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From the Editor

Grovelling apologies are due to all the residents of Chapmanslade – I failed to put in a Parish Council briefing containing two very important matters concerning the village.

In the same issue, and this time due to an error at the printer, an advert for Chapmanslade Loose Women was missing along with the newly launched web address – the black bar appeared minus the wording!!

Hopefully normal service has resumed this month.

*Viv Thomas
Editor*

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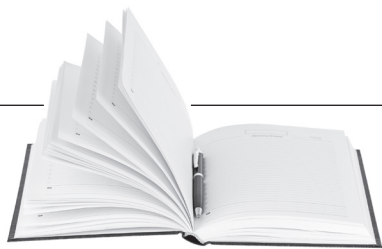
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Space allotted for events adverts is always dependent on
availability at the time.*

September



Monday 2nd

Corsley Parish Council - this meeting date was incorrectly published in the August edition – the correct date is Monday 9th.

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster mobile library (see page 33 for times)

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

Chapmanslade Loose Women – ‘Mercy Ships’ talk – 1 Brimhill Rise, 7.30pm

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Celebration of the Countryside, St Margaret’s Church (and tomorrow, Sunday 8th)

Sunday 8th

Celebration of the Countryside, St Margaret’s Church

Community luncheon to celebrate the 450th birthday of Corsley Manor

Songs of Praise Special – 6.00pm, St Margaret’s Church

Monday 9th

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

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 14th

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

Ride and Stride – all day at the three churches

Sunday 15th

Benefice Service followed by buffet lunch at Horningsham Village Hall to say goodbye to Rev Norma Payne – Longbridge Deverill Church, 10.30am

Tuesday 17th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, St Margaret’s

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th

Gardening Club visit to Avebury

Thursday 19th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

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

Saturday 21st

Chapmanslade School PTFA Family Pub Night – from 6pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 22nd

30-minute Family Service – bring your favourite Bear to abseil down the church tower after the service... 50p a go! 10.30am, St Margaret's, Corsley

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Friday 27th

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

October

Tuesday 1st

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

Thursday 3rd

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Rotary Club of Frome Selwood's Silent Auction – 7pm, Orchardleigh Golf Club

Harvest Supper – 7.00 for 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 12th

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

Harvest Supper – 7.00 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 17th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

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

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Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 31st

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

November

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 7th

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

Saturday 9th

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

Thursday 14th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 21st

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

Tuesday 26th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Wednesday 27th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

December

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 9th

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

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Wednesday 18th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 19th

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



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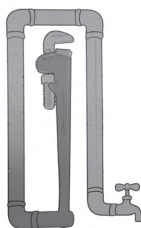
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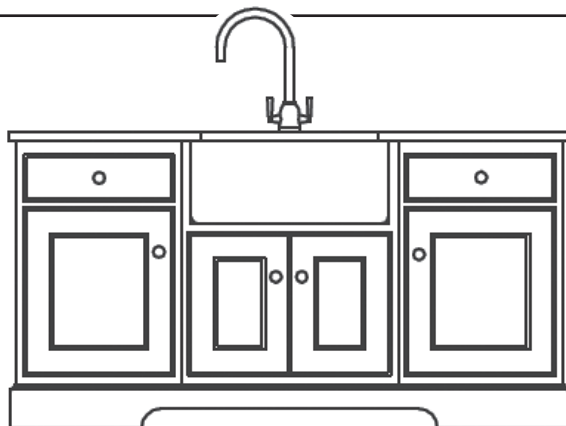
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The 450th Birthday Party so near and so excited!

A community luncheon ~ Sunday 8th September

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Gates open 12 noon, with the parade of the pig starting 12.20.

Your pre-reserved tickets will be available for collection on the Gate; they will be sorted by SURNAME so go to the table displaying the letter closest to your surname.

Some tables and chairs will be available so feel free to bring your own picnic blankets and chairs.

Unfortunately due to the presence of livestock, please do not bring your dog/s.

No need to bring a present – but do bring a candle for the cake!

The final draft for The Directors cut of “Through Thick & Thynne- 450 years of

Manor Farm” script has been passed by both the libel lawyers and the censor’s office. Equity have washed their hands of it, and talent scouts are definitely staying away.

Should you wish to dress up you have four and half centuries of costume styles to choose from. Perhaps, “Corsley – the war years” is your thing or “Chapmanslade – The wilderness years” provides for costume inspiration. Me, I’ve buffed the lurex, dusted off the platforms and looking out the makeup.

Yours, Claude Bottom
the less than successful lion tamer.

The event is being generously supported by the Elizabethan Evening and the newlyweds down the road at Longleat.

Anyone wishing to arrive by helicopter please contact Wing Co Da Costa on Channel 19 for final approach instructions.



Bob's bafflers

- 1 Pamplemousse is the French word for which fruit?
- 2 What does the letter 'A' stand for in SAS?
- 3 Who were the first landlords of the Rover's Return in Coronation Street?
- 4 Which country lies immediately to the south of Estonia?
- 5 Where in Devon is the railway station called St. David's?
- 6 What is 50 mph in kilometres per hour?
- 7 Who was the first female member of the TV programme 'Ground Force'?
- 8 On a computer keyboard, which letter is immediately to the left of H?
- 9 Who told us it was "time for bed" in the Magic Roundabout?
- 10 Which musical features the song 'Old Man River'?
- 11 Spiro Agnew was vice president to which US President?
- 12 Which chocolate bar helped you "work, rest and play"?

Answers on page 45

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 14th September. 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 7th September – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

*Cath Aylesbury and
Sue Taylor*

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Corsley

Parish Council briefing

There have been no full PC meetings in the last month, but we did have a very successful meeting with Tracy Myers, our Community Street Scene Coordinator, on 24th July, of which more below.

At the time of writing, we are also considering one planning application, out of committee because of the short notice and PC members' holidays, for a proposed two storey extension and garden room for 58a Dertford.

The meeting with Tracy Myers was an opportunity to learn about the detailed scope of the new Community Stewardship scheme and make sure that Corsley issues were fully and firmly represented. The new scheme embraces much the same activities as the previous one - litter, grass cutting, graffiti removal, street sweeping, weed spraying, pot hole repairs, grit bins and road signs – plus also providing a single point of contact to Wiltshire for any matters associated with Corsley roads and associated infrastructure, eg drains and gully maintenance and capital projects. Tracy also confirmed contacts for several other aspects of concern to Corsley, such as conservation, rights of way and trees. But please note that Clarence (0800 23 23 23) can and should still be used by individuals.

We took Tracy on a tour round the lanes and two issues of interest to many Corsley residents emerged, hedge maintenance and field accesses. Well maintained hedges are an essential and attractive ingredient of the countryside, but it is the responsibility of all

to ensure that their boundary hedges do not encroach on to highways. Where this does happen, PC's are encouraged to make the first approach to owners and, if the problem persists, report the matter to Wiltshire Council who have enforcement authority. Many of the Corsley lanes are very narrow and overhanging hedges at crucial points restrict traffic flow and visibility. New field accesses are subject to planning rules and any which do not follow these processes will be investigated, in consultation with Wiltshire County Council.

A meeting was held on 22nd August between David Button, our County Highways engineer, Simon Jasper and myself to discuss the details of the planned A362 refurbishment. Previously we were not privy to the complete scope of the work, though it is evident, on the ground, that early preparations are underway. Nor were we previously involved in the plans for the diversions which will be necessary during the road closure. The meeting was set up to try and resolve these two issues. We have been promised involvement in the diversion planning and we will ensure that affected parties are kept informed, particularly Chapmanslade PC.

Two final notes – first, I can confirm that we will be meeting with Longleat on 3rd

September to discuss access traffic issues – any contributions to Simon Jasper or myself – and second, I have had a significant response about broadband performance, for which thank you, and I will report again in the October monthly notes.

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for Corsley Show 'Young at Art' Competition 2014

As Corsley Show-goers may know, within the Horticulture and Crafts marquee is a display of artwork by children from a few local primary schools. Two people are now being sought to take over the organisation and mounting of this display, which also involves judging the artwork (before Show Day).

This is a really enjoyable, rewarding and fun job which is not at all onerous! Anyone interested please contact **Sue Taylor** on **01373 832566**.



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6.00pm Sunday*



Chapmanslade

Parish Council briefing

Unfortunately, our August report was omitted from last month's Bridge. In its place we distributed a newsletter to every house in the parish. If we missed you, or you would like another copy, please get in touch or download one from the village website www.chapmanslade.org.uk.

A brief summary of the report on our July parish council meeting

- Dennis Barnard stood down as Chairman after many years of service.
- Aster Homes consulted the parish council on their proposed housing development at Barter's Farm. The council has an open mind about the proposals but would like to hear your views on them. You can view the plans at <http://www.asterhomes.co.uk/our-homes/barters-farm>. Please contact our clerk, Mrs M House, with your comments, at 68B High Street, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AN or email her at julian_house@02.co.uk before the date of our next meeting.
- We were also consulted on the proposal to build a hotel and reopen the golf course at Thoulstone. We will keep you in touch once we learn more about the plans.
- We are uneasy about the title of the website 'Corsley and The Bridge' and have requested a meeting between the various parties so that the matter can be resolved amicably.

August report

Normally, the parish council does not meet in August unless there is urgent business to attend to; ie planning applications where a response to Wiltshire Council is needed to meet a tight deadline.

The Three Horseshoes has submitted an application to knock down a derelict building at the rear of the property and erect eight new letting bedrooms. The parish council met on 15th August to consider this application. Several of the pub's immediate neighbours joined us to give us their views.

Whilst the council felt that it was important to support the development of this thriving business establishment, which is at the heart of the village, it was felt that the proposed size of the development was too large and would 'loom' over the immediate neighbours and those behind and below. The council would prefer see six rather than eight bedrooms being provided. It was also felt that the number of proposed parking spaces was inadequate. The council was also concerned about the loss of a building which is part of our heritage and its replacement with boring and bland brickwork and the possible loss of existing features such as windowsills and fireplaces.

We would like to see the present stonework reused or replicated to produce a building which is more in keeping with the local environment and the existing public house.

It is now up to the planners at Wiltshire Council to make a decision. We have asked that the proposed development should be reviewed with consideration given to the above factors and, hopefully, the new building being erected within the footprint of the existing one.

Inconsiderate parking and late-night noise issues are two of the downsides of a popular pub. Residents attending the meeting raised their concerns about these issues and various possible solutions were discussed with Ben, the manager of The Three Horseshoes.

Our next scheduled meeting is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th September. We meet at the school. Our meetings are public meetings and everyone is welcome to attend. At next month's meeting we will be discussing a forthcoming weight restriction order for our village (sadly 18 tonnes rather than 7.5 tonnes) and looking at coverage of village events on the various available websites.

Phil Jefferson
Chairman
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Something to do to keep those little grey cells active!

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. There's an assistant at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 shoes. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. What was the Prime Minister's name in 1975?
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?

Here are the answers
 1. Johnny, of course.
 2. Meat.
 3. Mount Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet!
 4. There is no dirt in a hole.
 5. Incorrectly.
 6. Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.
 7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
 8. Same as is it now - David Cameron.
 9. You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
 10. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow!



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Chapmanslade Loose Women

For our meeting on Thursday 5th September, we will be having a speaker from the charity 'Mercy Ships'. The hospital ship creates an 'island' of care off the coast of desperately poor African countries.

The meeting will be held at
1 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade
at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome!

The mobile library service visits next on:

Thursday 5th September

10:10 - 10:30

Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

19th September,
3rd, 17th and 31st October

Harvest Suppers

Saturday 5th October, 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Chapmanslade School

*For tickets please call Anne Good 832505
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Saturday 12th October

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Corsley Reading Room

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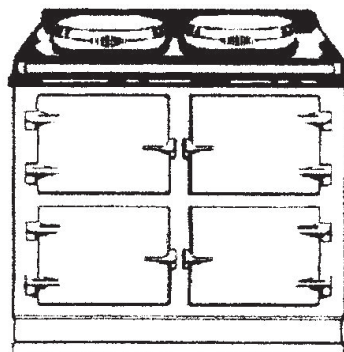


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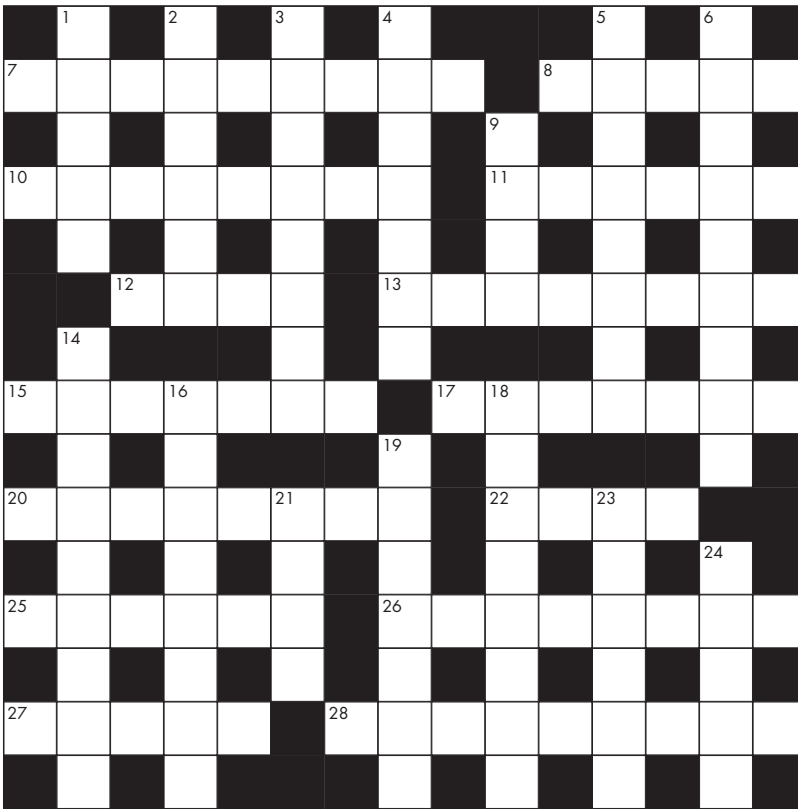
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Clues across

- 1 Communicate by the way sheep roam? (9)
- 8 Offer for discussion – at lunch? (5)
- 10 Somehow, Tina gave directions (8)
- 11 Senior in unsold estate (6)
- 12 Get up for Caesar (4)
- 13 Doric, or right up your alley! (8)
- 15 A thousand and one up in ante will excite (7)
- 17 Teller put out of service (7)
- 20 Breakfast served in jail (8)
- 22 Sailor the French deem competent (4)
- 25 Code breaker? It's a puzzle! (6)
- 26 Phone consultant – plus or minus? (8)
- 27 Brown first in sale of fur (5)
- 28 Dwelling always desirable in sale (9)

Clues down

- 1 The Spanish in 24 hour deferment (5)
- 2 Gambling den – not a virtue in business (6)
- 3 Pat? He's an altogether different game bird (8)
- 4 Noted gurney, broken, needs attention now (7)
- 5 Snack eaten in Dallas and Wichita Falls (8)
- 6 Master Leo bends like rubber! (9)
- 9 Plenty of room up on the heath (9)
- 14 Can't sleep in Masonic order (9)
- 16 Bloomer grown in mixed loam, in grid arrangement (8)
- 18 Speculative don? (8)
- 19 Took me up in stormy Dover (7)
- 21 Agreement reached in poker? (4)
- 23 Boss who will leer about small advertisement (6)
- 24 Train for the bus? (5)

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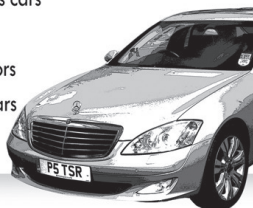
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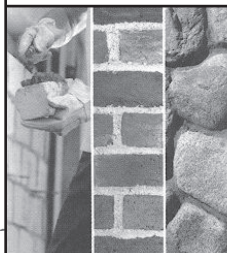
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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

It is strange to think that this will be the last magazine article I write as rector. So I offer some thoughts about the nine years I have been here in the Benefice. Moving from teaching into ministry was a huge privilege and something I had never expected. Changing from non-stipendiary (volunteer) to stipendiary (paid) ministry to be an incumbent with its rather different responsibilities meant a steep learning curve. It was a challenge to be relished as I got to know people across the two parishes of the Benefice.

Over the years, I have spent a lot of time, or so it seems, (and in no particular order) sorting out matters relating to churchyards, working with the schools in our parishes, meeting families in all sorts of situations, sharing celebrations and times of sadness and difficulty, writing sermons and planning services, prayer and study. There have been unforgettable conversations, wonderful kindnesses and a great deal of fun. I have been supported by so many people to whom I am enormously grateful, among them churchwardens and their deputies, PCC members, sacristans, organists, choirs and music makers, our magazine editors, Lay Pastoral assistants, and most importantly, my colleagues especially Rev. Di Britten and the retired clergy without whom our service rotas would have been impossible to manage.

I approach retirement at the end of the month with very mixed feelings. There is so much that I shall miss, not least the friendships made and the involvement in the lives of the special people you are. I hope that these years of our shared Christian journey has been as important to you as they have been to me. As you travel on, approach the future with confidence and optimism.

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow, may the soft winds freshen your spirit, may the sunshine brighten your heart, may the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you and may God enfold you in the mantle of his love.

Norma Payne

September Church Diary

Sunday 1st September: 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist



Tuesday 3rd September

10.30am – Details from Richard on 832594
After Alpha Tuesday Night Group



Saturday 7th September

From 2.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Celebration of the Countryside and Flower Festival



Sunday 8th September

From 10am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Celebration of the Countryside and Flower Festival



Sunday 8th September: 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

11am at St Mary's, Temple
Matins

6pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Songs of Praise



Tuesday 10th September

10.30am – Details from Phil Jefferson 832845
Time to Think home group



Saturday 14th September

Starting at 10am from St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
'Ride & Stride' in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches

Sunday 15th September: 16th Sunday after Trinity
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill
Benefice Service to mark Rector Norma Payne's retirement and to say
farewell and thank you for her ministry over the last nine years.
To be followed by a lunch at Horningsham Village Hall



Tuesday 17th September
10.30am – Details from Richard on 832594
After Alpha Tuesday Night Group
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Parochial Church Council



Thursday 19th September
From 10am at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church & Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 22nd September: 17th Sunday after Trinity
9am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion 1662
10.30pm at St. Margaret's, Corsley
Parish Service and Bear Abseil



Tuesday 24th September
10.30am – Details from Phil Jefferson 832845
Time to Think home group



Wednesday 25th September
From 12.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms
Light Bites Soup Lunch



Sunday 29th September: 18th Sunday after Trinity
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Eucharist



Sunday 6th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Church Events for your diary

Celebration of the Countryside at St Margaret's

As part of the celebrations to mark the 450th anniversary of Manor Farm we shall be organising a very special weekend on the 7th (2pm to 5pm) and 8th (10am to 5pm) of September in St Margaret's, which is next door to Manor Farm. Over the weekend there will be a Flower Festival and the weekend will culminate with a very special Songs of Praise service on the Sunday at 6pm which will be Reverend Norma Payne's final service in our parish before she retires. In addition there will be displays of local interest focussing on the wonderful countryside which is all around us. If you can assist at the weekend would you please contact Judith Helliard on 832803 who is leading the team for the celebrations.

Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride

A group from this Parish will take part in the annual "Ride & Stride" on Saturday 14th September and will visit local churches. All funds raised are used to maintain Wiltshire's historic churches. Please contact Charlie Thackway for details – 832048.

Harvest Suppers and Harvest Festival

There will be a Harvest Supper at Chapmanslade School on Saturday 5th October; tickets from Anne Good 832505. The Corsley Harvest Supper will be at the Reading Rooms on Saturday 12th October; tickets from Claire da Costa on 832113. Tickets are also available from members of the PCC. Both suppers commence at 7pm for 7.30pm and tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for children. Please bring your own drinks.

The Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday 20th October at 9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade.

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Corsley WI

August News



Carol Seward rounds up the August meeting which hosted the annual Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show.

A lovely display of flowers, vegetables, cakes, preserves, photographs and all sorts of hand-crafted items greeted members as they entered the Reading Room for the August meeting of Corsley WI, on the occasion of their 2013 Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show. During the day the organisers had been busy receiving all the entries and making sure that the items were set out in the right places. Judging by Derek Aldred, Sandy Parrish, Peter Lowry and Eunice Stride took place in the afternoon and the trophies were presented at the evening meeting.

The winners of the various sections were:

Photography and Paintings	Jean White
Homecraft	Amanda Bain
Flowers and Vegetables	Pauline Scott
Handicraft	Amanda Bain
Theresa Watts Rose Bowl for the best Shopping Bag	Carol Seward
Gardening Club Prize for the best arrangement in a Stemmed Glass	Di Dowling

The Overall Winners with the most number of points gained were:

1st	Amanda Bain
2nd	Pauline Scott
3rd	Joint winners – Anne Carruthers, Jean White and Caroline Higham

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to Amanda Bain, Jean White, Anne Carruthers and all the ladies who organised the show and helped on the day.

The Gardening Club enjoyed their recent visit to Snape Cottage and the Lunch Club are still supporting the local hostellers every month. There is an outing to **Forde Abbey** on **23rd October** and the Wiltshire Federation of WIs are organising several new events including golf taster sessions, two holidays, a mystery tour and a Royal Occasion.

At our next meeting at **7.30pm on Thursday 12 September 2013**, there will be a talk by Gordon Brockman on 'Life as an Auctioneer'. This meeting is open to all. The entrance fee for visitors is £0.50, which includes a cup of tea or coffee – a real bargain! The competition for members is for a small china object.

Please come and visit us at our cakes and preserves stall at **Corsley Show on 26th August**.

New members are always welcome to join us at any meeting in Corsley Reading Room.

Activities open to non-members

Coffee Morning

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Gardening Club

Third Wednesday each month, venues as per programme

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Most young birds have now fledged and animals are preparing for winter. Our summer visitors are almost all gone south and autumn visitors such as fieldfare and redwing start to arrive here to finish off the hawthorn berries.

- * Buy spring bulbs for next year. Most bulbs, including daffodils, hyacinths, lilies and small bulbs are best planted this month or in early October. Tulips are better planted towards the end of October
- * Give evergreen hedges a final trim to ensure they are neat for the winter
- * Now's the time to go around your garden collecting seeds from perennials and annuals. Collect seed heads in paper bags and leave them in a warm place to dry for a few days, before cleaning and storing in small envelopes. Some gardens that open to the public offer seed-collecting days – a great way to find something unusual. Most seeds are best sown in spring.
- * Sweet pea lovers may find that sowing seed in autumn produces stronger plants. Do not soak the seeds as they are liable to rot. Use Seed and Potting Compost and sow the seeds in root trainers, sweet peas tubes, pots or trays. It has been found that dark coloured seeds germinate well in fairly damp compost, but pale seed require compost that is only just moist. Cover the containers with glass or put them in a propagator and keep at around 15°C (59° F). When the seedlings appear transfer them to a cold frame. Pinch out the growing tips when the plants are about 10 cm (4 inches) high
- * Shrub roses and ramblers can easily be propagated from stem cuttings at this time of year. Take a length of stem about 30cm (12 inches) long and trim it off just below the bottom leaf. Remove the soft tip just above a root joint. Take off all but the top two or three leaves and push the cuttings into a well dug trench in the garden to about half their length. They should be left for 12 months to root and develop
- * If rambler and climbing roses have got a bit out of hand, spend a bit of time tying them in.
- * Aerate the lawn with a fork or special tool then apply 'Scotts Autumn Lawn Food' to nourish it through the winter months.
- * You can continue to re-seed bare patches on your lawn. It's also a good time of year to prepare the ground for sowing a new lawn, while the earth is still warm
- * Your summer bedding will probably still be looking so good that you can't bear to throw it out yet; keep them going until they look tired. Remember that you can over-winter many tender plants. Take them out of their pots and brush off most of the old compost so that you can trim back the roots and the top growth. Then place them in a tray with some damp, but not saturated peat covering the roots and store in a frost-free place.

Rob White

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Juba jaunts

Out of Africa

Three students with Corsley connections went out with me to South Sudan in August.

Natasha Dean, our 19-year-old grand daughter, who is studying Natural Science, (Biology and Chemistry), at Cambridge University, went to help on a Science Teachers Training Course held in the Laboratory at Juba Model Secondary School. South Sudanese teachers came for training from remote areas of the Country as well as from Juba. Cyril, with Natasha in the photo, had travelled for 2 days by bus on dreadful roads, delayed by broken bridges and quagmires. As a secondary school science teacher in Western Equatoria, Cyril's highest qualification is 'A' level Science.

He has neither university degree nor any formal teacher training. The school where he teaches lacks any practical science equipment, not even a thermometer or a microscope. He was eager to learn the practical methods being taught on our Course.

At the end of each day these teachers went on to teach the days special topic to students from the School. The girls in the photo are measuring the temperatures of an exothermic reaction – (HCl + Mg). Natasha is eager to return to Juba one day.

Tinate Bilal, was born in Juba but came to live in England aged 11 when



Jokudu, Rose and Florence reading a thermometer

her father came to study in Bristol. Tinate herself is a survivor. Three of her younger siblings had died following malnutrition in the Sudanese civil war. She has often visited Corsley and is known to a number in the parish. Currently she is studying Social Policy at Bristol University and wants to return to her homeland when she is qualified. Her visit this time was to explore the possibilities of how she will best serve her people. Besides helping with the Science Teachers Course and with a children's party for bursary students, she spent two weeks as an 'intern' at a girls orphanage in Juba, 'Confident Children out of Crisis', (CCC).

This Charity was founded in 2008 by a young Ugandan lady, Cathy, out of her compassion for the desperate needs of the street children. There are 40 girls, aged between 5 and 16 years. One of the oldest is a lovely girl called Esther who is in her second year at Juba Model Secondary School, (where her fees are paid by Juba Rotary Club). Tinate has agreed to correspond with Esther. Tinate worked at



Pass the Parcel at the children's party - Tinate lends a hand!

CCC from 9am to 9pm each day. With her many skills, including teaching art, she was ready to help in any and every way. She and Natasha also had the privilege of talking at length to two third year secondary students, Winny and Grace, who shared their hopes and dreams, of studying medicine and law.

Yann Lebrat is a French national. He came to Bath in 2000 when his father was appointed Technical Director of Sky Television. Yann was educated at King Edward's School, Bath and Birmingham University. He is now doing a Masters Degree in Politics at the London School of Economics. The subject of his dissertation is: 'The Politics of South Sudan.' Through a mutual friend in Bath Yann asked if he could join our team going out to Juba. On 23 July, following a power struggle in the Government, the President dismissed the whole of his Cabinet. 'The day of the long knives'! Tension was high – would this result in street demonstrations, or even a coup? In fact all remained calm and the team was given reassurance from the British Embassy. Yann was able to interview three influential Members of the National Assembly, including Hon.Thomas, the member for Yainya and a former Army officer during the civil war. He is now the official spokesman for the ruling party, the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement, (SPLM). Yann also met a lady MP called Mary Elias who visited Corsley in 2003. Besides her Parliamentary duties, Mary is now Commissioner for the South Sudan Girl Guides Association. In between gathering information for his dissertation, Yann, like Natasha and Tinate, helped in any and every way. He assisted with preparations for the opening of the Girls Boarding House, taking the minutes at a Project Planning meeting.



Yann with a group at the party for primary school bursary children

I believe that for Natasha, Tinate and Yann, this visit will prove to be a formative event in their lives, as they assess all the things they undertook and all the amazing people they met – like Cyril, Esther from CCC and the Hon.Thomas. Against the background of hardship and suffering in South Sudan our three youngsters spoke of their gratitude for the great privileges and opportunities they enjoy here, and above all for their families.

Richard Dean



Natasha with Cyril Mohinigamu

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Corsley Tennis Club News



The Mixed Doubles Tournament was played on the 26th July with twenty members participating. Players were divided into two mini-leagues of five couples with each pair playing seven games against the other four teams in their league.

Each mini-league produced a clear winner, with Alison Plummer and Allan Snedden winning 27 out of a maximum possible of 28 games, and Jane Snedden and Cornelius Clarke winning 24. In the final Alison and Allan defeated Jane and Cornelius 4 – 2. We were delighted that juniors, Cornelius Clarke, George Sandoe, Lawrence Pitman, Rebecca Young, took part in the Tournament. The matches were played on a gloriously hot summer's day tempered only by an intermittent breeze.

Sonia Glenn

The club also held its Men's Doubles competition on a warm but windy Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Field.

A small, but select, number of contestants did battle before Michael Clarke and club coach Jon Dilena prevailed as worthy winners with 16 points: both played with craft and guile.

Runners-up with 13 points were the stylish Brian Young and the promising George Sandoe, followed on 12 points by the industrious Alan Snedden and Steven Robinson. The event was supervised with her usual efficiency by Sonia Glenn.

Cake Monster



Left to right: Rebecca Bennett, Liz Garrett, Keith Glenn, Sue Newell, Sonia Glenn, Allan Snedden, Marlene Latchem, Alison Plummer, Diana Hale, Jane Snedden, Jenny Bishop, Cornelius Clarke, Brian Young, Rebecca Young.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Our PCSO Caroline Wright and Community Beat Manager PC Vicky Howick give us some timely advice...

"We have again suffered a series on non-dwelling burglaries, in rural areas where several sheds and outbuildings were broken into and gardening tools and other items were taken. Please try to keep sheds and outbuildings secure during the day. It is very easy to leave doors open while we are working in the garden, but unfortunately if potential criminals are looking for items to steal, this acts as a shop window for them to note goods worth stealing and maybe come back at night to take these items.

Sheds and other outbuildings should be secured with good quality locks or padlocks. Padlocks should have a short shank to prevent them being cut off with bolt croppers, any fixtures or fittings to the doors and locks should be fixed with coach bolts so they cannot be unscrewed from the outside. Any garden equipment or power tools can be overtly marked with your name and postcode.

Ordinary household gloss paint can be used as once it is dry it is difficult to remove. This makes it harder for criminals to dispose of these items so they become less valuable. It is also worth checking your household insurance to ensure you have the correct cover and that you are complying with any conditions they impose.

If you would like one of the local team to come out and discuss crime prevention measures, please contact us via email and we will arrange a mutually convenient time. Our email address is warminsternpt@wiltshire.police.uk

Bogus meter readers

There have been several reports in the county of bogus meter readers attempting to gain access to properties. Could you please spread the word to your members to be aware and to ensure they do not allow anyone access to their property unless they are absolutely sure of their identity.

During this warm weather it is important to ensure that doors and windows are secure as bogus and distraction offenders could keep the householder busy whilst an accomplice gains access at the rear of the property. Try to remember to lock the back door before you open the front door to unexpected callers".

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Electoral registers

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vote. There are two editions of the registers; a full register which is used for elections preventing and detecting crime and checking applications for loan or credit and the edited register which is publicly available for marketing and any other commercial activities. When renewal notices arrive, consider only registering for the full register by opting out of the edited register.

Further information can be found on: www.direct.gov.uk/en/governmentcitizensandrights

Mike Bird
Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

community news

Corsley

Playing Field update

The summer is always a very busy time for us. The field takes a lot of work to maintain with all the mowing, strimming, repainting and repairing of play equipment, not to mention coping with the moles!

Our team of volunteers ensures the field is safe, looks great and is a wonderful resource for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who keeps it in such great condition.

This year has seen over £25,000 spent on capital items with the tennis club putting down a new double court and the see-saw being replaced (the old one was at the end of its life).

The cricket pitch and tennis courts are busy with the fine weather and following the success of Andy Murray at Wimbledon and England winning the Ashes series. July

also saw our Family Sports Day. This year we moved the children's sports day from its normal time (the day after Corsley Show) to July 13th and 14th and opened it up to all the family and include a first sleep over in the field.

In glorious weather we had an afternoon of sports and games followed by a writing workshop hosted excellently by the village's resident author, Gill Redman. This was followed by a BBQ, more of which later on, and an all-family cricket match including some great batting from the ladies. After a night under the stars, a hearty English breakfast was had by all. Finally, it is worth



mentioning the table tennis. After years of the table being locked away, it proved to be a source of great fun for all ages and was left outside under the marquee for all to use and enjoy over the weekend. It may be that an outdoor table tennis table will have to be our next big purchase!

Having used the old school barbecue for many years we have managed to win some funding from the Warminster Area Board to replace it. The new gas BBQ was used for the first time at the Sports Day and as the person doing the cooking, it was brilliant and made feeding the starving hordes (after all that sport) much easier.

With so much money spent on the field in the last few years it is tempting to think that the committee has limitless access to funds. However, this is far from the case. Raising money from the Lottery and other sources is really hard work and the vast majority of the money raised can only be used on capital items (such as new equipment), that must then be insured for five years (as part of the terms and conditions) or specific events (such as the sports day). This leaves the annual cost of running the playing field at

over £2000. This has to be raised through fundraisers such as the fashion show, quiz nights and skittles at the Corsley show. The Parish Council used to support the village by meeting our insurance costs, they no longer do this, leaving us with a significant shortfall each year which may lead to us having to shut the gates on this wonderful and valuable community resource. We will be talking to the Parish Council to discuss how they can reinstate funding levels as nobody wants to see the Playing Field unused again.

Recycling your metals, glass and paper (black box items) at the Royal Oak does provide us with a small income and we would encourage everyone to support us by recycling at the Oak rather than just leaving your black box for the refuse collectors. It takes two minutes to do and supports the village directly.

Finally, a word about upcoming events, we will be at the Corsley Show doing our usual skittles. Please come and have a go. We also plan to have a Hallowe'en Party for children and Hallowe'en Bash for all, if we can win a grant from the Lottery. We will keep you posted.



Whitbourne Chapel

September preachers:

1st, 8th and 22nd	Chapel's own preachers
15th (Harvest Service)	Mr P Stinchcombe, Frome solicitor
29th	Mr A Coxhead, Head Gardener at West Lavington Manor

Mission Praise

We have just equipped the Chapel with the complete 'Mission Praise' hymnbook – all 1250 hymns of it! The music edition is very heavy. Some were bought with Chapel funds, the rest were bought by the congregation. It was agreed that each member should buy two – a personal one, and one for general Chapel use. We are gradually learning some new hymns and would welcome some good singers to help us!

Prayer

Jonah's prayer when he was in deep trouble!
"I called to the Lord, out of my distress, and He answered me." Jonah 2.2

ABC of God's promises

M is for "My God shall supply all your need."
Philippians 4.19

Quiz – Some Bible Villains

- a. Jesus called him "that fox" – Luke 13.32
- b. He stole his brother's birthright – Genesis 27.18-29
- c. A coppersmith who did "much evil" to St Paul – 2 Timothy 4.14

Working Party

A useful number of willing volunteers turned up on Saturday 10th August to give the Chapel a Spring (?) clean and to do various maintenance jobs.

The Gideon Bible

They lie on the table side by side,
The Gideon Bible and the TV Guide,
So in a Hotel room tell me "Why is it there?"

Does anyone read? Does anyone care?"
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When things go wrong and in a prison cell –

It's just the Book good news to tell.
The Care Home too with print so clear –
Is held by many - a Book so dear.
To hundreds of soldiers in Afghanistan land

And in death's valley it's right at hand.
The kids enjoy a book that's red
We pray the message will be read.
Around the world from shore to shore
We place so many, many more.
It's only 'The Gideon' I hear you say –
But – it's still God's guide for us today.

Contributed by Jim Short, one of Whitbourne's occasional preachers and an active member of the Mendip Branch of Gideons International (see their website).

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Regular times

Every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45)
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Favourite hymns + tea party every third Sunday in the month at 5 to 6.30
House-group Bible study every Tuesday at 7.30

A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

It has been an unbelievable summer – hot dry but a few storms although at the time of writing we have had a few days of rain!

However, because the grass has not grown as well as normal some farms are short of silage for the winter and in fact have already had to start feeding it because of the shortage of grass. But the maize which is an ideal crop for cows appears to be making up for lost time and should be good when harvested later in the year.

In amongst the dry brown grass, particularly along the road verges, you may have noticed a tall, yellow flower appearing. This is probably Ragwort which although very pretty to look at is poisonous to cattle and particularly horses. It is a plant that when eaten by the animal produces chemicals that destroy the liver and lead to the death of the animal – in the case of horses it appears to kill them fairly quickly but can take up to 6 months in cattle. Also it becomes more palatable to animals when it is dried and therefore they

are more likely to eat it and be affected by it when it is included into hay. Interestingly, because of its reputation it is named in an act of Parliament – the Weeds Act 1959 – as a weed that needs to be controlled. It is up to the landowner to control ragwort which

is normally done by pulling it up during the summer months or spraying with weedkiller earlier in the year.



There is another tall, yellow flower around as well – this is St. John's Wort – it is the same family as ragwort and can cause problems if eaten by cattle. In this case the chemicals produced when the plant is eaten are stored in the skin and make the animal sensitive to sunlight so that they then suffer from sun burn on any white area of

skin. It is always very interesting to see these animals as the white areas are very sore with peeling skin but the black areas of skin are not affected at all.

The nice weather has also attracted a lot of walkers out in to the countryside, many of them with their dogs. It should be remembered that cattle are always interested in or wary of dogs and so there will always be more activity from the cattle if they see a dog. The dog should always be kept under control preferably on a lead but if the cattle get too inquisitive then the dog should be allowed to run off so that the cattle do not cause serious problems for the walkers.

While on the subject of dogs it is well worth remembering that at this time of year they can pick up ticks from the long grass and be afflicted by other external and internal parasites and so they should be routinely treated for ticks, fleas and worms. There is one worm in particular – *Toxocara canis* – that can also be picked up by humans, especially children, from dog faeces hence the reason for ‘poop scooping’ as well as routine treatment.

Finally, on the subject of dogs, be careful about letting your dog swim, play in or drink from ponds and lakes. The reason for this is that the hot sunny weather has caused an increase in blue-green algae in sluggish water and this can cause serious intestinal problems to the dog when swallowed.

One of the pleasing things about this summer is that there appear to have been more butterflies, other than the cabbage white, about. I also think there are more bumble bees about now even they had a very hard start to the year.

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- 2 Air
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- 4 Latvia
- 5 Exeter
- 6 80
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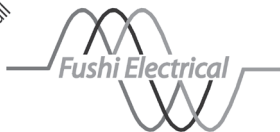
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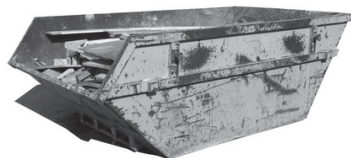
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Tales from the passenger seat



Over the years I have taught many nationalities, and have observed certain traits that seem to be pertinent to specific nations. Within those generalisations, there have been many individual characters.

Rosamund was a 28 year old lady from South America. Now married and living in England she needed a UK licence. Having driven round the mountains and cities in her country for the previous ten years, she had no problem controlling the car, except...the handbrake.

Her method of moving off from a hill, was to sit in first gear, clutch down, foot on footbrake. When time to go, off brake, roll back four or five feet and shoot off like an arrow.

So, time to explain the handbrake. Despite her obvious other skills, she had difficulty in understanding the need for the handbrake. I asked her to explain how on earth she had managed with her mountains, which were far steeper than anything we had in England. "Ah, that's what the bumpers are for" "Really?"

"Yes, you see, in my home country, if you are waiting on a hill and there is nobody behind you, then it does not matter if you roll back. But if a car does come up behind you, then it nudges up to your rear bumper. This allows you to take your foot off the footbrake, and you will not roll back because you are resting on the car behind, who is holding the two of you now, on his

footbrake. If a car comes up behind him, the same happens. So you could get six cars for instance, all resting against the one behind. The last car at the bottom is holding all the cars. All the cars can now drive off without rolling back, and the last car that will roll back as he comes off the footbrake doesn't matter, because there is no-one behind him". I am pleased to report that she did indeed learn to use the handbrake.

Mehmet, from a certain Eastern country considered that his ability to handle a donkey cart round his regions mountains fully equipped him to drive perfectly well on UK roads.

"Ello Mr. Steve. I 'ave six lessons then take test"

"No Mehmet, it doesn't work like that"

"Oh. 'Ow much for test to get licence?"

"Well. When you've had sufficient lessons to reach the required standard..."

"No, no. 'Ow much I give examiner man to give me licence? £20?"

"No, you don't give the examiner £20"

"Oh. Perhaps I give him £40 ? No? He want more? He too greedy".

Mehmet had six lessons, considered that was far too many and disappeared to London where he believed the examiners would be more convivial to his financial inducements. I have learned from his friends that he is still walking everywhere.

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Getting stuck

Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley

Ever had the feeling that you're just treading the same path repeatedly and getting nowhere? Or that you just don't know how to

get motivated? I think we all have times like this and they can be really uncomfortable; we feel bored, frustrated, angry with ourselves or the world around us. And so we struggle against the stuckness or we ignore it and pretend it's not present or not bothersome.

But what if you pause and explore what it means to you to be stuck? Is it really so terrible? Or is it part of a process of re-evaluation? After all, feeling stuck could well mean you want something to shift; you want change.

Getting stuck happens in life and in the therapy room, too. I've known the frustration of it both as a client and as a therapist and I knew it when

I was contemplating writing this article. I had no idea what I wanted to write. When I stopped berating my lack of inspiration, however, I realised I could discuss that very process.

It's tempting to turn away from being stuck with a client but bringing it up and trying together to work out what's going on can be hugely revealing and helpful in moving things along. Same goes for life – having a look at what's happening in spite of our reluctance can deepen our understanding of ourselves and what we really want.

For safely challenging therapy, come and see me: I practice at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge.

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At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

Corsley entertained Horningsham in a rare evening match at the Memorial Field. After an absorbing contest, the visitors won by 31 runs. Horningsham began brightly, though Chris Seviour grabbed three wickets and a run-out.

Widdows was top scorer with 36 and, despite good stints by Dough Furling and

Tom Sumner, the visitors amassed an impressive 141.

Corsley lost early wickets and never reached the required run-rate. However, Olly Hares struck some lusty blows before Glyn Newton smote a six in his 30. Robin Ledbury then notched a fluent 32 as the home team totalled a creditable 110.

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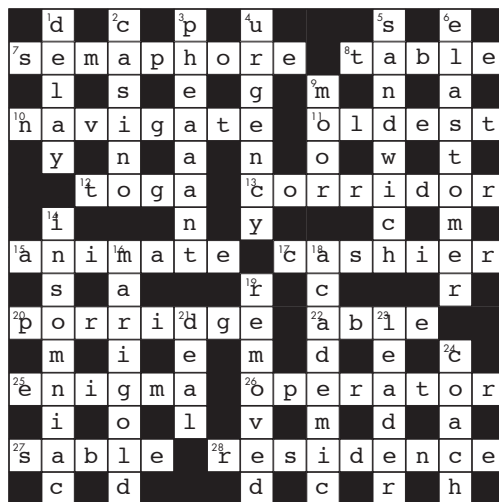
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