised more widely in the village and, to that end, it is hoped that a regular slot on The Bridge website can be arranged.

Third, no grant making decisions on either Trust generated schemes, or external bids, would be taken for six months after the additional advertising was in place.

Dates of next meetings

(all meetings at 7.30, except APM)

Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm, 16th March

Annual PC Meeting 4th May

Quarterly Meeting 1st June

Quarterly Meeting 7th September

Quarterly Meeting 7th December

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Corsley Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**6.30pm, Monday 16th March
Corsley Reading Room**

LONGLEAT PLANS FOR 2020

a presentation by

Jon Timney – Director Estates and Maintenance

and

Simon Townsend – Operations Director

FUTURE PLANS FOR CORSLEY READING ROOM

a presentation by

Hugh Deed – Chairman Reading Room Management Trustees

The PC Chairman's Annual Report & Any Questions

All Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting each year. The meeting allows the Council and local community organisations to explain what they have been doing over the last year and electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the Parish. Note that It is not a Parish Council Meeting although chaired by the PC.

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Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,
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I don't think I have ever known such grey days as we have been experiencing this winter, so it has been with some delight to see the signs of Spring. The snow drops in profusion, defying all sorts of weather, delicate and gentle in their appearance yet hardy and persistent in their flourishing, followed by vibrant yellow trumpeting daffodils and carpets of bluebells, all signalling the arrival of warmer, lighter days.

Another favourite of mine is the Hellebore, also known as the Lenten Rose and so named because the sepals and flowers arrive around the time of Lent, and have a rose like appearance, although they are actually related to the buttercup. They come in many varieties with purple or violet being a common colour – very fitting for reminding us of the season! Purple or violet reflect the tone of the season in Church hangings and vestments and symbolise for us a time of penitence and preparation. The word Lent comes from the Latin for lengthen and refers to the lengthening of days, and more daylight hours (hooray!). Traditionally, it has been a time for the preparation of candidates for baptism on Easter Day, rising from the waters of baptism just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the first fruits of a new creation. Self-examination was very much a part of that preparation and what it means for us all to choose to 'turn towards the light of Christ'.

Even if we were baptised long ago the need for self-examination continues, the choice to turn away from darkness (a euphemism for that which is not of God) and turn towards the light can and should be part of our faith walk with Christ on a daily basis. In the forty day booklet produced by the Church of England, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York write....

'Lent is a time for reflection. Before the solemnity of Good Friday and the glory of the resurrection on Easter Day, Christians have the opportunity to remember Christ's withdrawal into the desert for forty days. It is a time to re-evaluate, a moment where we can turn away from the luxuries and distractions of daily life and face God. In so doing we face light, love and life. Facing God makes Lent a time for renewal.'

I wonder what discipline you have chosen to aid this time of reflection, a fast perhaps – a time of cutting something out that has become a distraction between you and your faith journey or maybe it is doing something extra like following the 40 day booklet of meditations and actions, or both!

Those who are reading the Lent book 'Say Yes to Life' will meet with Pauline at the Rectory on Thursday March 5th at 2pm in an introductory session and meet again in Holy Week on Thursday 9th April to share their reflections on caring for creation. Whatever you have decided upon to prepare, I pray you will have a good and holy Lent, and that the signs of God's glory in creation will cause you to stop and wonder at the beauty and gift that is all around us.

With love and blessing,
Gay

March Church Diary

Sunday 1st March: First Sunday of Lent

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

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Wednesday 4th March

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Said Eucharist

Benefice walk for Lent led by Bishop Andrew



Sunday 8th March: Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

11am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: 1662 BCP Matins



Wednesday 11th March

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Said Eucharist

7.30pm at High Field, Corsley: Parochial Church Council



Thursday 12th March

2.30pm at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade: Crafternoon



Sunday 15th March: Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship with talk by Maria Chambers from Firefly International talking about her work assisting Syrian refugees. A major part of her time has been spent in Antioch!!

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



Wednesday 18th March

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Said Eucharist



Thursday 19th March

10.30pm at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade: Church & Community Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd March: Mothering Sunday

9.30am at Chapmanslade School Hall: Mothering Sunday Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Wednesday 25th March

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Said Eucharist

**12.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms: Lite Bites Soup Lunch
with donations for Dorothy House.**



Sunday 29th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Benefice Eucharist



Wednesday 1st April

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Said Eucharist



Sunday 5th April: Palm Sunday

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

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Wednesday 8th April

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Said Eucharist

Full details of all services and events are in our weekly Newsletter

Activities in Lent

- 'Said Eucharist' every Wednesday in Lent at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade at 10.30am
- A Lent Walk around the Benefice on Wednesday 4th March led by Bishop Andrew

Fundraising

Our 50/50 Club now has a monthly draw with a single prize of £100 each month, with two £100 prizes in December. Why not join the 50/50 Club? It costs £24 per year per membership and you can have as many memberships as you wish and you can pay monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually whichever option suits you best. As we return 50% of the membership fee as

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prizes the more that join the bigger the prize pot. Please contact either Neil Britten, Clare Merritt or Keith Muston for a standing order form.

A date for your diary is our May Fayre to be held on Saturday 16th May in the Barn at Manor Farm, Corsley.

Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish has to raise a significant amount of money each year to both pay for the upkeep of the churches and the running costs of the Parish. We have many people who already support on a regular basis either by standing order or direct debit but we do need to increase our planned income to ensure that we can continue to run the Parish on a sustainable basis. If you do not already contribute and would consider doing so please contact either Judith Helliar or Keith Muston who will provide you the relevant information and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

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Corsley WI

February news

Alice Helliard rounds up the February meeting and announces some forthcoming events



The February meeting was billed as an 'Antiques Roadshow' style event. Members and guests headed into the Reading Rooms armed with family heirlooms wanting to know what some items were, the history of others and of course the value.

However, we were without our auctioneer, due to a diary mix up between parties! Our President made a good recovery suggesting that we all talk about the items that we bought in. We looked at singing chairs, tobacco boxes, ceramic tigers, tea pots, cake slices, card holders etc. All items generated some very interesting discussions between members and visitors and exposed a great deal of knowledge of antiques in the room. Although we are still all in the dark about Kit Pottow's item from her tea set, will we ever find out what it is! Watch out 'Antiques Roadshow' we may have

some specialists amongst the WI members!

There was, once again, a great turn out of members and guests and we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, of antiques, the raffle and home made cake.

The next meeting is our Annual Meeting when we discuss the year's business matters, finances and vote in committee members followed by a talk on 'Gardening in the Wild' by Eve Tigwell..

The Corsley WI also have skittles, scrabble, bridge and lunch clubs which are also open to non- members. There are also a large number of County and National trips, workshops and other activities that members can join in with.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Judith Helliard on 01373 832803.

Alice Helliard

Community Coffee Mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our rector, and Candy, our PCSO, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

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Wiltshire Council

Changes to your recycling

The way in which recyclable materials are collected from the kerbside will change and we will soon be contacting you about how this service will change

The good news is that residents will be able to place more materials in the blue lidded bin.

Many households will also see their collection day change as we will be making the collection routes more efficient, so there will be fewer collection vehicles on the road. This will help to further reduce the council's impact on the environment as part of its pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Letters are being sent to every household in Wiltshire to inform them of their new collection day. Once residents have received their letters they can go online and check their collection day and print off a bespoke collection calendar at **www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling**

Residents will receive a leaflet with the letter containing more information about the changes, as well as a sticker explaining which materials can be placed in the blue lidded bin.

The changes are also being communicated to residents via the media, social media, roadside banners at household recycling centres and other key locations, posters and pull-up banners in council buildings, leisure centres and libraries.

In summary, the new service is:

- In the blue lidded bin you can place cans, tins, aerosols, paper, cardboard, cartons, foil, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- In the black box you can place glass bottles and jars and bagged, dry textiles
- The blue lidded bins and black boxes will be

emptied fortnightly on the same day, using new recycling collection vehicles.

There will be no change to the household waste collection service or the chargeable garden waste collection service. Your collection days for these services will remain the same.

The service changes will take place over a four-week period from 24 February to 20 March. We are asking every household to look out for a letter that will tell them the date of their last black box and blue lidded bin collection under the current system and the date of their first collection under the new system. Once they have received their letters, people can also visit our website to find out when their next recycling collection day will be under the new arrangements. Residents who know of any neighbours who don't have access to the internet could check whether they need someone to download a calendar for them. Alternatively, residents can telephone the council on 0300 456 0102 to ask that we print a calendar and post it to them.

When residents receive their last collection under the current system, an information hanger will be attached to their blue lidded bin telling them that the service is changing. They should receive the letter with details of their new collection day soon after.

Collection crews will complete the final collections under the current system from 24 February to 6 March, attaching the

information hangers to the blue lidded bins telling residents that their collection service is changing during this time. The first collections based on the new system will take place from 9 March to 20 March.

The collection day changes will improve the efficiency of our rounds and reduce the number of collection vehicles on our roads. Because the vehicle rounds are changing it is important that residents put their bins and boxes out by 7am, as the times of their collections may change.

Recycling tips:

- Wash and squash all cans, tins, plastic and cartons where possible.
- Bottles, jars, cans, cartons and aerosols should be empty; lids can be left on.
- Flatten cardboard boxes to make more room in your bin.

It is important to wash cans, tins, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays and cartons before placing them in the blue lidded bin so there is no food or drink that could contaminate other materials such as paper and cardboard. This also reduces the risk of any odour. Residents should not place excess cardboard next to the bin as if it becomes wet due to rain it will not be collected.

If residents think they may not have enough room in their blue lidded bin, we are asking them to try to squash and flatten as much of their recycling as possible for the first few collections to see if this is a suitable solution. Larger or additional blue lidded bins will not be delivered until residents have first tried the new service and demonstrated to themselves that, despite squashing and flattening materials, they need the additional capacity. They can then request a larger or additional blue lidded bin via the Wiltshire Council website.

Plastic film, black plastic and plastic flower pots of any colour should not be placed in the blue lidded bin. Plastic film and black plastic should be put in the bin for non-recyclable

waste, but plastic flower pots can be taken to your local household recycling centre for recycling. The council is only able to recycle plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays collected at the kerbside.

Where residents have clothes or shoes that someone else may be able to wear, we are asking them to continue to take these to charity shops. Any other textiles for recycling should be clean and dry, placed in a bag and tied. The council will not collect duvets, sleeping bags or single shoes.

A new materials recovery facility designed to sort the recyclable materials collected from the blue lidded bin has been built near Calne. This should enable the materials to be sorted to a high quality standard for delivery to reprocessors for recycling. For more information about where materials collected for recycling are sent for reprocessing, please check the council's website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/what-happens-to-recycling

By making it easier for people to sort their waste, we hope to increase the amount of waste we recycle. In 2018/19 the council recycled 42.69% of the household waste that it collected from the kerbside and at household recycling centres. 89% of the household waste the council collected for recycling, composting and re-use in 2018/19 was managed within the UK.

In response to Wiltshire Council's acknowledgement of the climate emergency, the Green Pledge promoted by the council asks people to recycle as much as they can, as this will also help reduce our carbon impact. The new kerbside recycling services are designed to increase public participation in the kerbside recycling services provided by the council so should help the council to become carbon neutral by 2030. You can sign up to the Green Pledge at: <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=157261245291>

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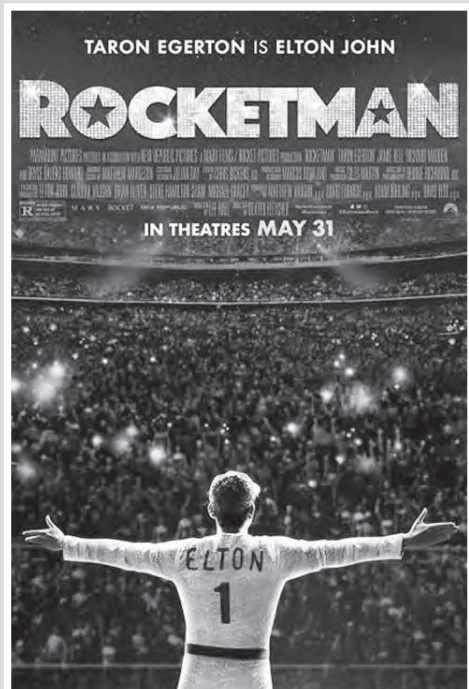
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Cinema Corsley

Thursday 19th March

Rocketman

Certificate 15, running time 2 hours



The eagle-eyed among you will have spotted we have a change of plan. We are now unable to secure Knives Out until the end of March, so it will become this season's finale in April. Instead, we are showing the popular musical fantasy of Elton John's real-life story, Rocketman. As you would expect from a film depicting the life of such

a flamboyant rock star, it is a musical biopic with all the bells and whistles. The film follows the transformation of Reggie Dwight, an introverted piano prodigy from Pinner, to Elton John, international superstar. As well as containing many of Elton's famous songs, Rocketman doesn't hold back on illustrating the highs and lows of his private life. Although it avoids being a typical portrayal of rock star addictions, such a central part of his turbulent life couldn't go unrecorded. Taron Egerton performs a difficult part well, winning a 2020 Golden Globe award, helped by his own singing talent, and hair/makeup designer, Lizzie Yianni-Georgiou. Her handiwork even fooled the great star himself when looking at photos of Egerton. The film's director, former actor Dexter Fletcher, has also been praised for what has been described as 'Elton's sparkliest spectacle yet.'

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets £6 on the door only. Refreshments and a licensed bar.

Thursday 16th April

Knives Out

Certificate 12A, running time 2 hr 10 mins

To finish our 2019/2020 season, we'll be showing Knives Out. A whodunnit with a touch of comedy, this will suit Agatha Christie fans. And some Bond fans too. The mysterious death of a wealthy crime writer just after his 85th birthday brings suave detective Benoit Blanc, played by Daniel Craig, to the dead man's large estate to investigate. Every one of the writer's dysfunctional family and devoted staff, comprising an all-star cast, are under suspicion.



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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

John Foster reports on the meeting held on the 13th February

Thirteen members of the public were in attendance, which was chaired by John Lewis, our Vice-Chair. Four Parish Councillors were present.

Open Session

In Open Session a variety of topics were raised concerning planning, the Wiltshire Planning website and littering within and around the extremities of the village. The majority of attendees raised concerns about the lateness of the notification of Planning Application for land on the south west side of Black Dog Hill, Chapmanslade – the lack of proven essential need for it and the systematic inaccuracies within the application. In parallel, all noted the very significant risk associated with caravans joining and exiting the A36 in what has already proven to be a fatal accident area.

Concerns were also raised on the Thoulstone Farm Swimming pool planning application both in terms of the environmental impact of the indoor pools as well as to the Grade 2 Listed building's environ.

Other planning issues were raised about the change of use application for the tractor shed on land along Huntenhull Lane and the planning appeal at the Ganders site, which is situated on the land to the rear of the village hall. In both cases, members of the public expressed concern that planning rules were being manipulated to achieve the

construction/approval of residential buildings in areas where such building should not be permitted.

The Closed Session meeting then addressed the following:

Telephone Box

The BT Phone Box would remain in place as BT had decided not to remove it at this time. It is expected that a further review is likely to occur in four years.

Planning applications

Application number 19/11065 Thoulstone Farm swimming pool.

The decision of the council was to object. The concerns raised related to the excessive height of the building above the listed walled garden and impact on the Grade 2 listed farmhouse building. A potential further risk to drivers on the A36 was identified from the sun on the glass roof causing dazzle. Councillors also questioned whether the swimming pool building could be sunk lower into the ground leaving the roof of the building less visible.

Application number 19/11575/FUL Land on the south west side of Black Dog Hill, Change of use of Land.

The council strongly objected to this application due to Highway Safety especially given fatal traffic incidents in recent times. Concerns were also raised at the

lateness of application notification and the significant number of errors/omissions and inconsistencies within it.

***Application number 19/11906/FUL
Huntenhull Farm, Change of use of
tractor shed to holiday cottage and
regularise existing access track***

The council agreed to strongly object to this application for a number of reasons primarily that the application for the tractor shed within the SLA was originally granted permission in 2012 /13 based on agricultural need, despite it being a retrospective application. Had the original application been for a residential property it would have been refused as

there was no essential need and it sat within the SLA. Secondary issues associated with increasing the traffic risk near an extremely difficult and narrow junction and in a very narrow lane were highlighted.

***Planning appeal APP/Y3940/W/20/3244117
- Ganders Heath House Farm Lane
Chapmanslade***

Councillors reiterated the need to submit previous objections as they remained extant as the appeal did not offer any material changes.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting would take place on 12th March in the Village Hall

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10.30am Sunday 15th March

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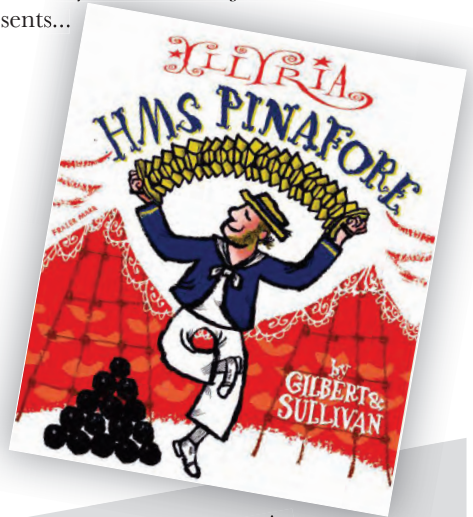
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Whitbourne Chapel

'In all good things God works for the good of those who love him...'
Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Preachers for March:

- 1st Peter Atwill from Canal Ministries
- 8th Trevor Brain from Operation Mobilisation
- 15th Richard Wilson, one of the Chapel's own preachers
- 22nd Andrew Coxhead from Clink Evangelical Church
- 29th John Hobson, also from Clink Evangelical Church

Blessings

Here is a game to play with your friends! Any number of people can play. No equipment required. No pen, pencil, paper, not even a light.

What a blessing! What a good game! When you've finished it, whatever you felt like at the start you'll feel better at the end.

Play in turn, and say "I have this blessing" and then continue alphabetically e.g. "I have this blessing, a good appetite". Next person, "I have this blessing, a comfortable bed." Next person, "I have this blessing, my cat as company."

If you want to improve your memory at the same time, you could repeat all the earlier blessings each turn. Modifications suggest themselves: if you hate cats you could say "What a blessing I haven't got one!"

The game can be played solo or with a group of up to twenty-six. If you can manage Q, X and Z it shows you are exceptionally

intelligent and holy.

Try it and see how much better you feel!
Every gift comes from God.

Roger Hopwood

Gill's 'blessing'!

My blessing is other people, like the kind drivers and walkers who stopped to check I was all right, the morning my car exhaust fell apart near Whitbourne Springs!

I was on my way to Chapel from Warminster when bump, scrape – and STOP! A couple walking their dogs passed me (I'd just driven past them!) and the gentleman returned to Whitbourne Springs to collect a bollard and place it behind my car; the lady stayed with me. While I waited for the AA, several people passed, on foot and in vehicles, and they all stopped to check I was well. Thank you, everybody!

Another blessing!

I'm typing this as Storm Chiara rages outside my flat. It's Sunday 9th February and we had no electricity at Chapel this morning. That meant no hot drinks, no heating, no lighting and no music, BUT we did have our preacher, Colin Chapman, who braved the storm to reach us from Melksham! What a blessing!

Gill Redman

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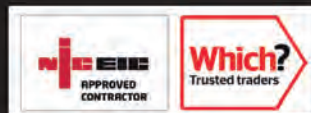
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Homes and businesses were devastated, as are many hectares of countryside.

We might think we are suffering, but consider those whose businesses have been wrecked, homes spoilt and damage done to infrastructure, it will be years for some of this to be put right.

Anyone who has to work outside in this horrendous weather deserves a medal! Our postmen and women, refuse collectors, emergency teams and many others are helping to keep to some normality in this weather.

Farmers and their staff make every effort to keep their animals safe and well, but these are really challenging times with flood water ever increasing on pastureland where sheep and cattle graze. Safety for these animals is a priority, but higher and dryer land is not always readily available.

Sheep now in the process of lambing will not only have carried their unborn lambs, but the lovely warm coat of wool that they wear will have been wet and muddy for months,

weighing them down and using up energy that should go to produce healthy lambs and milk for the next few months.

Spring calving cattle although now in the shelter of farm buildings need more and more dry bedding (straw in most cases). Cattle facing the full elements outdoors are given fresh root crops and good silage in round feeders daily, but even our greensand soil on our highest ground is sodden.

Farmers and countrymen have always said we have to work with our weather patterns, but the concern of climate change is coming ever closer to our rural life.

Please join us at a public meeting at the Corsley Reading Room on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm to share ideas of how we in our two communities can make even a small difference to caring for our planet.

Judith Helliar

Dog Walkers

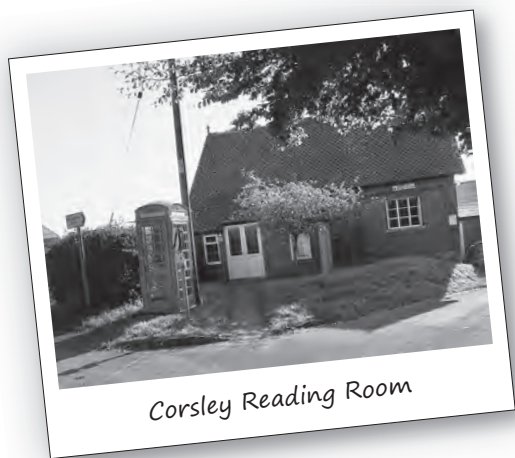
Tonight and on two other recent occasions at around 6.30 pm while driving our local lanes I have been concerned at seeing dog walkers very late because they were wearing dark clothing. For their own safety could I suggest that they wear a reflective gilet after dark. A flashing torch distracts but does not illuminate a body adequately

David Johnson.

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 3rd March

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Cinema Corsley

The March film, on Thursday 19th, is now Rocketman all about Elton John, sure to get your toes tapping! Knives Out, with Daniel Craig and Christopher Plummer, is moved and will be the April film – see page 33. The trailers for both can be viewed on our website.

Reading Room refurbishment/replacement

As reported last month, the plan is to present the options to get further views at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th March to share all ideas about the long-term future of the Reading Room.

Readers may have noticed that, as agreed at the AGM, we have had the flowerbed at the rear of the building removed. This will enable us to better maintain the building and let the lower brickwork dry out. It should also allow cars to be parked a bit easier. We are looking into the damp that is getting in on the wall running parallel to the A362.

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Hugh Deed

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