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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

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If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 12th December**

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

December



Tuesday 2nd

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

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Christmas Coffee Morning and 50/50 Club Draw – 10.30am - noon, St Margaret's

Village Carol Evening – 7.00pm – Corsley Reading Room

Monday 8th

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

Wednesday 10th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 11th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

Corsley WI – Christmas Dinner

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

DUE TO THE PRINTER'S XMAS BREAK, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY 2015 ISSUE OF THE BRIDGE IS THE 12TH DECEMBER

Saturday 13th

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

Sunday 14th

Mince pies at Heathside (see page 49)

Corsley Festival Choir Christmas Concert – 7pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 18th

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

Friday 19th

The Rotary and Lions Father Christmas float is coming to Chapmanslade! 7.45 onwards house-to-house collection for deserving cases in and around Frome District.

Carol Singing in Corsley

Saturday 20th

Mega Christmas Party – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd

Carol Singing in Chapmanslade

January

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - OPEN MEETING 'Korean Odyssey' – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

Warminster Area Board – 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 10th

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

Thursday 15th

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

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 17th

Wildlife Film Night for all the family – 6.30 - 9.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 18th

Carpet bowls plus other activities and games at the Reading Rooms.

Thursday 22nd

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

February

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Auction of Promises – 7pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Channel Swimmers' – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

Movie at the Reading Room (subject to permissions and availability)

Thursday 19th

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

Saturday 21st

Race Night – Chapmanslade Village Hall

March**Tuesday 3rd**

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster Area Board – 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - Annual Meeting – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

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I would like to extend a grateful 'Thank You' to David Woolgar for his 10 years of sterling work as Delivery Coordinator. The Bridge is very fortunate to have volunteers who give their time so willingly to enable all residents to receive a copy of our Parish magazine, free, gratis and for nothing, each and every month. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the volunteers a very joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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The 2014 house to house collections and the static collections at The Cross Keys, Acres Supply, Little Cuckoos Nursery and Chapmanslade school, have raised £1183.72. The collections from the Remembrance Services at Corsley and Chapmanslade along with a donation from the Church charity fund raised a further £600, which means that the total raised this year is £1783.72.

As we marked the Centenary of the First World War, the poppy became not just a powerful symbol to be worn, but also a work of art, as poppies flowed down from a window and filled the moat at the Tower of London. Few failed to be impressed and moved by the sight of 888,246 ceramic poppies each one representing a British military fatality during the war. The installation also provided a focal point for personal reflection to remember not only those who did not come back but those whose lives were changed forever.

The Royal British Legion not only remembers and honours the sacrifices of those who fought and continue to fight in the service of our nation, but also contributes to providing them with lifelong care. Therefore every penny raised makes a real difference to the lives of service men and women, veterans and their loved ones.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the collections and to all of you who gave so generously.

Jackie Jasper

Chapmanslade collection

Collections in Chapmanslade realised £847.61. Grateful thanks to those who gave and to those who collected. We are looking for collectors willing to cover a patch next year. Please ring **Dennis Barnard** on **01373 832262** if you can help.

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Dog fouling

I am dismayed to report that dog fouling is still occurring in my lay-by despite a request that it is not used as 'dog toilet' AND the provision of bags so that poo can be picked up and taken home by dog owners for disposal.

My two youngest grandsons have, on occasion jumped out of the car and found their shoes covered. It is, to say the least, extremely unpleasant and, more

seriously, can cause blindness in very young children if ingested.

Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog. If it's on a lead you are well aware of what is happening; if it's off the lead please be vigilant and know where your dog is and what it is doing in the village lanes – and particularly in my lay-by.

*Dianne Young
Apple Garden
Reading Room Hill*

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which is the largest of the Greek Islands?
- 2 What colour is angelica?
- 3 What is the county town (administrative centre) of Shropshire?
- 4 In the song, which official is waiting for "me and my gal"?
- 5 Which was the first film to star Sean Connery as James Bond?
- 6 Which US State has Little Rock as its capital city?
- 7 In which West Country city is the railway station St Davids?
- 8 Which company first introduced tea bags into Great Britain in 1952?
- 9 In which Surrey town is Sandown Park racecourse?
- 10 Which boy with a girl's name did Johnny Cash sing about?
- 11 Which toilet roll advertisement featured a Labrador puppy?
- 12 In Greek mythology, who is the god of love and who is his Roman counterpart?

Answers on page 52

The Royal Oak re-opens!

Kerry Hesketh and her partner, Mark Jenkins, re-opened The Royal Oak on Monday 10th November and had a Welcome Night for all Corsley residents on Friday 17th. Kerry and Mark are a local couple who have lived in Frome for the past year and before that lived in and around Somerset and Wiltshire. Kerry (*second, left in picture*) is front-of-house, whilst Mark is behind the scenes in the kitchen. They prepared some lovely canapés, based on their menu, to give us a taste of things to come! The pub was full to bursting with a lovely atmosphere and the canapés were delicious. Now they've settled in a bit, do pay them a visit – I'm sure you'll receive a warm welcome!



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Please contact me with your Promises and gifts and we will make sure we maximise your generosity. Popular opportunities last time included:

- Trips to and from the airport or port
- Bottles of wine or spirits
- Trips to the tip
- Birthday cakes
- Meal for 2, 4, 6 or 8 (with or without wine)
- Tea in the garden
- Croquet with tea or supper
- Picnic for 2, 4 or 6
- Meals delivered to your home
- A day's shoot
- Cricket at Taunton
- Brass cleaning
- Holiday cottage for a week or weekend
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- Gardening
- Mystery evening rid (with or without supper)
- History of your house
- and anything else you feel you would like to do!

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Make a date in your diary...

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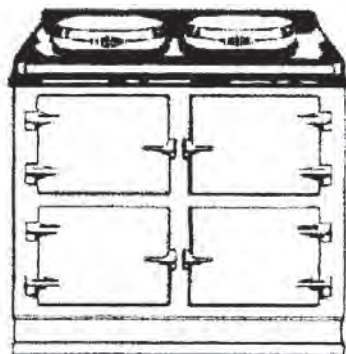


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Friday 19th December

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The nine Rotarians living in Chapmanslade will be collecting house-to-house from 7.45pm onwards on Friday 19th December.

Past donations have been made to those in need and for special projects. The Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Lions, raised £10,000 last year.



Enjoy what many folks say is the best bit of Christmas and please be generous!



'Thank you' from Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who so generously gave shoe boxes full of gifts for the children in needy countries.

The 'GO' boxes have proved very popular, although some of us still enjoy wrapping their shoe box. On Sunday 2nd November we gathered all the shoe boxes together and blessed them before sending them on their way. This year a magnificent 72 shoeboxes were collected from St Margaret's Church, and taken to the new warehouse in Westbury where they will be made ready for their final destination, which I believe to be primarily countries in Eastern Europe.



Each box is checked to ensure that all items included are suitable and any that are not are re-distributed to other charities. The boxes are then sealed and packed into large cartons which are stacked onto pallets before being loaded on to lorries. Each vehicle will transport between 10,000 and 13,000 boxes, which at this time of year, travel out almost weekly.

Once again, a wonderful community effort; thank you to the residents of Corsley, Chapmanslade, Chapmanslade School, Little Cuckoos Pre-School and Bethesda Sunday School, Trowbridge for giving not just the gifts, but also your time and thought in putting the boxes together

Pat Ryan, St Margaret's Church

Light Bites

We would like to invite you to come and join us for a

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 12th December

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports from Chapmanslade Parish Council

Chapmanslade parish council met on 27th October and again on 13th November.

October 27th Meeting

This meeting dealt with two planning applications. About 50 village residents and some visitors from other parishes attended.

Thoulstone Wind Turbine

Ref 14/08778/FUL. After many months of discussion it was time for the parish council to decide on what grounds it would object to the planning application. These had to be chosen carefully, taking into account national and local planning guidelines. Accordingly, our objection was based on our concern that the location for the proposed turbine is too close to a number of dwellings in the parish, in one case within 500 metres. We considered that the impact on these dwellings would be greater than Wiltshire Council would promote and would be unacceptable to our community.

We also objected on the grounds of the possible impact on health; particularly concerning noise, flicker and flashing light (we understand the MOD would require a red flashing navigation light to be positioned at the top of the turbine).

Next, we objected on the grounds of visual impact. With the proposed location

being so near Cley Hill, a scheduled ancient monument adjacent to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, we stated that the turbine would harm the visual amenity of Cley Hill and the surrounding landscape: it would adversely affect views towards Cley Hill and from the top of the hill itself.

We had noted that one of our public footpaths (chap13/usc14) passes through the proposed location of the turbine. We considered this to be a valid ground for objection. We also expressed concern that the turbine would be seen, and cast shadow on, the extensive number of well-walked footpaths in Chapmanslade and neighbouring parishes, which would be to the detriment of walkers' enjoyment of this aspect of our environment.

Finally, we objected on the grounds of the adverse effect the turbine would have on important parts of our parish's historical and natural heritage and the consequent effect this would have on our local economy, particularly tourism.

So now the matter is in the hands of Wiltshire's planners. A decision is possible before Christmas. If, and this appears to be likely, the application goes to committee, we will be there to state our objections. We will keep you informed.

Sienna's Valley

Ref 14/09500/FUL. This was a retrospective application for the siting of a static caravan at Sienna's Valley in Huntenhull Lane. The application is for a 'rural worker's dwelling' in connection with the owner's stated intention to farm breed alpacas and to keep chickens and a number of pigs. The caravan has been in position since August.

We decided to object to the application on the grounds that we did not believe enough evidence had been given to support residential accommodation being essential to the level that 'a key worker needing to be available at the site at most times'. We were concerned that more evidence was needed to confirm that the proposed enterprise has a long-term future and that the application is not being used simply as a device to eventually secure permanent residential accommodation on the site.

We also objected on the grounds that the siting of the caravan would cause harm to residents living in the immediate vicinity and also to a sensitive and cherished part of the parish's rural heritage.

November 13th Meeting

Planning

Thoulstone Park Hotel

The new owners of Thoulstone Park have submitted an application for outline permission to build a 54 bedroomed hotel on the site, particularly in respect of access to the proposed building. Planning permission has been given in the past for a hotel to be constructed on the site of the old golf course, and on that occasion we welcomed the application because of the employment opportunities it offered. But the

earlier planning consent had a condition imposed on it stating that the 18 hole golf course should be reinstated. We decided to object to the new application on the basis that the current owner has planted trees over much of the site and therefore an 18 hole golf course is no longer a feasible proposition. Our main concern is that we are unhappy about being asked to consider the hotel application in isolation from the owner's other plans for the site, which have not yet materialised. We would prefer to see the whole picture first. We have asked Fleur de Rhe Philipe to call the application in so that if the planning officers recommend approval it can be considered by the elected members.

Community Speedwatch

We now have 15 members in our Community Speedwatch team and we believe we are making a real impact on the issue of speeding vehicles. We still have room for a few more members so please contact Jill Willmot, 01373 832464 or Jillwillmot@hotmail.com, for more details or if you would like to join us.

Highways

It was reported that road closures in and around Westbury will continue and will cause disruption for a little longer. Please see the road closure notice on page 21 concerning Huntenhull Lane, which is due to be closed for repairs on 2nd December between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Contact Keith Muston, 01373 832755 or themustons@btinternet.com if you wish to report any highway problems.

Public Footpaths

Adam reported that he has been given permission to relocate a redundant kissing gate elsewhere in the parish. He is looking

for volunteers to help him with this work. Please contact him if you can spare an hour or two in the next few weeks. Please remember to let him know if you need to report any problems concerning our extensive network of public footpaths. Adam's contact details are 01373 832437 or adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk

Mains Gas

We now have 50 people who have shown an interest in signing up. We only need 9 more before mains gas becomes a real possibility. Kerry Jones will be distributing a flyer to households in the village containing useful information within the next few days. Contact him on 07733 260512 or at knsgasandheating@gmail.com for further advice.

Village Hall floor

We noted with sadness that the long awaited new floor has been seriously damaged by a flood from the ladies' loo and will need to be completely replaced. After years of planning and fundraising this has come as a bitter blow. However, we hope the floor can shortly be relaid as an insurance job. Inevitably, the hall will be out of use for a while whilst the work is carried out.

Annual Grants

We agreed a donation of £120 to the British Legion as part of the poppy appeal. Each remembrance Sunday we lay a wreath at our war memorial to commemorate the men from our parish who lost their lives in the two world wars. We also agreed a donation of £3,250 to the Village Hall Committee. This is our main item of expenditure each year but we do feel it is important that we should support the hall in this way.

December meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday 11th December, 7.30pm at the school. All our meetings are open to the public so do come along to listen or to speak.

And finally...

I've heard that Father Christmas will be arriving in Chapmanslade a week earlier than in the rest of England! On the evening of 19th December members of Frome Rotary Club will be accompanying Santa around the village as they collect funds for local worthy causes. I believe this will be the first time in 40 years that he has visited is in this way. So, watch out for the float as it passes your front door and please be generous in supporting Rotary's work in the community.

Phil Jefferson
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Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

Meet opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 13th December. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson
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Corsley litter pickers

Meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 6th December – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

Road Closure

**Temporary Closure of:
C274 Huntenhull Lane (Part),
Chapmanslade
(Ref: TTRO 3618)**

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: C274 Huntenhull Lane (Part), Chapmanslade; from its junction with Brimhill Rise to its junction with Southcroft.

To enable Wessex Water to repair manhole frames and covers.

No alternative route is available however access will be maintained for residents and businesses and the closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on **Tuesday 2nd December** 2014 and it is anticipated that the work will take one day to complete between **9.30am – 3.30pm**.

The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

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Your scribe however has to humbly apologise for possibly misleading our most respected Patrons into believing we would be putting on *Iolanthe* in 2015 – this will come in some future year.

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The Rector writes:

Dear Friends,

December again! Doesn't it come around quickly!

We have lots of birthdays in our family in December; my father, who amazingly will be 88 this year, myself, and my grandson who will reach the grand old age of 5 on December 16th. When he was born I thought I would knit him lots of lovely jumpers. I did mange one I think, and I have optimistically bought wool for several others lured by the beautiful picture of a perfectly knitted jumper on the front of the patterns. Unfortunately, it always goes the same way. I start with high hopes completing back and sleeves. Then some how or other I loose track of things and the bits don't match up. So I stuff everything back in a bag in a fit of frustration and never get it out again. Poor little boy; he did get a lovely hand knitted jumper from his great grandmother, shame I haven't inherited her talents.

It's a bit like that at Christmas isn't it. Every year I look forward to getting the Christmas decorations out and decorating the tree, putting out the crib, writing the cards, and making the cake. I love the carol services, the specialness of Midnight Mass and the excitement of Christmas morning; the smell of turkey cooking and best of all, having all the family home, a rare treat these days. But do you know, by the time we get to New Year and beyond I am longing to put all the decorations in the attic again and chuck the blessed tree on the compost heap so there are no more needles to vacuum up. I am dying to get the fridge back in some semblance of order and I'm sick to death of turkey. Like my knitting, I just want to stuff the whole lot back in a bag and forget about it for another year.

We have such high expectations of Christmas don't we, and we can get very upset and cross when our expectations don't match up to reality. We are human beings and human beings are not perfect; they get cross with one another, eat too much, argue, refuse to change the channel on the TV and say horrible things about your family.

It's so easy to be seduced by all the media hype we are fed at Christmas isn't it? Glossy magazines depict the perfect family, elegant and relaxed as they toast one another in their immaculately decorated drawing room. The abiding preoccupation in these magazines seems to be 'How to cook the PERFECT Christmas dinner.' A if any thing less than perfect really will not do. Why is it so difficult to cook a turkey? You just shove the thing in the oven and hope for the best.

Here's the thing: Christmas isn't about perfection, it's about Jesus, Emmanuel, coming to share our humanity, being born again in the middle of your wonderful, exhausting, turkey and mince pie Christmas. Being with you as you stir the gravy and panic about the roast potatoes. Being with you in your aloneness and grief if you are spending Christmas without someone you love, sharing your pain if your memories of Christmas past are less than happy, holding you if you watching and waiting in the darkness of ill health and despair.

Hope springs eternal and perhaps with rather more hope than expectation I have started to knit another jumper. Each year as we find the decorations and decorate the tree we are expressing our hope in the joy and magic of Christmas, our hope in Emmanuel, God with us, in all the messy pain and joy of what it means to be human. May his love and peace be yours this Christmas.

Love and prayers

Pauline

December Church Diary

Tuesday 2nd December

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green – details Richard on 832594

After Alpha Home Group



Saturday 6th December

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Christmas Coffee Morning & 50/50 Club draw

Contact for Coffee Morning – Stella Bayman on 832230

Contact for 50/50 Club draw entry – prizes from

£25 to £200 in cash – Neil Britten on 832515



Sunday 7th December: Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist



Wednesday 10th December

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley

Light Bites Christmas Lunch

Donations in aid of the Children's Society & the Ebola fund



Sunday 14th December: Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins



Thursday 18th December

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning

Friday 19th December
7pm onwards in Corsley
Carol Singing in aid of the Children's Society & the Ebola Fund



Sunday 21st December: Second Sunday before Advent
6pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Carol Service



Monday 22nd December
6pm meet at old Post Office, Chapmanslade
Carol Singing in aid of the Children's Society & the Ebola fund



Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve
3pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Crib Service

11.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill
Midnight Eucharist



Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day
9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley
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10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Christmas Eucharist



Sunday 28th December: First Sunday of Christmas
10.30am at St Michael's, Brixton Deverill
Benefice Eucharist



Sunday 4th January: Second Sunday of Christmas
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Church Events for your diary

Saturday 7th February at Chapmanslade Village Hall:

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Corsley WI

November News



Carol Seward rounds up the November meeting and announces some forthcoming events.

Liz Griggs gave a very interesting talk about the animals at Longleat at the November meeting of Corsley WI. Liz said that when she was at school she always thought she wanted to be a vet but after being accepted for a week's work experience helping the keepers at Longleat, she loved it so much she stayed for the next 26 years! Liz began by working with the gorillas but when she was offered a full time job, she started looking after the giraffes, which are her favourite animals. Liz then looked after a wide range of creatures large and small until she started a family of her own, after which she became an animal registrar. Each animal has its own identity number and is either micro-chipped, has an identifying tag or leg bands to enable detailed medical records to be kept and at Longleat, each animal also has a name. The records are transferred with them if they move to a new home. Liz also keeps the full parental details of all the animals for breeding purposes and is able to trace back to Africa, the history of the 113th giraffe recently born at Longleat. At the end of her talk, Liz brought in a snake, a cockroach and a very shy armadillo

for us to look at, which created much interest amongst members. Val Benbow gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for an animal ornament was won by Val Benbow, with Jean White second and Anne Carruthers third.

New events organised by the Wiltshire Federation include visits to the Hinckley B Power Station, Adam Henson's farm in the Cotswolds and celebrations in Swindon and Tidworth in March and April for the WI Centenary. Details of all future trips, meetings and workshops are available to members at our meetings.

On 11 December we have our Christmas Dinner for members, but the next meeting in Corsley Reading Room on Thursday 8 January 2015 at 2.30pm is open to everyone and the speaker will be Rev. Ward Jones with a talk entitled 'Korean Odyssey'. The competition for members is for a basket.

Would you like to join us at Corsley WI? New members are most welcome at any meeting but if you would like further information about us please contact Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

Everyone is invited to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

More details on the Gardening, Bridge and Lunch clubs from Pauline on 01985 215760

Corsley

Memorial Playing Field

Marion Liquorice updates us on the latest goings-on up at the Playing Field

November saw the second of our 'Health and wellbeing' events, the Quiz Night. Health is not just about exercising your body but your mind too and thanks to Bob and his quiz, our brains really got a workout. The quiz was won by Chocaholics who beat Numbskulls by one point in the final round. Both teams got over 85% of the questions correct – a brilliant achievement! Many thanks to the Chocaholics and the winner of 'heads and tails' for donating their prize money back to the Playing Field. Next month's event is 'Mince pies at Heathside'. Everyone is welcome, please see the advert.

With the 100 year anniversary of the start of the First World War the Memorial Playing Field committee have been adding some new features to the field, supported by a grant from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. We have created a new border to encourage insects and have put in a wood wall and brash pile for insects and animals to spend the winter. We have also planted lots of daffodils in groups of 28, as this was the number of people who died during the wars in Corsley and who are commemorated on the plaques on the gate pillars.

There have been a number of incidents at the field in the last few weeks. We appreciate that things do get broken but we would ask that parents and guardians make sure that

their children using the field understand what a great resource they have and that they treat it properly. We have also had a number of dogs messing in the children's play area. Not only is this unpleasant for all, dogs can also carry a number of diseases that will make children very ill. Can I please ask that people make sure that their dogs do not go into the field and if they do by accident, to clean up after them? We thank those of you that have reported incidents to us, please keep doing so.

For more details about any of the activities, please contact:

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Preparing for a cold winter

Robin offers some sage advice for the season ahead

We may soon be told by 'experts' what the weather will be like this winter. If we are told it will be mild with light snow falls then we may be safe to assume that all will be well and all we need to do is to turn up the heating. If, on the other hand, we are told that it is going to be very cold with snow and frost; freezing conditions will occur in domestic water systems. Whatever the experts say, I suggest it is prudent to have done some checks beforehand.

In the home

If there is going to be continuous days with the outside temperature below zero degrees Centigrade there is possibility that water pipes may become frozen. If this happens it may be difficult to find the spot where this has taken place. Don't ignore it because when it thaws the pipe may be split and water will flow out and flood the surrounding area until it is turned off.

The first precaution is to check the incoming water stop cock. Now is the time to actually shut it to verify that it has turned off the flow of water – then open it again. After that, check other internal valves that isolate the hot and/or cold water systems.

The next precaution is to check all external pipes and taps. If possible, find and shut isolating valves to these taps and leave the

taps open. If not possible lag each pipe and tap where it is exposed to the elements.

If there is a water tank in the attic, check that the incoming water pipe and ball cock are suitably protected. Also check that the tank itself has some lagging material to protect it. This may be more important for those properties which have the latest recommended thickness of lagging in attics. Check that outlet water pipe from the tank going to a room or space below is properly lagged. This pipe will probably supply both the cold water system and the hot water tank, which is probably in an airing cupboard. They may both have isolating valves. Check that they can be shut.

When the very cold frost arrives run water from every tap in the house twice a day to check that the pipe supplying it is not frozen. If water does not flow, don't ignore it. Leave the tap open and put the plug in the basin or a container under it to catch any water when the frozen spot has been thawed. Isolate this tap at one of the valves and then find out where the pipe is frozen. This can be done by careful inspection of the system and gently heating the bare pipe – a hot water bottle or hair drier is useful. When the blockage has been cleared, water will flow into the basin or container. If the pipe has been split there will be a minimum

amount of water to show where the damage has occurred. The repair is then possible by either a temporary tape or a permanent repair by a qualified plumber. It might help if you have noted the telephone number of one (or even two) plumbers before the very cold weather.

Another cause of a problem is a dripping tap; water will collect in the overflow or drain causing it to be blocked by ice.

Outside the home

If the house has a path leading to a door which may be covered with snow and ice these can be cleared using a spade or shovel and distributing salt to thaw any remaining ice. These items need to be prepared before the snow and ice arrive.

There are other precautions such as getting in sufficient fuel to heat the house, having emergency source of lighting for a short or even longer loss of electrical power, and of course, enough food until you expect to be able to replenish stores.

If you know a neighbour who would welcome your help – offer it. If you need help ask a neighbour or a relative.

With the best wishes for a white Christmas – for all those who are looking forward to one!

Robin Chapman (retired plumber)
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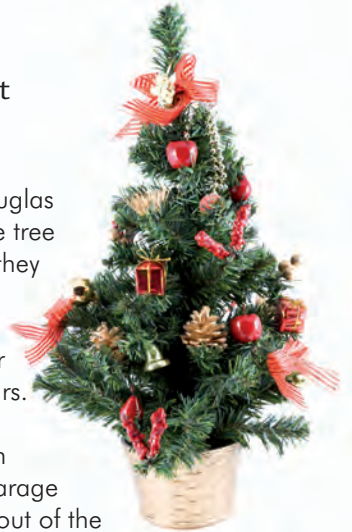
Decide on where you want to place the tree and assess if you will be looking at it from all sides; this will help you when choosing the tree. Choose a spot away from heat sources like TV's, fireplaces and radiators and keep away from doorways and draughts which will dry the needles out.

Measure the height and width of the space you have available. There is nothing worse than bringing a tree indoors only to find it's too tall so take a tape measure with you when selecting. Take a rope to tie it to your car or ask your local stockist to deliver the tree to your home.

Choose a fresh tree, the fresher the tree the healthier, greener appearance with few browning needles. The needles should be flexible and not fall off when the branch is run through your hand. Raise the tree a few inches of the ground and drop it on the butt end, very few green needles should drop off the tree, it is normal for a few inner brown needles to drop off. Make sure the base of the tree is straight and 6-8" long so it will fit easily into the stand.

My favourite is the Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) - good fragrance; holds blue to dark green needles and has one of the best aromas among Christmas trees. Named

after David Douglas who studied the tree in the 1800's, they have a good conical shape and can live for a thousand years.



Store the tree in an unheated garage or somewhere out of the wind and freezing temperatures. Remove 1" from the butt end of the tree and place into a bucket of water. When bringing the tree indoors remove another 1" and place into a stand which holds at least 1 gallon of water, I prefer wrought iron as they are nice and sturdy.

Ensure the water level is just below the first branch so that resin cannot form and prevent water uptake, this will stop the tree from drying out. If placed in a suitable position, with plenty of water and is well looked after the tree will last at least 5 weeks before drying out.

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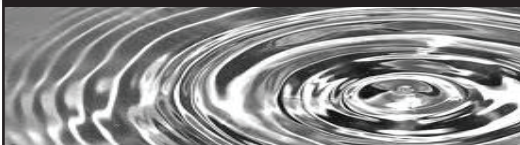
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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, presents his report on the latest activities

The major PC events of the last month were the occasional meeting on the 22nd October to debate the Thoulstone Wind Turbine planning application and a sub committee meeting on 5th November, with Longleat and others, to discuss traffic issues. By the time of publication, there will also have been a meeting with Wiltshire to discuss the outcome of the Affordable Housing Survey report.

Wind Turbine

14/08778/FUL

Construction of a single 86.5m tip height wind turbine and associated infrastructure. The primary purpose of the meeting on the 22nd October was for the PC to discuss and decide its response to the planning application, which itself comprised 15 separate reports and over 600 pages of data and assertion. To aid the process the Chairman gave a summary presentation of the details (available on the Bridge website) and members of the audience, about 30 in number, were given the opportunity to ask questions of Fleur de Rhe-Phillipe, our County Councillor, get clarification about the details of the application and to express their personal views. The PC had received one written communication, a copy

of a letter of protest to the County Council. However, there are several hundred letters of protest on the Wiltshire planning website, many of which, it is recognised, are from Corsley residents.

Councillor de Rhe-Phillipe explained that the application would be considered by the planners on the basis of responses from a number of consultees. Should it be turned down by the planners this would be on 'planning grounds'. If it were to be approved by the planners she would 'call it in' at which point the application would be considered by the Planning Committee. In this case she would relinquish her normal place on this Committee and speak against the application.

She also explained that Wiltshire Council, like every other local authority, has an obligation to meet its renewable energy obligations. Currently, Wiltshire would meet their target without including this application.

Her belief was that, so far, the National Trust will object, the RSPB will not, English Heritage have not, so far, but the Wiltshire Rights of Way Officer has objected on the grounds that the turbine is shown as located

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on a public footpath. The Planning Officer had also asked for further information from the applicant regarding noise levels.

The planned turbine is neither within the boundaries of the Parish of Corsley nor the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). However, the proximity of the planned development to both means that its effects, both material and human, could be very intrusive to both. There was much discussion about such impacts as noise, visual, shadow flicker, heritage setting, archaeology, ecology, precedents, wind versus solar power and power generation benefit (or lack of) to the community. The general consensus of those in the audience who spoke was 'against' the application. There were no representatives in the audience from the landowners, the promoting company or the design consultants.

After its own discussions, the PC resolved to object to the application:

- Visual impact in an area so close to an AONB
- it is considered it is out of scale with the landscape and inappropriate in an area of historic and natural beauty
- Lack of any guarantee, such as in the form of a bond lodged with the local authority, that either at the end of its useful life, or before, should the owning company withdraw for any reason, that the landscape will be restored to its former state.

Longleat Traffic Meeting

This was first session with the new Longleat management to continue the series of meetings which started in Autumn 2013 to try and find more acceptable routes for the Longleat generated traffic which uses the roads and lanes around Corsley. Those

attending included representatives from Wiltshire (the Community Area Manager and a representative from the Highways Department), local residents from Lane End and Knapps Gate, Corsley PC, the Caravan Club and Michael Birnie, Longleat Land Agent.

Discussion largely focussed on the impact of caravan and Safari Park traffic on the lanes of Corsley, but also recognised the wider issues of volumes of traffic on all local roads at peak times and for specific big events, such as the forthcoming Chinese Lantern Show over Christmas. For the benefit of Longleat, the recent history of changes to entry and exit routes was explained, their effects and the various alternatives which have been considered over the last 12 months. The impact on the various stakeholders was discussed, particularly the safety implications. Wiltshire Highways were quite clear that their yardstick for triggering an interest in the safety of any proposals was collision rates and not the risk potential of any routing option.

Longleat were sympathetic to Corsley's concerns. They saw a two-fold need. First there was an agreed need for Longleat to review specific current issues, e.g. the caravan traffic, with a view to capitalising on the experience of the emergency re-routing of caravan traffic during the Stalls Farm road closure earlier this year. Subject to improvements in one or two areas the Caravan Club had no objection to this as the basis for entry caravan traffic through Lane End and exit traffic via the internal Longleat roads to other exit points. This would be reviewed early in the New Year. Second, and more long term, was the need for a thorough review of all aspects of the traffic flow in and out of Longleat. No timescales were tabled for such a review,

but it was recognised that this should take place in the next 12-15 months to allow the Caravan Club to publish any fundamental changes in their marketing material.

Rural Housing Needs Survey

The final report has not yet been published, but the next stage is an informal meeting between representatives of the PC and the Wiltshire Commissioning & Contract Lead, Victoria Smith, on 20th November to hear the details of the way forward. It is anticipated that this will take the form of a public meeting for Wiltshire to go through the report, identify the actions they intend to meet its recommendations, explain the processes and opportunities for Village involvement.

The outcome of the meeting on the 20th will be posted on the Bridge website.

Previous Planning Applications

In the last brief, I mentioned three planning applications, for which Planning Authority decisions have now been made:

14/08690/FUL

Change of use to provide temporary accommodation at the rear of Stalls for staff engaged in erection of the Christmas Chinese Lantern Show

This has been approved with the conditions that the site be vacated by 31 January 2015 and restored to its previous state by 7th February.

14/086967/PNCOU

Change of use of agricultural buildings at Cross Keys Farm to three dwelling properties.

Refused on the grounds that the site is an 'unsustainable' location, conflict with

national and Wiltshire District planning policies, 'wholly inadequate private amenity space', 'overlook and loss of privacy to occupiers of the dwellings', poor design and road safety.

14/08508/FUL

Demolition of an existing outbuilding at Gloworm Cottage, Corsley Heath, and erection of a self contained single storey extension.

Approved, with condition that it could not be used for business, let or sold as a separate dwelling

Best wishes to one and all for Christmas and the New Year.

Neil Britten
Chairman, Corsley Parish Council
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LISA

Trudi and Alan would like to thank all their friends for the support, help and prayers over the last months.

It was a great help and comfort and enabled us to be with Lisa and the grandchildren when we were most needed.

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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from
Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

Little Cuckoos started our Christmas celebrations Saturday 29th November at our Christmas Fayre. It was a very fun filled festive afternoon. Thank you to all who came and saw Father Christmas in his Grotto and supported this event.

Our first ever Nearly New Sale of baby and children's items last month was a great success. Thank you to those of you that came along, picked up some bargains and supported our Sale. This will hopefully be a regular event so watch this space.

We supported Children in Need and The Poppy Appeal in November. The children looked fantastic wearing something spotty and embracing all things Pudsey.

Little Cuckoos have a very busy festive month planned, with 'Stay and Play' activity sessions available, where parents and grandparents are all welcome to join us for the morning.

Our last day of term is Wednesday 17th December and we will be performing our Nativity Play at St Margaret's Church. Parents, family and friends are all welcome.

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The Beginning and the End

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Bill Gould

We want to put on record what a good friend Bill has been to the Chapel over very many years, keeping the grounds in good shape, winding the clock, watching over the Chapel from his house with an eagle eye. We shall miss him very much and offer Jan our love and prayers.

What's in the tin?

Is what's on the tin really inside? Is there horse in the mince or monkfish masquerading as scampi? Is Christmas what we celebrate or is it only an opportunity for a colourful get-together?

The tin says 'Christmas', the modern version of the original Old English 'Christes Mæsse'. The inside may contain anything but!

Let us enjoy the season's traditions: bird and pudding, tree, lights and decorations, greetings, presents, holly and, most certainly, the mistletoe! However, these are all accompaniments to what's in the tin.

'Christ's Mass', remember! The worship of Christ, the celebration of his coming amongst us as the light in the darkness of our winter; this is the heart of the Christmas experience. Focussing on this will greatly enrich us all. 'Christ' means 'anointed'. The name signifies kingship. "My kingdom is not of this world," said Jesus, indicating that it was definitely within the world.

The baby in the manger is as helpless and reliant on Mother's care as any other infant. When grown up, he will surrender his power as he yields to crucifixion. What power is released through that powerlessness! How do we open this tin? By taking Christ Jesus very seriously and the carols and Scripture readings help us to do just that.

Contributed by Reverend Keith Sobey.

Dance – strictly the Bible!

Who despised a king's dancing?

1 Chron. 15.29

Whose daughter danced in order to gain a gruesome trophy?

Matt. 14.6

Who was the great soldier who tore his clothes when he saw his daughter dancing?

Judges 11.34

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Tales from the passenger seat



I have mentioned before about how different nationalities seem to have similar traits when it comes to learning to drive. It is also the case that the driving test in various countries varies considerably. I use the word 'test' loosely of course.

A lady from a country far away who moved to England and needed a full UK licence came to me holding a full lorry licence. Her country was big on theory, but considered that if you could explain how to drive, then it was taken as read that you could actually drive. Therefore, if you took a lorry 'test', despite never having driven a car before, then you were automatically entitled to drive a car. Local 'instructors' rent out lorries; the test was to lurch off down a gravel track for 100 yards, wheel round in a cloud of dust and flying grit, lurch back to the starting point, and if you stopped vaguely beside the examiner, you passed.

Another pupil had passed the test in his home country – this consisted of driving forwards twelve feet between two parallel lines, then reversing the twelve feet. So long as he stayed within the lines, he passed!

Another pupil kept failing the test in her native country until, on her fifth attempt, she handed the examiner a sufficiently large bribe and after one drive round the block obtained her full licence.

In yet another country without testing, you buy a licence over the counter and this entitles one to drive anything. The licence

is not a proof of ability, it is simply a form of identification in case you are stopped by the local police. The requirement to demonstrate any form of skill is simply non-existent.

I know of another country where you don't actually leave the car park; when interviewed, the local examiners expressed the concern that it would be far too dangerous to take learners out onto the public roads. Far better to stay safe and give them a licence without having to leave the car park.

When people from those countries move here and become permanent residents, they have a huge shock on discovering that a certain level of control skill and ability to anticipate danger is a requirement. Fortunately the majority buckle down and after early problems, succeed. A few, (after realising that bribing UK examiners is not a way of life), simply buckle under the pressure.

Until recently, an interpreter was allowed to sit in the back during a UK test, even though there were suspicions that sometimes verbal guidance or assistance from the interpreter was given. Now, no interpreter is allowed; it is expected that if the person wants a licence, they should at least be able to understand some basic directional commands in English.

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Crocodile and Chicken Chasers

Richard Dean chases up the news from Juba School

This was the catchy title of the book about the villages of Corsley and Chapmanslade, edited by Victoria Hutchings and Dennis Barnard and produced for the Millenium. It's title also has a resonance in Juba.

Very few children there can swim because there are no swimming pools, (except in one or two top hotels) and the River Nile, which flows through the town, is dangerous. In the schools of South Sudan there is no free education and to enable children from low income families to have the opportunity for a secondary education, 100 students at Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School are sponsored, some of these by the generosity of people in Corsley and Chapmanslade.



In a letter written to his sponsor last month a young man called Joseph, wrote: *'I am now enjoying my secondary school in Juba Model which is the best school here in Juba. My family is happy for your support to me. I learn to swim since 1999*

during the time of war in Sudan when I and my parent were crossing the River Nile. Since that time, up to now, swimming become active for me. I can swim across River Nile four times in a day which is my exercise. I am enjoying my study, nothing will make me to leave this school.'

Joseph is in his first year at the School. Although he is 21, he had no access to education in his early years because of the civil war.)

The River is wide, fast flowing and the home of crocodiles. I took a photo of one basking on a mud flat a little way down river from Juba! We must write to tell him not to take unnecessary risks!

Walking around Juba you see a lot of goats, ducks and chickens scratching for food. Some of the infants are 'chicken chasers'! Even in the school compound there are a few 'free range' ducks and chickens. Five years ago I met one lady from the church who, for her livelihood, kept her chickens in a hut and sold hard boiled eggs at a stall outside the town hospital to people in the hospital compound who had brought their sick relatives for treatment. Hospitals in South Sudan do not provide food for in-patients – let us count our blessings with the NHS.) Sadly in 2006 bird flu arrived in the town and destroyed this lady's flock. A year later we were able to help her re-stock and continue her good work.

Let me give you a brief update on the school. The South Sudan Ministry of Education has decided to lengthen the period of secondary education from 3 to 4 years starting in February 2015. With 200 pupils in each school year, the numbers

at Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School will be going up from 600 to 800 and four more classrooms will be required. The School looked to the Support Group here to help find the funding. Going out to tender the cost submitted by the winning contractor was £80,000, with a build time of 3 months. The money was needed by the end of October 2014 for the classrooms to be ready for the new students arriving in February. We applied to various Charities and made the need known to supporters of the School here, but by mid-October we were still a long way short of the target. Would the new students have to do their lessons under one of the trees with chickens scrabbling at their feet? We prayed to God believing that 'God's work



The Bishop of Juba laying the foundations of the new Classroom Block on 2nd November 2014.

done in God's way will never lack God's resources'. In the second half of October we received grants from two Charities and one from a kind individual. This brought the total, with what we already had, to £80,000. A wonderful answer to our prayers.

I am planning to go out to Juba in April. The four new classrooms should be built and occupied by then. I shall meet the new students who have been awarded bursaries and bring back letters and photographs. We do need some more sponsors. I love swimming but I will not be

swimming in the River Nile! While I am there chicken or goat will be the choice of meat. I shall choose chicken, chased down with Coca-Cola!

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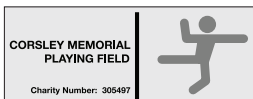
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Here we are, nearly at the end of another year and what a busy month December is!

For many this has been a special year of Remembrance – 100 years since the start of the First World War. For some 2014 will be a year when they have lost or gained a special member of the family. We often commemorate these special events by planting a tree (surely a wonderful idea), but it can have its problems. When considering planting a tree make sure you have the landowner's permission if it is not on your own property. A wide road verge may belong to the Highways Authority and a clear view is essential for drivers.

Roots from the 'wrong' species of trees can undermine walls and buildings, they can also find their way into drains and watercourses causing damage to property and flooding of roads. Check the estimated size of the mature tree – it may cut out daylight for you or your neighbours in just a few years and there can be problems with branches overhanging neighbouring properties. Avoid planting your tree too close to electricity or telegraph wires as it may need severe pruning as it grows. Take advice from the professionals to ensure you choose the right tree to suit you and the site and it will give joy for many years to come.

Why not buy a Christmas tree with roots this year and get the family to help plant it when the festivities are over? Then either dig it up or just saw it off at ground level to use it again next year!!

The majority of winter birds have now arrived. Many were rather late this year as the weather was still mild in Scandinavia and beyond and they didn't need to fly south and west in search of food. Now winter is truly with us, we can enjoy watching flocks of Fieldfare and Redwing feeding in the fields, whilst numbers of smaller birds, especially Goldfinches, build up on our garden feeders. Blackbird and Song Thrush numbers are boosted by the arrival of migrants and harsh weather may bring us Waxwings – often a colourful sight in supermarket car parks. One of the Cuckoos (Chris) fitted four years ago with a satellite tracker by the BTO has, once again, returned to Western Africa for the winter – an amazing feat and a great survivor!

The shooting season for pheasants and partridge is part of the country scene this month so avoid the woodlands, whether walking or horse riding, between 10am and 3pm on shoot days.

Please remember to support local producers and butchers for your Christmas Fayre, whether it is poultry, meat or vegetarian.

Any one wishing to join me at The Reading Room Car Park on January 1st at 10.30 for a footpath walk for about an hour will be very welcome - it might be the start of regular monthly walks in 2015.

Judith Helliar



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Our total this year is £255.87 !!!

*Thank you to everyone who
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really appreciate your generosity.*

*If you didn't get the chance to
support our Children In Need
sale this year, we look forward to
seeing you next year!*

Yours faithfully

*Georgia and Edward Lawrence
(12 & 10 years old)*

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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- 2 Green
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- 5 Dr No
- 6 Arkansas
- 7 Exeter
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- 9 Esher
- 10 Sue
- 11 Andrex
- 12 Eros and Cupid

The mobile library service visits next on:

Thursday 11th December

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:

Thursday 25th December is a bank holiday and no visit will take place.

**8th, 22nd January,
5th February**

Local organisation adverts

£2.00 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barters Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by

4pm on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

1 space	(69mm wide x 33mm high)	£22.00
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£42.00
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£60.00
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£75.00
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£104.00

Trade advertisement material should be supplied in print-ready format, to the chosen standard size and correct shape.

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