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September 2020



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News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

File types

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Small ads are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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Deadline

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

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

Diary Dates

September

Sunday 6th

Elizabethan Evening – ‘The Wind in the Willows’ – 2pm & 6pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room (Lower Room)
(if current restrictions allow)

Wednesday 9th

Alpha course begins via Zoom, every Wednesday (see page 8)

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting via Zoom (visit chapmanslade.org.uk for details)

Tuesday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes,
Chapmanslade

Thursday 24th

Deadline to respond to planning appeal reference APP/Y3940/W/20/3254190 made by
Corsley House, Deep Lane

Friday 25th

Macmillan Virtual Coffee Morning (see page 4)

Sunday 27th

Open air Harvest Festival Service – 10.30 am, Corsley Wildflower Meadow (Old School
Playing Field), weather permitting

October

Tuesday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes,
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November

Tuesday 17th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes,
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December

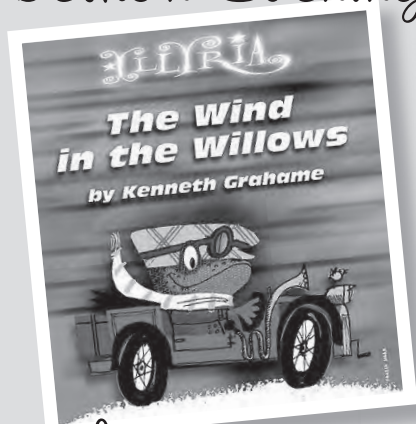
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Virtual Coffee Morning

Friday September 25th 2020

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<https://thyg.uk/BUU004447077>

...where you can make donations right up to the 25th September and beyond...

You could host a small event in your house or garden as part of the virtual coffee morning and then post a picture on one of the community websites.

We are of course encouraged to stay within the coronavirus guidance ref hygiene and social distancing for any gathering. That means up to six people from any number of households in your garden and people from two households if you are indoors.

Do you run, walk, or cycle?

Could you set yourself a challenge, seek sponsorship and donate to Macmillan? You could do this through a Just Giving page for your event. There are lots more ideas and resources on the Macmillan website

www.macmillan.org.uk

If you want to be involved, or have questions, please contact either Janet Buick for Chapmanslade (01373 832318) or Liz Garrett for Corsley (01373 839060).

Please don't let the day pass without making a donation in some way to the work of this important organisation for which so many of us have reason to be thankful.

Further information will be posted on:

Corsley village community Facebook page,

Chapmanslade community Facebook page

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Following the government's announcement on 23rd March, we closed the nursery and the plant centre.

We were just about to put the concrete down for the base of the new water tank and foundations of the new potting shed so, sadly, the rebuilding all came to a grinding halt.

Our first priority was to look after our staff. Andrew, our Sales Manager, was shielding, so we set him up to work at home. Lesley, our nursery worker, and Barry, our driver, were both furloughed. Legh, Managing Director, and Nigel, Financial Director, both being of a certain age, started working from home. One member of staff left so 40% of our staff were unable to come to Barters. The staff who have been able to come to work have been very busy and brilliant at adapting to the change.

Our next priority was the plants, these had to be hand watered daily – as we had no tank, we had no irrigation. We were so thankful to see the rain in June!

We are extremely grateful to Wiltshire Council who awarded us a grant. This enabled us to set about installing a new computer so we could improve our sales via the website. We started with our trade customers as their jobs depend on getting a supply of plants for their work and many of them were able to continue working during the strict lockdown. They ordered, paid,

were invoiced and collected the plants at an appointed time. Then, in May we started selling to our plant centre customers, again via our website.

The good news is that, since the lockdown has been eased, the new water tank and new potting shed have been built and we are busy potting crops for next year.

Unfortunately, it's just not feasible to reopen the plant centre and to remain compliant at the moment, but you can order plants from the stock list (updated at least once a week) on our website and then collect your plants or have them delivered. There is a minimum order, so if you want just a few plants, why not join up with family, friends or neighbours to make an order.

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Bob's bafflers

Place the name/name the place – all the surnames match towns or cities in the UK and Ireland.

- 1 This entertainer certainly brought us sunshine with his partner.
- 2 Did this singer ever find the way to San Jose?
- 3 This comedian had “loads of money, peeps.”
- 4 This DJ played us the first record in its entirety in 1967 on a new radio station.
- 5 Did this actress enjoy a good life whilst eating mint cake?
- 6 This American actor, who starred as Spartacus in 1960, died aged 103 in February 2020.
- 7 Maybe this vicious bird from Australia pushed him off the roof to his death in 1999?
- 8 The carnival, it seems, was over in 1965 for this singer.
- 9 This ex-footballer has now found himself with homes under the hammer.
- 10 After leaving Alcatraz, this actor spent “Seven days in May” with No 6.
- 11 British and Commonwealth boxing champion knocked out by Muhammed Ali in 1966.
- 12 This crooner died whilst playing golf in October 1977.

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Alpha @ Cley Hill

**As we can no longer gather in person to run an Alpha Course,
we're going online!**

Join us as we continue to explore the big questions of life together. For more information or to register your interest email revgaymaynard@gmail.com – we would love to hear from you, whether you have done the Alpha course before and would like to refresh or whether it's all new to you. We will gather on Wednesday evenings for one hour from 7.30pm starting on 9th September.

Alpha would normally begin with refreshments so do bring along a drink and perhaps something light to eat, if you would like to, as we get together over Zoom. After the welcome we will watch a video together which will last approximately 25 minutes followed by a time to ask questions and share one another's thoughts in smaller break out groups, finishing around 8.30pm. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Science: changing the world

Does thalidomide deserve a new reputation?

Many of us will remember the thousands of children born with severe birth defects because their mothers had been prescribed thalidomide in the 1950s to treat morning sickness during pregnancy.

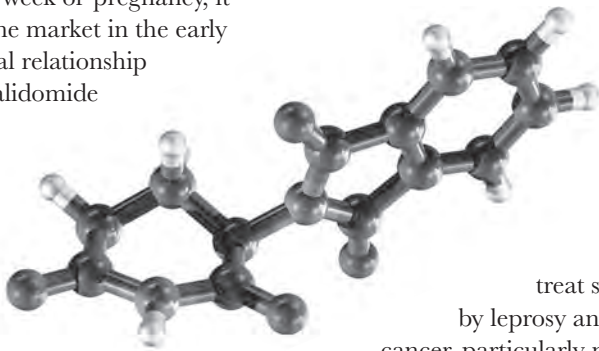
The drug was used in Europe, but the number of cases of misshaped or missing limbs and other problems, possibly related to the drug, meant that it was refused a license by the Food and Drug Administration in the US. Although it was initially not clear that thalidomide caused such birth defects, as these were only seen if the drug was taken between the fourth and eighth week of pregnancy, it was removed from the market in the early 1960s once the causal relationship was confirmed. Thalidomide led to much more stringent testing regimes being put in place in many countries prior to any drug being approved for use.

Only in 2018 did it become clear how thalidomide causes these birth defects. Two conditions called Duane Radial Ray syndrome and Holt-Oram syndrome result in abnormalities similar to those caused by thalidomide and this led to an understanding of how thalidomide acted. It affects the expression of a large number of genes through inhibition of a regulatory protein, known as SALL4. However, although

it does this in humans, primates and rabbits, it does not do this in the rodents on which the thalidomide was tested before use in humans. The genes affected include those for the development of limbs and may also result in defects in other organs.

In spite of the bad reputation that thalidomide had, the company Celgene launched it as a treatment for leprosy in 1998. Since then, thalidomide has been used under carefully supervised conditions to treat skin lesions caused by leprosy and some forms of cancer, particularly multiple myeloma.

It is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for these purposes. It has multiple actions and, like many drugs, has powerful curative properties but potentially severe side-effects. It is being investigated for use in treating other diseases and conditions, including inflammatory diseases affecting the skin, such as cutaneous lupus, HIV-related mouth and throat ulcers, and blood and bone marrow cancers.



Now that we know that thalidomide causes the birth defects through its action on SALL4, modified versions of the relatively simple thalidomide molecule (see figure) have been designed that have no effect on SALL4 but still have beneficial pharmaceutical effects. These new thalidomide-related drugs, such as lenalidomide and pomalidomide are approved for specific uses and other analogues are being developed.

Although the word 'thalidomide' conjures up specific thoughts about babies (and later adults) with deformed limbs, the hope is that in future the word will also be linked with successful treatments of cancers and other conditions.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com

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

Reopening

As advised last month we are keeping the hall ready to go until such time as we can reopen. As things are changing all the time, and, may well be different again in terms of guidance/ rules by the time this edition of The Bridge is published, please refer to the website for a full explanation of the committee's position and possible use of the hall. The health and safety of all the hall's users is paramount as we know all of you would expect of us.

Burst water main



The burst water main, as detailed last month, having been repaired before the hole was filled and the wall repaired.

Hugh Deed

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

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

There were no remote PC meetings during August but four issues were dealt with through our COVID-19 lockdown procedures, i.e. public notices on village notice-boards and The Bridge website, plus consultation within the PC by email. These issues included two planning matters, the White Hart licence application consultation and a follow-on action from the road safety work at the Heath. These are detailed below.

At the time of writing, there were no pressing or outstanding matters which suggest that a public remote meeting is needed to cover the usual September quarterly meeting which, in itself, is not required to fulfil the legally required minimum quota of four per year. The requirement will be reviewed early in September and public notification given if this position changes.

Planning issues

19/10108/WCM

Corsley House Bund

An appeal against the refusal of this planning application was notified by Wiltshire on 20th July. The appeal will be decided on the basis of written submissions.

At our meeting on 2nd December 2019 the PC considered the original application, having received a presentation from the project consultants and had an open public discussion and Q&A session. The response was agreed and can be viewed on the planning website. A full report of the planning application and the PC's conclusion was published in the January 2020 edition of The Bridge and this elicited

one response from the village.

The appeal notice letter has been posted on the two village noticeboards and The Bridge website with an accompanying note, the gist of which was that the PC would offer the same comments to the appeal, unless any new considerations that any affected resident may wish to be taken into account were received. At the time of writing no such representations have been received. By the time of publication of this edition of The Bridge magazine, the deadline of 24th August will have passed and any further developments will be notified next month.

20/05386/FUL

Cross Keys pub Lyes Green - conversion of existing first floor function space

To provide four bed & breakfast rooms with en-suite bathrooms associated with the public house. New windows, rooflights and external fire escape staircase.

This proposal seeks to convert the existing function room, the 'Oak Apple Room' into four B&B bedrooms, two en-suite and two with a shared bathroom, taking up all the existing space on the first floor of this wing of the pub. The only external observable changes would be three additional windows on the west and south elevations, a skylight in the roof facing west above the bedrooms and a new fire escape from the first floor at the rear, landing in the pub garden behind the existing rear outbuilding. The capacity of the sewage system will be. No change is proposed to the parking capacity, which at the worst

would have to cater for three extra cars.

The PC unanimously agreed no objection to this proposal.

20/06136/VAR

Application for Variation of Condition 1 of 19/09173/FUL that with the exception of the 2020/2021 season, the lantern displays will not be displayed prior to the 1st October and shall be removed from the site no later than 21st February at Longleat Safari And Adventure Park, Longleat, Horningsham, BA12 7NW

Comments to be received by Friday 18th September 2020.

White Hart pub - licence variation application

The Wiltshire Council Licencing Panel hearing for this application took place on 4th August, as indicated last month, as an online meeting attended by Adelle Gill, the licence holder, myself and Simon Jasper for the PC and three Lane End residents, representing five households at Lane End. The panel consisted of three Wiltshire Councillors, supported by staff. It was a good meeting, well chaired, and the panel took in the major point in all the submissions, the issue of potential excessive late night noise and rowdiness which could arise from the application for extensions to the time allowed for music.

The final determination was that the variation would be granted, but that the extension to the timings for music would be limited to 11.30, not midnight as requested, and then only on Fridays, Saturdays and bank holidays, 12 times per year. A noise management plan, tabled by Ms Gill (produced in conjunction with Longleat and Wiltshire officials) was added as a condition to be met. This plan relates to indoor amplified and recorded music, behind closed doors and windows. (Outdoor non-amplified music is allowed under non-licence rules, up to 11pm.) A condition was also imposed that 14 days' public notice must be given of any amplified

music event at the pub.

Two additional points should be noted. First, the law does not allow any more representations to be made to the Licensing Panel on the same issues raised at the hearing, for a period of 12 months. Second, the Panel did not and cannot consider any road safety issues, for apparent legislative reasons. (Road safety is entirely the bailiwick of the Highways Authority, who are not on the list of 'responsible authorities' consulted in any licence application). I made the point that this was an unsatisfactory aspect of the process, since road safety at the Lane End junction is, and has been, an ongoing significant village concern. A licence decision for the White Hart, which has potential impact on the road safety at Lane End through late night customers driving away from the pub, should have included a road safety consideration. However, notwithstanding these two points, it was made clear by the panel Chair we are perfectly entitled to bring concerns about such issues as excessive noise or safety to the relevant Wiltshire departments if and when we believe there is any issue.

All contributors to the meeting, including myself, made the point that they had no wish that the pub would do other than thrive and provide a successful addition to the range of outlets in the village. Ms Gill was at great pains to reiterate her desire to get on with the village. She has offered free entry to the village to any of the pub music events, plus help with PC attempts to mitigate road safety concerns at Lane End.

Roads

Speed Review

Since publication of the last edition of The Bridge there has been a meeting of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) at which the request for a speed review of the 40mph limit at Corsley Heath was granted Priority One status. Wiltshire Highways is keen to get on with the review and the CATG

voted and confirmed allocation of funding, with the normal PC 25% contribution. The PC has agreed to fund this contribution at £700. It is stressed that the outcome of a review is not preordained and could result in no change.

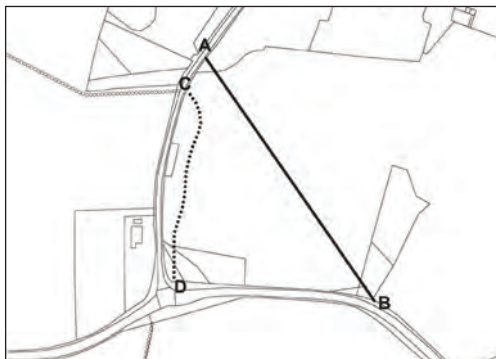
Re-surfacing

The A362 Lane End to Corsley Heath resurfacing is now scheduled for September.

Footpaths

Public Right of Way (PROW) No. 37

The order diverting this PROW has now been made and has been published in the usual places. Representations are invited, with a deadline of 4th September – details can be found on the notice. The PC was consulted and supported the original application as a sensible safety measure to avoid the existing very dangerous exit point on the A362, at the corner of a field about 100m west of the point where Sydnalls Lane joins the A362.



Dates of next meetings

(as currently planned)

Quarterly Meeting 7th September (pending)

Quarterly Meeting 7th December

Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I can't believe September is here already, somehow or other the last few months seem to have got lost in the confusion of life lived with the uncertainties of a global pandemic. Having looked at what I have just written I feel a sense of deep disquiet at the notion that I have lived this time in a less than intentional way; like everyone else my daily choices have necessarily been curtailed, the possibility of global travel severely restricted. Yet on a more positive note I have come to deeper appreciation of the transience and fragility of human existence and subsequently a deeper awareness that life with all its joy and sorrow, is a precious gift.

In July I was able to take advantage of the few weeks when travel to Spain was possible and finally met my beautiful new granddaughter, which was an absolute joy. Having been with her for two weeks she now recognises me when we video call and responds with smiles and lots of hand waving etc. Goodness only knows when I'll meet my new grandson in the US. It's really hard to be honest and very frustrating; like most people I don't like not being able to do what I want when I want to do it!

There is nothing to be done of course and I know many of you are also struggling with your own pandemic issues so to speak, so how best to respond?

Well, I'm no saint and I have stomped about the house bemoaning the unfairness of it all, and on many an occasion sat and cried. Really, I'd like to be able to say that that the overwhelming emotion I feel is gratitude for the life I have, but I'd be a liar if I did. But, I know that I need to practice an attitude of gratitude: for the love I share with my family, for my and their health, for the plenitude and choice of the food I eat, for the peace and beauty of my surroundings to name but a few of the good things I enjoy.

It's become a bit of a popular 'thing' this business of gratitude, and to what or whom should we direct that gratitude? Well obviously God springs to mind but often on my walks I direct my gratitude to our mother earth, to the trees and the created order as a whole, which holds, sustains and nourishes us tiny humans for the duration of our fleeting lives.

So yes, many things are out of our control at the moment, but we still have a choice about how best to respond; specific intentional gratitude is one way. I'm not saying it's easy, but it's actually something that has the potential to change our lives if made into a daily practice, and benefits us both spiritually and psychologically.

So, it being September we look toward the beauty of autumn; enjoy and give thanks for this lovely colour filled season.

With love and prayers,
Pauline

September Church Diary

Sunday 6th September Trinity 13

9.30am at St Margaret's Corsley Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul Longbridge Deverill Morning Worship



Wednesday 9th September

Something New!

7.30pm Alpha@Cley Hill

Online details on the next page



Sunday 13th September Trinity 14

9.30am at St Margaret's Corsley Eucharist

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin Kingston Deverill Eucharist



Thursday 17th September

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



Sunday 20th September Trinity 15

10.30am St Michael the Archangel Brixton Deverill Eucharist

5pm Zoom Evening Prayer – Connection details will be available



Sunday 27th September Trinity 16

10.30am at the Wild Flower Meadow Corsley Harvest Festival

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul Longbridge Deverill Morning Worship



Services at St Margaret's Corsley are also being shown on Zoom, and details will be made available during the week before on the parish newsletter

We're going online



Alpha @ Cley Hill

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Alpha Update

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Corsley WI

August news

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Corsley WI



Corsley WI 1920-2020

The Corsley WI started on 20th September 2020 and therefore in a few weeks' time will have reached the grand old age of 100. Lovely celebration plans had been drawn up to mark the occasion with an exciting line-up of guest speakers, including 'ice cream making and tasting', but all have been put on hold due to COVID-19, including our main party.

We haven't met since our Annual Meeting in March 2020 and have no plans to meet in the short term. I do believe that this is only the second time that the Corsley WI haven't held monthly meetings, the first being in the 1950s when 'Foot and Mouth' was prevalent in the village. Even a world war did not put a stop to proceedings but seemed to encourage activity even more with Christmas presents being made for local serving men, etc.



That does not mean to say that members have been sitting on their laurels – in the true spirit of the WI we have been making masks, growing vegetables, taking up new crafts, sharing seasonal recipes, writing books, taking photos, making bug hotels, nurturing tadpoles, etc.

As well as a party to celebrate we have been compiling a book that will be on sale before Christmas which will have all the intriguing history of the Corsley WI, secrets and photos of members past and present and lots of never-before-published prize winning recipes from our members. More information will be available soon.

In addition, a centenary bag has been designed and printed and gifted to members as a memento of the 100 years anniversary.

If you are interested in joining the Corsley WI when meetings resume, please do not hesitate to contact Judith Helliard on 01373 832803.



Friends of Salisbury Cathedral

New members

This year is the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's 90th birthday

Sadly the coronavirus pandemic meant we had to cancel a number of events to mark this milestone, some of which we hope to run next year.

However, before the lockdown we were able to welcome more than 30 new members to the cathedral for the annual new members' afternoon. They were greeted in the Trinity Chapel before going on tours of the library, song room and west window.

They also had a cream tea in the refectory and heard how their annual financial commitment enables the Friends, which has nearly 3,000 members, to give grants for cathedral projects, such as the recent restoration of the organ.

Grants are also funded by donations and legacies, and supplemented by income from

events, such as the annual Secret Gardens of the Close afternoon.

Friends receive a membership card, entitling them to visit the cathedral as many times as they wish (excluding ticketed events, concerts or parking).

They are sent an annual report Spire and Easter and Christmas newsletters, containing information about grants and activities.

And they receive invitations to events: musical evenings, talks, coach trips, holiday and the annual Friends' Day.

Details of how to join (or give gift membership) are available from the Friends' Office, 33a The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EJ, on either 01722 335161 or 555190 or by email to friends@salcath.co.uk.



Cathedral archivist and librarian Emily Naish (centre) tells new members about some of the library's oldest and most precious books

Salisbury Cathedral: a message from...

The Bishop of Salisbury

The 800th anniversary of the founding of the new cathedral in Salisbury was distinctly different from that which had been so carefully planned.

In a way it demonstrated that one of the reasons the Christian Church has endured and is a great missionary religion is its adaptability. A faith based on death and resurrection is constantly being reinvented in witness to the eternal life of Christ.

In this case, the building was closed because of the Government's lockdown in response to coronavirus – services moved online and have been surprisingly well attended.

The building, of course, endured and remained a potent symbol of hope in the city and diocese, pointing beyond itself to God and earthing heaven as it has done in all times.

The whole experience of lockdown because of a virus has made us all think about what matters and why. We live globally and locally.

Churches and places of worship were not seen by our Government as essential, but were dealt with like a social club and as leisure and tourism. It felt a bit like Simon Jenkins describing parish churches as “the museums of England”.

In some ways it's accurate and quite helpful, but misses the most important point. A cathedral or church is first and foremost a place of worship. In worship we place ourselves in relationship to God, one another and all creation. Worship is part of what it is to be fully human.

Religion is an expression of the individual in relation to God but it is a corporate activity, the worship of God by a community of faith.

There has been an upside. The closure of our church buildings meant we were able to emphasise the importance of ‘faith at home’.

Across the diocese, church communities have been central to community initiatives, caring for the most vulnerable in these unprecedented times. Online worship has been a revelation, with people looking at each other's faces rather than at the back of the head of the person sitting in front. Numbers attending online have been greater than those previously attending church.

Maybe we have all been feeling so isolated that to find a way of belonging or being with others for a shared time each day or week has had greater priority? Online worship has engaged some people who don't normally come to church and some silver surfers who were unable physically to attend church have loved being able to engage again from home.

We live in an age and in a part of the world that greatly values the individual and freedom of choice. Lockdown has shown us some of the limits to this. We need institutions, organisations, buildings that support and strengthen our common life.

The cathedral - and any church building - does this not just as a meeting house. God can be worshipped everywhere and anywhere, but our churches are places where we can do the deep business with God not just as individuals or households, but together.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

John foster summarises the August meeting...

The meeting on the 13th August was held using Microsoft Teams as the use of such media allows the activities of the Parish Council to continue during the current COVID-19 situation. The public are able to join the meeting and take part and observe in the usual manner. John Lewis was acting chair in the absence of Keith Muston.

The meeting included one member of the public who raised questions concerning the Thoulstone Park planning application: the start and projected completion dates for the development - stated as December 2020 for completion by the end of 2022; whether the development lead had changed – it had not.

The meeting then addressed two subject areas – finance and planning:

Finance

It was unanimously agreed to raise the donation for the cost of the poppy wreath for the British Legion Poppy Appeal by £5 to £125.00 for this year.

Planning

Application 20/05394/FUL

Thoulstone Park Golf Club Construction of small farm shop and cafe with associated access track and surface water basin.

The application was discussed and no objections were raised.

Application 20/05280/VAR Thoulstone Farm

Variation of condition 9 (approved plans) of planning application 19/11065/

FUL (Construction of outdoor pool and associated pool building (revised design).

Councillors felt that while this variation was a better use of space, concerns remained that the gap created in the damaged listed wall was still shown in the plans and should be fully reinstated in accordance with the recent decisions shared by the enforcement officer. The council had no objections to the application subject to the wall reinstatement conditions.

Application 20/06460/PNCOU Thoulstone Farm.

Notification of Prior Approval for a Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 4 no. Dwelling houses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.

The issue of the gap in the wall (see above) remained. In addition, concerns were raised due to the lack of clarity around the end-state of the completed development. It was proposed that the council should seek an opportunity to talk with the developer to understand the overall plan for the site, enabling the application to be understood in the context of the overall site. With the deadline for the consultation being 31st August, the councillors agreed to defer the final decision on this until the developer feedback had been received.

The next planned meeting will be held on **10th September 2020.**

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Salisbury Cathedral's

Spirit and Endeavour

This year Salisbury Cathedral opened its largest art exhibition for 20 years as part of its 800th anniversary celebrations.

Sadly, within a week, the lockdown due to coronavirus was imposed and although the public had access to the exhibits outside, nobody was able to see the artworks inside – until now.

Celebrating 800 years of Spirit and Endeavour comprises 20 pieces of work by some of the most important contemporary artists of the 20th and 21st century, including Antony Gormley, Henry Moore and Grayson Perry.

Visitors can see sculpture, tapestry, kinetic and digital installations on the lawns and inside the building.

The cathedral has had to reduce the number of people it can welcome at one time for safety reasons, so visitors need to book in advance. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 2.30pm.

If you are unable to visit in person, you can take a virtual tour of the exhibition (there's a family friendly version too) by visiting www.salisburycathedral.co.uk

Curated by Jacqueline Creswell, the cathedral's visual arts adviser, the exhibition runs until 2021. A catalogue is on sale with listings supplied by galleries, museums and foundations.



Large Reclining Figure by Henry Moore keeps watch in the rain on the cathedral's 800th birthday in April



▲ *'When Soak Becomes Spill'* by Subodh Gupta stands on Choristers' Green as a beacon of light and hope in troubled times.

Sadly, Confluence, the much-anticipated flower festival has been postponed due to the coronavirus restrictions.

More than 300 flower arrangers from across the Diocese of Salisbury were due to join festival designers Michael Bowyer, Pam Lewis and Angela Turner to put on the show in September.

The Festival has now been postponed until 2022. "The festival will run from Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th May 2022," said Michael.

"The decision to go to 2022 is because in 2021 both Chichester and Winchester already have festivals planned."



► *'Death of a Working Hero'* a tapestry by Grayson Perry is displayed in front of the west door.

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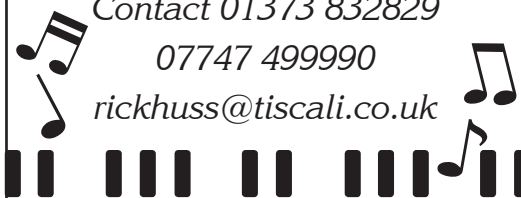
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Whitbourne Chapel

“Whoever comes to me, I will never cast out.”

John 6, verse 37

God keeps his promises

We're living in uncertain times – because of COVID-19 many lives have been tragically cut short, and 'normal' routines like going to work, even having a job to go to, and holidays are all uncertain. We hope things will improve, but many countries are still affected by this pandemic and we have reports of fresh spikes here.

Yet, in all this uncertainty, one thing is certain – God is faithful to his promises. The time of harvest reminds us of the promise given to Noah, that 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease (Genesis 8, verse 22). The hymn writer Thomas Chisholm, summed this up in the hymn, 'Great is thy Faithfulness':

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning, new mercies I see!
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

The hymn goes on to remind us that not only does God provide for our physical needs, but he's provided for our greatest need – of

a pardon for sin through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross:

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

God has given us so many promises in the Bible, including 'Whoever comes to me, I will never cast out' (John 6 v37) and 'Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you.' (Psalm 55 v22)

John Hobson

Visiting preacher at Whitbourne

Sad news

Margaret Winifred Mary Chant, known as 'Win', died peacefully on 29th July this year. Win was born in the Toll House at West Woodlands on 30th November 1925, attended school at Nunney and Frome and worked for Frome GPO for

many years. Win was a regular passenger in my car, until ill-health stopped her; we had days out all over Somerset and Wiltshire after I joined the Chapel. I shall miss her and her smile.

Gill Redman

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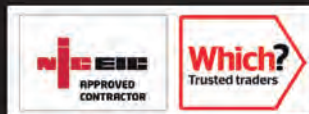
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Autumn and the harvest are well under way as
Judith writes about activities on the farm

Once again the weather in August has dominated most of the farm's activities except the natural gestation time of the livestock – come rain or shine the birth of livestock carries on and, at the moment, the young dairy heifers are giving birth to their first calves (heifer is the name given to female calves up until age of around two years old, when they have their first calf).

Much breeding research has been done over the centuries to find the perfect dairy and beef animals and, with the use of artificial insemination being more readily available since the 1950's, breeds from all over the world have been introduced into the traditional British farm animals. Our herd of milking cows are mainly black and white Friesian crossed with Canadian or New Zealand breeds, whereas cows producing beef calves will be cross-bred with Aberdeen Angus or a continental bull. The heifers are introduced into the herd a month or so before calving to get used to the routine of getting extra feed in the parlour and getting into a routine of going through the milking parlour twice a day with all the sounds of voices and machinery.

Everyone involved with the dairy cows has to be willing to work long hours during the calving period as cows are like humans and will have their calves at anytime day or night and, like humans, there is often the need for a helping hand to bring a healthy calf into the world.

Autumn calves are usually born out in the fields which is considered to be easier and more natural for the cow and there's less chance of the new born calf picking up infection. Cows become super-protective of their calves so great care must be taken if you find yourself walking in a field with cows and their calves.

Harvesting the cereal crops has been a couple of weeks ahead of our norm and it certainly looks like the maize crop will be harvested in September. The maize has really thrived in the heat of this summer's sun and some crops are particularly tall this year.

We will soon be losing our summer breeding birds – I have heard of three hatchings of swallows this year. I do hope they will be strong enough to fly the long distances they need to travel to their homes in the southern hemisphere.

Our hedges and woodland are bursting with colour and fruits of all kinds and lots of nuts and berries, do enjoy the blackberries growing freely in the hedgerows and, if you are out early in the morning, there is just a chance of finding some lovely field mushrooms.

Sadly, due to coronavirus, it is unlikely that we will be able to celebrate our wonderful harvest with suppers and Church services. We do hope to have an open-air service in Corsley Old School Playing Fields (near St Margaret's Church) on September 27th at 10.30 (weather permitting) when everyone is welcome.

Judith Helliar

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- 2 Dionne Warwick
- 3 Harry Enfield
- 4 Tony Blackburn
- 5 Felicity Kendal
- 6 Kirk Douglas
- 7 Rod Hull
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