

# The Bridge

December 2019

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



Merry Christmas  
to all our readers!

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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 Barters 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!

## File types

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

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**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

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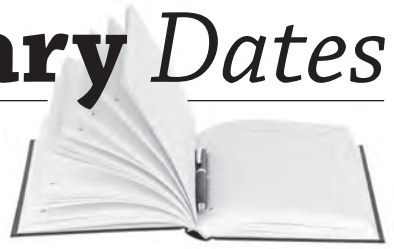
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**Deadline for articles  
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4pm 19th December**

**Please note that no  
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after this date**

# Diary *Dates*



## December

### Monday 2nd

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

### Tuesday 3rd

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

### Wednesday 4th

Advent Course – 7 pm to 9.30 pm, 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade

### Thursday 5th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, St Phillip & St James' Church

### Sunday 8th

Chicken Chasers – meet at 11 am at the Three Horseshoes car park for a circular walk of about three miles

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

### Wednesday 11th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – Light Bites Christmas Lunch, 12.30 pm – 2 pm,  
Corsley Reading Room

Advent Course – 7 pm to 9.30 pm, The Anchorage, Lyes Green

### Thursday 12th

WI Christmas Dinner – 7pm, Royal Oak, Corsley - please pre-book

### Friday 13th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Carols in the Barn – 6 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

### Monday 16th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Carol Singing in Chapmanslade High Street – 6 pm

### Wednesday 18th

Advent Course – 7 pm to 9.30 pm, The Anchorage, Lyes Green

### Thursday 19th

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

### Sunday 22nd

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Carol Service St Margaret's – 6 pm

### Tuesday 24th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Crib Service St Philip and St James' – 3 pm

### Saturday 30th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Christmas Coffee Morning

Corsley Show Charitable Trust

# Grant Applications

Subject to agreement at the Corsley Show AGM on 28th November the process for applications to the Trust will follow the same process as last year and full information will be available on the website ([hdwebsites.wixsite.com/cstrust](http://hdwebsites.wixsite.com/cstrust)) no later than 1st January 2020 and applications will need to be submitted by 31st January 2020.

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- Ask about the pneumo jab. There's a vaccine for pneumonia too – check if you're eligible when you get your flu jab.
- Wash your hands regularly. Simple but effective – washing your hands helps stop germs spreading.

Flu viruses are always changing, so you need a jab every year, using the latest vaccine. Flu isn't only unpleasant, it can also develop into pneumonia, which can be serious.

The cold puts more pressure on our hearts and circulatory systems. As we get older, our body has to work harder to keep us warm. If you're exposed to a cold environment for a

long time, or in extreme cold for only a short time, your blood pressure rises and your blood thickens. This can increase the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Wrap up well when you go out in the cold. Layering is the best way to keep warm in winter. Don't forget a hat, gloves, thick socks and a scarf.

Make sure your home is warm enough. The ideal room temperature you should be aiming for is about 21 degrees in your living room, and about 18 degrees in your bedroom.

Eat well! Aim for at least one hot meal every day as well as warm drinks throughout the day. Having nutritious and varied food is important for good health and wellbeing.

Keep moving. Try not to sit still for more than one hour at a time. Even if you just move your arms and legs, it'll help keep you warm.

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which nickname is given to the small sausages wrapped in bacon eaten as part of Christmas dinner?
- 2 In which film did the song "White Christmas" first appear?
- 3 There is a town in Arizona, USA, named Father Christmas – true or false?
- 4 The song "Jingle Bells" was originally written for which US holiday?
- 5 Who was the first British monarch to broadcast a Christmas message?
- 6 Who played Scrooge in "The Muppet Christmas Carol"?
- 7 'The Trolley Song' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' are songs featured in which classic musical?
- 8 What is the name of the character who tried to steal Christmas in the 1957 story by Dr Seuss?
- 9 The names of how many of Santa's reindeer start with the letter "D"?
- 10 Christmas Island is a territory of which country?
- 11 What was the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
- 12 Which famous annual event did Santa Claus win in 1964?

*Answers on page 44*

*A merry Christmas from me to all readers who have been baffled over the past 12 months and for your good wishes. I would also like to thank Viv, our hard-working editor, for all the enthusiasm she has put into ensuring The Bridge is produced each month – it can't be an easy job! Well done Viv from all of us.*

*(Thanks Bob!)*

## Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers

Following a lovely November walk with some new faces, the Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers are heading out again on their next walk on **Sunday 8th December** at **11am** leaving from the **Three Horseshoes car park**. We'll be heading on a circular route of around three miles along our footpaths, bridleways and lanes. The walks are interspersed with stops to rest and admire the views.

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## Biology: changing the world

# What has science to do with Christmas?

“Science and everyday life cannot and should not be separated” *Rosalind Franklin, 1940*

As we approach Christmas, what scientific explanations lie behind some of the events, smells, noises and sights that we associate with the season?

The first thing one usually does (having already bought the presents, of course!) is to decorate the Christmas tree. A Christmas tree has a characteristic smell – be it a spruce or another type of pine. This is mainly due to the chemical bornyl acetate, an ester which can also be used as a food additive, as a flavouring agent and in air fresheners. The other main constituents of the odour are compounds known as pinenes – named after their pine tree source. Chemists are sometimes unimaginative in naming compounds!

Historically, Christmas trees were decorated with candles, but these are now mainly used on mantelpieces or tables and in church. These typically burn with a yellow flame. The candle wax is melted by the heat of the flame and drawn up by the wick, where it is burnt. The colour of the flame is due to soot particles; these glow yellow in the heat and then burn, but they can be seen as smoke particles when the candle is blown out. The brandy on your Christmas pudding burns with a blue flame, because it doesn't contain such soot particles.

Christmas tree lights now tend to be LEDs rather than candles or electric filament lights. Years ago all LEDs were red, because only the

metal gallium was used in a semi-conductor to emit light. Different metals

are now also

used, giving green and blue LEDs, which can be combined to give different colours. By combining red, green and blue LEDs in one package, a white LED was eventually created. The science of LEDs won the 2014 Nobel Prize for Physics.

Food is an important component of most people's Christmas. Traditional turkey and roast potatoes have the distinctive brown colour due to a chemical reaction – the Maillard reaction where the heat causes components of carbohydrate (reducing sugars) and of protein (amino acids) to react and give a wide variety of products. These are responsible for the specific flavours and smells of browned food.

Human genetics is also important in enjoyment of Christmas dinner. Brussels sprouts seem to be an essential part of the feast, but for many people they are unpleasant – even when not overcooked. This may in part be due to their smell but could also be due to a compound in brussels sprouts which tastes bitter to about 50% of the population who have a specific variant of the TAS2R38 gene, sometimes known as the “bitter gene”.



What would Christmas dinner be without crackers? The 'crack' is caused by a thin layer of silver fulminate or similar explosive which is activated by friction from the rough surface on the other half of the internal cardboard strip. Party poppers work on a similar principle, and the small amount of explosive generates a sufficient volume of gas to eject the streamers.

There is a huge amount of science behind many of the presents we buy, such as the ever-popular electronic devices. However, even the wrapping paper and adhesive tape are scientifically complex. A shiny metallic wrapping paper is made by depositing metal vapour onto a plastic film. The adhesive

in common parcel tapes is designed to be pressure-sensitive, so it can be applied and relocated before pressing it down into its final position - although my personal experience is that relocating the tape is not always successful!

So physics, chemistry and biology all contribute to the delights of Christmas. Whatever your interest in science, simply enjoy its products at Christmas and every other day.

Do have a Happy Christmas!

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at [niglbrown48@gmail.com](mailto:niglbrown48@gmail.com)

# 2019 Poppy Appeal Collection

During this year's Poppy Appeal, Corsley and Chapmanslade have so far raised £2333.33 for the British Legion. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the house-to-house collections in all weathers and to the Royal Oak, the Cross Keys, the Three Horseshoes, the White Hart, Acres Supply, Chapmanslade school, the Parochial Church Council of Corsley and Chapmanslade and Chapmanslade Parish Council.

The Royal British Legion not only remembers and honours the sacrifice 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.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a collector, especially in Chapmanslade, please do get in touch with me.

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

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**Corsley Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

Neil Britten, Chairman, latest briefing

There have been no meetings in the past month. However, December brings the final quarterly meeting of the calendar year – the two main items of business being the planning application for the Corsley House bund (see more below) and the annual financial review. The latter comprises review of in-year spending, the two-year budget forecast and setting of the precept bid for the financial year (FY) 2020/21. In-year spending and the next two FYs will be very much influenced by decisions on the two major road safety projects in Corsley, at the Heath and Whitbourne Springs. The prognosis on the on the latter is pessimistic.

This edition of *The Bridge* is very likely to have dropped on your doorstep after the 2nd December, in which case I apologise for late notice of the main agenda items in this article, but there has been advance notice in previous *Bridge* briefs, on the village noticeboards, *The Bridge* website and in the three local pubs.

The December quarterly meeting also kicks off consideration on the Annual Parish Meeting, held annually in March each year and a notice soliciting public input is elsewhere in this edition of *The Bridge*.

**Corsley House planning application**

Creation of a Landscape and Amenity Bund - (19/10108/FUL)

This application is now registered and the consultation period ends on 13th December. The plans (51 documents) are on the Wiltshire Council planning website and any member of the public may make comments via this site. To aid the process, Angus Cunningham, a senior representative of the Lutine Group, the main contractors, has very kindly agreed to be present on the 2nd December in the Reading Room from 6.30, with display boards of the planned development. He will make a brief presentation at 6.45 and then take questions. The PC will consider the application in its formal agenda for the PC meeting, which starts at 7.30. Members of the public who wish to make any points about the application will be given the opportunity to do so.

The major impacts of the project have already described in the November edition of *The Bridge*, with the construction phase being the major concern so far raised by residents. Informal discussions have already taken place between the PC and Lutine on this aspect, the central issues being road safety and traffic congestion both on the A362 and Deep Lane. Further clarification will be sought on the 2nd December.

**Bay Tree Close Development**

A brief progress report has been received from Andy Mead, Wiltshire Commissioning

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Officer for the project, which reads:

*“Surveys have been carried out on the land (Topographical, Utilities and Ecology), we have now engaged with numerous contractors to discuss the design and build contracts for various sites – including this location. I am to present tomorrow to several contractors, more site-specific detail, prior to procuring and formally appointing a contractor in the new year.*

*In the meantime, we are working with an architect to design several house types that we will develop, with a view to achieve outline planning consent by spring 2020, ready for the contractor to commence construction in the of summer 2020.*

*At the appropriate time, we can meet again to discuss site layout, etc, and formally consult yourselves and the community.”*

### **Len White Charity Fund**

In last month's brief the PC's (Charity Trustees) plans to consider winding up this fund were publicised. Since then one grant application has been received. The notice is repeated in this edition of The Bridge and also on the website.

### **Christmas**

Christmas seems to come earlier every year, but, despite 'the big day' being some three weeks away, may I wish one and all an excellent celebration in whatever is your style and a Happy New year.

### **Dates of future meetings**

#### **2019**

Quarterly Meeting      7.30pm, 2nd December

#### **2020**

Annual Parish Meeting      March  
(exact date/time to be confirmed)

Annual PC Meeting      7.30pm, 4th May

Quarterly Meeting      7.30pm, 1st June

Quarterly Meeting      7.30pm, 7th September

Quarterly Meeting      7.30pm, 7th December

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Corsley Parish Council

# **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**6.30pm, 2nd December  
Corsley Reading Room**

**Corsley House  
Planning application  
for Landscape and  
Amenity Bund  
(19/10108/FUL)**

The PC will consider this application  
at its quarterly meeting on  
2nd December

Before the PC meeting there will be  
an opportunity for the public to see  
the plans and hear a presentation  
and Q&A session from Angus  
Cunningham of the Lutine Group  
(main consultants for this project)

For up-to-date information such as  
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# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**to be held in early March 2020  
6.30pm, Corsley Reading Room  
(exact date to be confirmed)**

## **This is YOUR meeting**

It is the annual occasion when you have a chance to discuss the issues which you believe most affect the village. The Parish Council is seeking suggestions for topics for the agenda from the village, including potential input from outside bodies or individuals from whom you may wish to hear. As usual, we will be inviting our Wiltshire Councillor, Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, to the meeting.

Please send any requests or ideas to your Parish Clerk,  
John Willcox, by letter or email, by 31st January 2020  
Little Orchard, Lyes Green, BA12 7PA  
corsleypc\_jdw@aol.co.uk  
01373 832171

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

## Views from the top and bottom of the tower...

# Campanology News

Peals, Quarters, Grandsires and Bobs – it's all in the technique!

Firstly I managed to ring my peal with five other very good ringers. We rang 5040 changes of a mixture of two methods, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles which took 2 hours and 53 minutes. To explain: firstly, some ringers ring many peals and there is a register kept of the persons who get the most in their ringing lifetime. However, others like me, just have a go to see if they can ring for that length of time without going wrong, for if anyone goes wrong it has to be abandoned even if it is over two hours gone! I was extremely pleased to have achieved it but will never attempt another as it has taken me two weeks to recover from both the tiredness and the aching.

Secondly, we rang a quarter peal of Bob Doubles which involved 1260 changes and took 50 minutes. This was on 10th November after the Remembrance Service to honour and remember those who lost their lives in the World Wars. As we only had five bells last year we were unable to do this on the hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. This also formed part of the Salisbury Guild quarter peal week. The band consisted of Liz Attenborough, Rodney Cross, Peter Baker, Mike Attenborough (Conductor), Ed Henderson and me and it was Ed's first quarter peal. Well done everyone!

Quarter peals are rung to improve ringers' ability in ringing a method. As with everything else, consistent practice can only improve one's knowledge of what to do and

when to do it. Our ringing has improved since the bells came back, not only because they are easier to ring but because everyone has been working very hard and we will be attempting more quarter peals in the next year to hopefully build on that.

We will be ringing for Sunday services, Carols in the Barn and the Carol Service in the Church and of course we will be ringing the New Year in!

*Marion Moldon*  
01373 832672

## 'Thank you' Chapmanslade and Corsley



I would like to thank all who have taken part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal.

A total of 36 boxes and 3 bags of hand knitted scarves, were taken to the collection point, and from there, they will be distributed to children, usually from our area, to countries in Eastern Europe.

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*Pat Ryan*

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# Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I'm going to be really honest: I wish I didn't have to write this letter. We have a general election looming, and the country is in chaos. Poverty levels are rising. Across the world daily, hourly, desperate people risk their lives in an attempt to escape brutally oppressive and unjust regimes. An environmental crisis of apocalyptic proportions is being played out in bush fires across the world that are out of control, not to mention flooding, and loss of natural habitat that has devastating consequences for us all. I quote: 'Insect population decline affects ecosystems, other animal populations, and humanity. ... A 2019 global review warned that, if not mitigated by decisive action, the decline would have a catastrophic impact on the planet's ecosystems.'

And, it's Christmas. I feel I should come with something profound and equally feel wholly unqualified to do so. All I can do is offer a few thoughts and hope that someone somewhere finds them helpful.

Writing the above I'm struck by the thought that the world has always been a place of great beauty but also of great pain. If we think about the time in which that first Christmas was played out Jesus was born in a country under Roman occupation; a brutal and oppressive regime if ever there was one. Mary was an underage teenage mother probably booted out of her home for bringing appalling shame on her family, she was lucky that she was not stoned to death for her behaviour. The Holy Family were refugees: no home, no money, finding their way in the dark to that horrible, dirty stable where Jesus was born.

I few years ago I wrote an alternative version of the Christmas story in which I had Mary giving birth to Jesus on the floor of the loo in Burger King in amongst filthy bits of tissue, cigarette butts and other such inviting detritus. I remember telling the story to the year 6 class at school and their expressions of horror and disgust at such a scenario. It's so much easier to water it all down isn't it, and have Jesus born in in a nice cosy stable with fresh, sweet smelling hay and clean well behaved animals. But to do so is to miss the point entirely. In all the mess that is the reality of human existence what is the constant that we need to hold onto? It's love of course. The Christmas story is not a sweet fairy tale to bring out once a year with the decorations, it's a shocking, amazing, gutsy picture of love blazing forth in the darkest of places. Into the dirty, grimy, shameful reality of what it means to be human love is born. In our beautiful, broken, often sad old world we are all finding our way in the dark to where love still shines, often hidden yes, but not extinguished.

So, having said all that, enjoy your Christmas. Remember that love is the greatest gift God gives us and that we can give each other; treasure it, live it, and give thanks for it.

Love and prayers,  
Pauline



# **December Church Diary**

## **Sunday 1st December: Advent Sunday**

8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Christingle and Posada



## **Wednesday 4th December**

7 pm at 28 Huntenhull Lane: Advent Course



## **Sunday 8th December: Second Sunday in Advent**

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

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

11 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Matins



## **Wednesday 11th December**

12.30 pm at Corsley Reading Room: Lite Bites Christmas Lunch

7 pm at The Anchorage: Advent Course



## **Friday 13th December**

6 pm at Manor Farm Barn, Corsley: Carols in the Barn



## **Sunday 15th December: Third Sunday in Advent**

10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship

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



## **Monday 16th December**

6 pm Carol Singing: Chapmanslade High Street



## **Wednesday 18th December**

7 pm at The Anchorage: Advent Course

## **Thursday 19th November**

**10 am at The Three Horseshoes: Community Coffee Morning**



## **Friday 20th December**

**6.30 pm Carol Singing: Cross Keys, Corsley**



## **Sunday 22nd December: Fourth Sunday in Advent**

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

**6 pm at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Carol Service**

**6 pm at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Carol Service**



## **Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve**

**3.30 pm at St Philip and St James, Chapmanslade: Crib Service**

**4 pm at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Crib Service**

**11.30 pm at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Midnight Mass**



## **Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day**

**9.30 am at St Mary's, Corsley: Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30 am at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist**

**10.30 am at St Philip and St James, Chapmanslade: Family Eucharist**

**10.30 am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Family Eucharist**

**11.15 am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Christmas Worship**



## **Sunday 29th December: First Sunday of Christmas**

**10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill**

**Benefice Eucharist**



## **Sunday 5th January: Epiphany**

**8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill**

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist**

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

## Advent Course

This year's course, 'To Live Again', is taking place on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9.30pm. See the information elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge.

## Community 'Craft Cake and Chat' afternoon

Everyone who came along to last month's session had a thoroughly enjoyable, friendly and creative time. They all have asked if they can meet again in the New Year. So we are planning to have more sessions starting in February. Watch this space for further details.

## Carol Singing

A warm welcome to everyone to join us as we sing carols this Christmas. On Friday 13th we will once again be staging Carols in the Barn at Manor Farm Barn in Corsley. This short event starts promptly at 6 pm and will appeal to young people of all ages. We invite everyone to come along dressed as shepherds, angels and kings. We will also be singing carols in Chapmanslade High Street on Monday 16th December from 6 pm and at The Cross Keys in Corsley from 6.30 pm on Friday 20th December. And finally, our Carol Service will be held at St Margaret's at 6 pm on 22nd December and our very popular Crib Service will be held at St Philip and St James' on Christmas Eve, starting at 3.30 pm.

## Operation Christmas Child

We were delighted to receive 36 boxes this year, all of which will shortly be on their way to needy children across the world. We offer our thanks to everyone who participated in the project for showing their love and compassion for these vulnerable youngsters.

## Fundraising

The November 50/50 Club draw took place at our coffee morning on November 30th. The December draw, with a prize of £200, will take place at the Lite Bites Christmas lunch on 11th December.

## Welcome, Congratulations and Farewell

We welcome into the church family Hugo and Ruby Dunning who were baptised at St Margaret's on November 17; Hallie Rosaline Joy Deacon and Jennifer Claire Robbins at St Peter and St James' on 24th November and Frederick James Greenslade at St. Margaret's, also on 24th November.

The funeral of Betty Snelling took place at St Margaret's on 28th November. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family.

If you would like to receive weekly news of Church events and activities, please send your email address to the above, with subject 'Through the Open Doors' or download a pdf from the 'churches' pages at [www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk](http://www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk)

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**Corsley WI**

# November news

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

the **WI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

It's amazing what the lure of wine and cheese can do to boost numbers at the WI!

Waitrose (other supermarkets are available) very kindly put on a fantastic wine and cheese tasting for WI members and guests as part of the November meeting. This attracted a full house of 40 people to the Reading Rooms for a most enjoyable and informative evening.

We tasted a mixture of reds, whites and dessert wines, and a variety of soft and hard cheeses. From the traditional French Châteauneuf De Pape, grown in a region where no flying saucers are allowed to be flown over the vineyards! To an Australian Shiraz called Headonist which is a bio dynamic wine grown by lunar cycles, cow horns and cow muck! The cheese varied from a beautiful very pale Scandinavian 'Priest' to a very oozy French brie.

We learnt that inhaling the bouquet of wine through your right nostril, if your right handed (and visa versa if you're left handed) will give you the best aroma! And that room temperature relates back to the time before central heating, amongst other facts.

We were all encouraged to grade the wines, which of course meant tasting them, which of course led to those not driving drinking them. Whilst all of the WI members remained impeccably behaved there were a few slightly tipsy visitors who seemed to be drinking their wives wines too (you know who you are!)... and as a result we may have our first male member!



The evening didn't go without its hiccups! Waitrose were great but they turned up very late and had forgotten the cheese, a pretty fundamental part of a Wine and Cheese tasting evening! When they returned for the second time with the cheese and only 1 baguette for 40 people I did wonder whether I should recruit one of our senior members of the church who was in the audience to try and replicate a 'loaves and fishes' scenario.... But we had plenty of cheese biscuits.

The next meeting is the Christmas Meal at 6 for 6.30pm on 12th December at the Royal Oak. Pre booking and pre payment are essential. The January meeting is a talk on 'The Antarctic' and is at 7.30 on 9th January 2020 in the Reading Rooms. This is an open meeting if any visitors would like to join us.

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

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



# Advent Course

This year's course, 'To Live Again', will take place on Wednesday evenings, from 7 pm to 9.30 pm, starting on 27th November. Ian and Janet Buick will host the first session at 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade, we are grateful to them and to the Hopkinsons for agreeing to act as hosts (see below). The course is based on the classic Christmas film 'It's a Wonderful Life', starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. Please have a word with Ian (01373 832318) or Gay (01373 832490) if you would like to join the course.

- 4th December  
28, Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade with Ian and Janet Buick
- 11th and 18th December  
The Anchorage, Lyes Green, Corsley with Trudi and Alan Hopkinson

If you missed seeing the film on 27th November you can still join any of the other evenings when we will see short clips to base our discussions on.

We look forward to seeing you

*Rev'd Gay*



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Tues 7 Jan	Wed 8 Jan	Wed 8 Jan
Wed 8 Jan	Thur 9 Jan	Thur 9 Jan
Thurs 9 Jan	Fri 10 Jan	Fri 10 Jan
Fri 10 Jan	Sat 11 Jan	Sat 11 Jan
Mon 13 Jan	✓ back to normal	✓ back to normal
<b>No collections: 25 December, 26 December, 1 January</b>		

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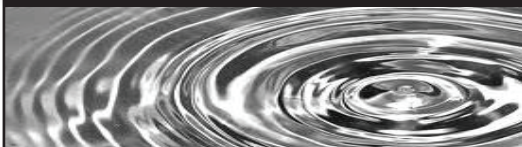


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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the meetings of Chapmanslade Parish Council held on 14th November

Seven members of the public attended the meeting, which was chaired by John Lewis, our Vice-Chairman and presently acting Chairman.

## Thoulstone Golf Course – self-catering holiday accommodation

The meeting began with a presentation by Adam Gough, from 'Natural Land', the company that will shortly be developing a complex of self-catering holiday accommodation on the former Thoulstone golf course site. The project will soon go out to tender and it is expected that construction of phase one will commence next April, with completion by September 2021. Local contractors and sub-contractors will be encouraged to bid for contracts.

Phase One will include 16 residential units, out of a final total of 28, as well as a farm shop, market garden, community buildings and business and work rooms. There will also be a 10-hole golf course and three residential premises for staff accommodation. There will be a network of footpaths around the site and 'cycle-friendly' access to Chapmanslade. Mr Gough has promised to return at a later date in order to provide further information on the project's progress.

## Barters Farm development

Lochailort, the company developing the site

for housing at Barters Farm, have told us that they are still not ready to come to a parish council meeting. We hope that they will attend our January meeting. In the meantime we have written to Wiltshire Council to seek clarification on access routes to the site by construction traffic. Unfortunately we have not yet received a response from them. We hope that by the time we meet in January we will have received an explanation.

## Thoulstone Farm 19/06916/FUL

*Application to construct two single-storey extensions, internal modifications, new secondary highways access.* We learned that planning permission, subject to conditions, has now been granted.

## Thoulstone Farm 19/10721/FUL and 19/10403/LBC

*Application to renovate, convert and extend the existing farm buildings to create nine residential dwellings.*

These two applications will be considered at a meeting of the parish council hopefully to be held on 5th December.

## Planning Application 19/07948/FUL

*Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Live/Work unit and Change of Use of the Potting Shed to Tourist Accommodation (retrospective).*

We reported on this application in last month's edition of The Bridge and have now learned that Wiltshire Council has turned

[www.chapmanslade.org.uk](http://www.chapmanslade.org.uk)

down the application. We have asked Wiltshire to use their enforcement powers to remove the changes to the site introduced since the 2011 planning consent and we agreed to monitor the position.

**Highways**

We discussed several highways issues. Foremost of them was our concern about a recent road traffic accident in the High Street and the ever-increasing flow of traffic, creating hazardous conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. Comments were made about the parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the telephone box: the Highway Code stipulates that there should not be any parking within ten metres of a road junction. The recent painting of an “H bar” outside the newly built houses in this vicinity may, in part, be responsible for this. The parish council has tried many times over the years to come up with answers to the High Street’s traffic problems and we resolved to ask the Village Voice traffic group to try to come up with workable solutions. One positive outcome of the recent concerns has been that the Speedwatch team now has two new members.

Road safety on the A36 around Black Dog Hill was also raised. We noted that a recent inquest following the death of a young woman and her unborn child had recently been held and that excessive speed on the part of another driver had been responsible for the account. Whilst accepting that there are valid concerns about road safety on this stretch of trunk road we agreed that our current efforts should be concentrated on pursuing solutions to road safety issues in the High Street.

**Phone Box**

BT have informed us that they intend to remove the phone box. It has only been used once in the past twelve months. This topic has arisen several times in recent years but without resolution. Some residents feel it should be retained because it is an icon of rural life.

Others feel it is in a dangerous location in an already dangerous High Street. We can appeal against the decision, accept it, or buy the box for £1. We know that there are divided views on this matter in the community so we decided to set up a consultation exercise in order to ascertain current views. Watch out for further information on the village website and Facebook pages.

**Bee Friendly Chapmanslade**

It was reported that the Bee Friendly Group (BFG) has agreed with Wiltshire Council a number of proposed priority areas in the parish for wildflower seeding. We agreed to support the venture, which will be managed by the BFG.

**A History of Chapmanslade**

We learned that the book, which was launched last month after six years of research and discussion, has already sold around 250 copies. This means that shortly the production costs will have been met, after which all future proceeds will pass to village funds. The parish council has written to the History Group congratulating them on their efforts.

**Next meetings**

We normally meet in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month. However, because of the General Election it is hoped that the December meeting will be held in the church at 7.30 pm on Thursday 5th December. Our January meeting will be held on Thursday 9th January.

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## The future of the...

# Len White Charity

The Trustees of the Len White Charity, Corsley Parish Councillors, give public notice that consideration is being given to winding up this charity in accordance with its Trust Deed

The Trustees seek final bids for grants by 31 December 2019 and feedback on their intentions for the residual capital of the Fund.

### **Purpose of the charity**

The t Charity was set up in 1991 by Corsley Parish Council in memory of Len White, a well known and respected resident of the Village. The parish councillors are the trustees and the objects of the charity are:

“(a) To pay the income from the charity fund for the benefit of the pupils of Corsley School, in such manner as the Corsley Parish Council think fit or

(b) If Corsley Primary School closes then for the benefit of the children living in Corsley between the ages of five and eleven years for educational purposes as the full Corsley Parish Council shall think fit.”

### **Financial position**

The funds of the Charity are now such that no meaningful income is achievable on the remaining capital and the residue of the accrued income is now at such a low level that only one or two low value grants could be considered. After any final grants, there would be around £1,000 capital remaining.

### **Terms of the Trust**

The trust deed, in the event of ‘failure of the trust’, allows the assets of the trust to be given to “...such other charitable institution or institutions having similar objectives to those

of the charity as the trustees shall decide.”

The trustees believe that exhaustion of the funds available for distribution is tantamount to ‘failure’ and that options for distribution of the remaining capital should be considered.

### **Options**

The Trustees have been unable to identify any ‘institutions having similar objectives’ with the restrictive direct requirement to serve only the children of Corsley. Instead, consideration has been given to using the remaining capital to assist the funding of a project in Corsley which would serve the needs of children and also provide a lasting memorial to Len White and those who donated to the Fund in 1991. To date, the project which has met with most favour is replacement of the Heath bus stop shelter, which is in poor repair. This would provide long term benefit to Corsley children who use the public bus service and a suitable location for a memorial plaque.

### **Consultation**

The Trustees have consulted the Charity Commission and Len White’s family. The Charity Commission are content for the trustees to make their judgement in accordance with the deed provided that they have taken appropriate steps to ensure that suitable advertising has identified no further beneficiaries. The family (Mrs Ruth Bowers) have concurred with the proposal to use the

remaining capital as indicated above. This notice is intended to fulfill the requirement for 'suitable advertising'.

### Way forward

Comments are invited on the above proposals and any bids for grants in accordance with the Charity Deeds, by 31st December this year. A further notice will be placed in the December edition of The Bridge.

*Neil Britten*

*Chairman, Corsley Parish Council/*

*Len White Trustees*

*pc.corsleynb@gmail.com*

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## History of Chapmanslade

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Chapmanslade History Group by buying copies of our book since its launch last month. So far 250 copies have been sold, so production costs are almost met, after which all proceeds will go to village funds.

The book would make an excellent Christmas present and copies at £10 each are still available at the Three Horseshoes or from Joyce at phil.jefferson@virgin.net

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## **Preachers for December**

- 1st Mr Porter, from Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 8th John Hobson, from Clink Evangelical Church
- 15th Russell Short, from Clink Evangelical Church
- 22nd Chris Andrews, from West Lavington Chapel at 11am, and Andrew Coxhead at 5pm for our Candlelight Service
- 29th Colin Chapman from Melksham Ebenezer Chapel

*There will be tea and mince pies after the Candlelit Service – please come and join us!*

## **For unto us a child is born... Isaiah 9:6**

For many of us our Christmas gathering will include children. In my own family we will be sharing some time with our three grandsons and for two of them they will be just old enough to appreciate a little of all that goes on. So many new things to explore and understand – whether it be the lit Christmas Tree, the Decorations, the Food and all the other special treats that come only in this season. We enjoy watching their responses. The simple joy and excitement because of all that is happening. I'm sure though they will

still be more interested in the empty boxes and wrapping paper than the new toys!

The Apostle Paul writes: "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4 v6).

Why do I write this? Well, the truth of the Christmas story reminds us that God's One and Only Son came down from heaven. He came as a babe to live, teach and, in time, to die for us. Why? So that we can, by faith, know Him, receive His forgiveness and be with Him forever. In Him we see the pure light. In Him we have pure joy. In Him we can know the Light of Life.

So let's look and share in our children's simple joy but also beyond, to the true meaning of the season, to Jesus. As the Angels, who shone with the glory of heaven surrounding them, said: "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people, for there is born to you ...a Saviour, Christ the Lord".

*Chris Andrews*

*Visiting Preacher to Whitbourne*

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# News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from  
**Corsley Cuckoo's PreSchool** in Lyes Green, Corsley



## Local business kick-starts Pre-School's fundraising campaign

Little Cuckoos Pre-school in Corsley has received a generous donation from a local business to kick-start its fundraising campaign for a new learning space.

Technical support company TMTI, also located in Corsley, has donated £1000 to support Little Cuckoos in reaching its target of £5000 to purchase an additional learning space at its rural setting in Lyes Green. The charity-run pre-school, which has been in the village for over 20 years, plans to purchase a shepherd's hut-style building to create extra room for small-group activities to further develop the learning of its children, whose ages range from 2 to 4 years.

TMTI selects a charity each year to support its fundraising efforts. Commenting on the donation to Little Cuckoos, CEO Mark Edmondson said: "When we discovered that a pre-school in our local community operates as a charity and has aims to improve its learning facilities for young children, we were delighted to offer a donation to boost the start of its fundraising campaign. TMTI is proud to support local charitable causes, especially one within the community where our head office is based. We are continuously looking for local individuals to join our expanding team and having a pre-

school based just a short distance from the office is an extra benefit for any parent looking to join our company."

Hayley McMahon, Pre-School Manager at Little Cuckoos, added: "This is such a fantastic start towards our plans to raise money for a new learning space at the pre-school. The generous donation from TMTI will be a huge help to kick-start our fundraising efforts. There is so much beautiful outdoor space surrounding our building for children to explore and play, however, as we continue to increase our enrolment numbers each year, we are now in need of additional indoor space beyond the classroom to offer opportunities for children to learn in small group sessions and engage in different types of activities. The aim is to purchase a building similar to a cosy shepherd's hut, and we are excited to focus our fundraising on this new space following TMTI's incredible support."

To raise further funds, the volunteer-led committee at Little Cuckoos will be running a host of events including its annual Christmas Fayre on 7th December. To find out about these events or to help support the pre-school in reaching its fundraising goals, please contact us at either [littlecuckoos@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littlecuckoos@hotmail.co.uk) or on 01373 832298.

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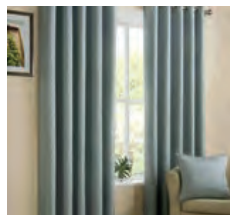
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