

# The Bridge

December 2021

*monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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

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**Deadline for articles  
or adverts for the next  
issue of The Bridge is  
4pm 15th December**

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

# Diary Dates

## December

### Wednesday 1st

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

### Monday 6th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Lower Room)

### Tuesday 7th

FREE Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Corsley WI - Christmas Wreath Demonstration – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 15th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – Corsley Reading Room

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

please note that the deadline for submissions for the January issue is 15th December

### Thursday 16th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## January

### Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 6th

Crafternoon – 3 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Saturday 8th

Frome Inner Wheel Soup and Puds Lunch – 12 noon - 2 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall (in aid of the Butterfly Trust)

### Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Wednesday 26th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## February

### Tuesday 1st

Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 17th**

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Wednesday 23rd**

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **March**

### **Tuesday 1st**

Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

### **Saturday 5th**

Fun Quiz Night – Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Thursday 17th**

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Wednesday 23rd**

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Corsley Village Fair/Fete**

Following the meeting in November, we are now working to explore putting on a Corsley Village Fair/Fete on **Saturday 3rd September 2022**.

If you're interested in getting involved in making the Fair/Fete happen and were unable to attend the meeting in November, please do email [treasurer@corsleyshow.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@corsleyshow.org.uk) - we'd love to have you on board!

## **Lite Bites**

## **Our Christmas Lunch is coming!**

The October Lite Bites lunch took place on Wednesday 27th in the Reading Room. The soups on offer were vegetable, broccoli & stilton, parsnip & apple and minestrone, all of which were enjoyed with fresh bread. Our charity of the month was the RNLI for which we raised £80. Our November lunch supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Our popular Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 15th December in the Reading Room. As we have done over the past few years, all donations for the lunch will go to the Children's Society. If you would like to join us, please telephone either Maureen Willcox (01373 832171) or Di Britten (01373 832515).

## Corsley War Memorial

# Playing Field update

Neil and Marion round up the activities at the field this year...

As I write this, autumn has arrived, the leaves are finally changing colour and dropping onto the playing field. The grass has slowed up growing a little and the flowers around the pavilion are in their final blooms for the year.

It has been a bit of a year for everyone and that includes the playing field. Whilst we were all coping with COVID-19, the field had to cope with being attacked, first by badgers and then crows, leaving large areas looking like a ploughed field. Worse still, the frosts we had during most of April meant that the repairs the cricket club did just didn't grow. Thankfully, with the relatively moist summer the field has managed to recover in most areas.

The field has been used a lot this year with the cricket club having a full season of games and people from the village and further afield using it as a safe space to exercise or just sit on one of our many benches and relax. This includes the new Andy Joynt bench, the cost of which was met by the generous donations of the villagers. Andy would have been humbled by the number of villagers who contributed and the kind words they spoke when they did so. Indeed, we had so many donations we were also able to put in a new kissing gate to replace the spring gate onto Heathway. This should provide even greater protection to stop children being able to run out into road.

We also had a wonderful show of wild

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flowers this year, which was the reason we left areas uncut. We have been trying to make the field more wildlife friendly by not cutting the edges more than 2-3 times a year. Whilst this is a little frustrating if you have lost a cricket or tennis ball, it has increased biodiversity.

Finally, with regard to the last year, we have had a number of thefts including fence posts being taken and the loss of our new skittles and balls. It is a very frustrating that we have to keep things locked all the time to stop this kind of thing happening but sadly it is the world we seem to be living in as I am sure many of you will testify based on your own losses from garages, sheds and gardens.

Looking forward, for those who have been at the field recently, you will have seen we have the badger fence up early. It is on a timer and only goes on overnight, so there is no chance of being electrocuted during the day, when the field is in use. We appreciate it is a potential trip hazard but unfortunately without it we will once again have badgers digging up the field and then crows making further damage with all the work that would entail during the spring for those that keep the field looking so wonderful for us all to use. For the badger lovers out there, a fence is the

DEFRA recommended way of keeping them out and the voltage we have does not harm them just stops them crossing over the wires.

Over the winter you will see some changes at the field. Our new piece of play equipment, the Flying Carpet, is due to arrive in December. It will be the first new play equipment in over 10 years and we are sure be enjoyed by all.

We are also planning to plant some more trees along the western boundary (far side of the cricket pitch) this winter. These will be slow growing hardwood species such as walnut so will not affect cricket or homes. We will speak to the residents before fixing the exact locations of each tree.

I also wanted to mention that we are keen to hold a village event (as we did for the Queen's diamond jubilee) for her Platinum Jubilee

bank holidays (2-3 June). If anyone has any ideas what we can do or would like to help organise please let us know.

Finally, I just wanted to reiterate that the Playing Field is no dogs allowed. Whilst we appreciate this is frustrating for dog lovers who behave responsibly, we are having repeated incidents of dog poo on the field which is not pleasant for anyone but particularly dangerous for children, who can catch diseases from it.

If you need to know anything about the field please contact:

Dr Neil Carpenter: 07919 057997

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Marion Liquorice: 07796 544565

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Many thanks

Marion and Neil

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# Chapmanslade Village Hall

Hello everyone,

A little update on what's happening with the hall and playing field...

Sunday 10th October was the volunteering day. We were delighted with the number of villagers who turned up – many thanks to you all. So what happened? The matting under the swing was lifted and re-fixed; branches overhanging the playground removed and the brambles cut back (a feast for Adam's goats!); the playground kit was cleaned; two cycle hoops were installed (there's no excuse to drive your car now!); the hall windows and frames were cleaned; marking out on the field ready for the new equipment – there was lots done but as ever there's still lots to do! The bakers amongst you had been busy – there was an amazing cake-fest going on which was much

appreciated by all!

By the time you read this, the outdoor table tennis table should be installed – please come along and have a game – bats and balls provided! Bases are also being prepared ready for other equipment and the two benches. A third bench is also being ordered - many thanks to the Chapmanslade skittles team for part-funding this one. We are grateful to all the volunteers assisting in making all these improvements.

Apologies to anyone looking for the village hall calendar (the village website is currently not working!) if there are any budding website designers out there please let us know.

Looking ahead, the Fun Quiz is returning – Saturday 5th March is the date – with new quizmasters!!

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 "With Every Christmas Card I Write", is a line from which famous Christmas song?
- 2 What did the other reindeers not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
- 3 In which ocean can Christmas Island be found?
- 4 Which country traditionally plays a Boxing Day Test Match every year?
- 5 Known for works such as "The Caretaker" and "The Homecoming", which British playwright passed away on 24th December 2008?
- 6 In the film "It's A Wonderful Life", what happened every time a bell rang?
- 7 Which food is the main dish for the Polish Christmas Eve feast?
- 8 Which English King, often referred to as "Lackland", was born on December 24th 1166?
- 9 What country is Lapland, Father Christmas's home, located in?
- 10 Which pantomime does Buttons appear in?
- 11 Stollen is a tasty Christmas confection that comes from which country?
- 12 How many letters are there in the "Angelic alphabet"?

*Answers on page 36*

As ever, a Merry Christmas to those who have been baffled throughout the year and a special mention for our hard working Editor who has done such a marvellous job ensuring The Bridge has been printed during such difficult times over 2021. Thank you, Viv, from us all.

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## Lite Bites Christmas Lunch

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Bill Parks has some tips to help stop fly-tipping

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Fly-tipping is a serious criminal offence which can lead to prosecution. The courts have various powers available to them to tackle fly-tipping, including imprisonment, unlimited fines and an order to deprive rights to a vehicle used to commit the offence.

I am pleased to report that the dedicated team of Environmental Enforcement Officers working closely with Wiltshire Police, the Environment Agency, and other local

authorities continue to work hard to identify those responsible for offences in the Wiltshire Council area. Most recently a Wiltshire resident has been ordered to pay £440 in fines at a Magistrates Court after giving her household waste to an unlicensed waste collector, who then fly-tipped on a highway verge in the north of the county.

Wiltshire Council has secured 27 successful prosecutions for environmental offences since 2018 and have also seized two vehicles involved in fly-tipping and issued Fixed Penalty Notices to both fly-tippers and householders who give their waste to unlicensed waste carriers.

People should be wary about using a 'man with a van' or similar adverts on social media sites to dispose of waste without making all the necessary checks, writing down the waste carrier's licence number and the registration





number of the vehicle taking the waste.

To prevent waste being fly-tipped, people should:

- Check that the person they pass their waste to is an authorised carrier at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>, or by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506506.
- Note the make, model, colour, and registration number of any vehicle taking the waste away and note a description of the person(s) removing the waste.
- Ask for a receipt detailing where the waste is going and the waste carrier's licence number.
- If it involves scrap metal collection, check that the person who is taking the waste has an upper tier waste carrier's licence and a scrap metal collector's licence issued by Wiltshire Council.

Anyone can report fly-tipping at  
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# Corsley Equestrians

- **Is your horse 'spooky'?**
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Because cattle are now coming inside for the winter and the weather is less clement, we are looking to hold this event in spring next year. Details to follow...

It will help us to have some idea of the number of people interested in attending. If you would like to know more, or to register your interest, please contact:

Lavinia Mitchell  
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## Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

Well here we are again in December and my mind is filled with a chaotic mishmash of thoughts about all the stuff going on at church and all the stuff going on at home, not least the production of epic quantities of food to squirrel away in the freezer ready for when the family arrives. As I put the second chocolate roulade in the freezer basket a terrible thought occurred to me; what if the freezer broke down with all the Christmas goodies in it? It doesn't bear thinking about really.

At this time of year I always feel conflicted about the whole Christmas shebang, clearly not about the actual event we are supposed to be celebrating, namely, the birth of Christ, but about the whole business of over consumption. I feel uneasy not just in terms of excessive food and presents, but in the crazy myth of the perfect Christmas with a perfect turkey, perfect table settings, perfectly curated matching decorations and a perfect, always-smiling family to enjoy it all.

In the light of all the restrictions we were living with last Christmas, maybe we've realised that perfection doesn't matter – being with the people we love is what matters. But no family is perfect, and all will have areas of conflict and tension that might well emerge when people spend a great deal of time together, mine included; someone is bound to go off in a huff, lose their temper or take exception to something or someone at some point or another.

Please spare a thought for all those who have no family to speak of or whose experience of family life is very broken and sad, and for those who have no home to decorate or friends to celebrate with; I must say this Christmas I am acutely aware of just how privileged I am; I mean, if all I've got to worry about is my freezer breaking down then I am lucky indeed. I've been thinking a lot about how I can hold that beautiful, essentially simple story of Emmanuel, God with us, being born to share our human life in all its joy and terrible brokenness, in tandem with the reality of the darkness and pain that is so evident in our world today. It's only a very little thing but like many of you I suspect, I've tried to buy my Christmas crackers, cards, etc., from charities I support so at least the money is contributing to something worthwhile. I did moot the idea of not having crackers but it didn't go down very well.

So I think what I'm trying to say is that Christmas is wonderful but let's not forget that we are immensely privileged in being able to enjoy it in the way we do. As I make my mince pies I will be praying for you and especially for those for whom the season is particularly difficult this year. I pray that whether you are busy looking after those you love or with us in church, that the light of God's loving presence will be real for you this Christmas.

May the peace and joy of Christmas be yours  
Love and prayers, Pauline

# **December Church Diary**

## **Sunday 5th December: 2nd Sunday in Advent**

8 am Holy Communion at Kingston Deverill

9.30 am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley

6 pm Carols at the George Longbridge Deverill



## **Saturday 11th December**

3 pm The Dolce Singers will be singing Carols at the  
Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade in aid of the Children's society



## **Sunday 12th December: 3rd Sunday in Advent**

9.30 am Eucharist at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Kingston Deverill



## **Thursday 16th December**

10 am until 12 noon Church and Community Coffee Morning  
at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade



## **Saturday 18th December**

Weather and any COVID-19 restrictions permitting, Carol Singers will tour Corsley  
on Saturday evening starting at 7 pm at the Royal Oak, moving on to the  
Cross Keys at 7.45 pm. Collection will go to the Children's Society



## **Sunday 19th December: 4th Sunday in Advent**

10.30 am Eucharist at Brixton Deverill

3.30 pm Carols and Readings at Chapmanslade Village Hall Car park

6 pm Carol Service at Kingston Deverill

6 pm Carol Service at St Margaret's Corsley



## **Christmas Eve**

3.30 pm Crib Service at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

4 pm Crib Service at Longbridge Deverill



## **Christmas Day**

10.30 am Eucharist at Kingston Deverill

10 am Eucharist at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

11.15 am Eucharist at Horningsham

11.15 am Christmas Worship at Longbridge Deverill



## **Boxing Day Sunday 26th December**

No services in the benefice

# An important plea to you all

Dear Readers

Late in November we had one of our routine Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and looked at all the things on our 'to do' list. Every five years we have our two churches inspected by our architect and, as with any old buildings, the list of repairs grows continually. We have just over a year until our next inspection and need to work out what needs to be done and how to do it.

Two obstacles stand in the way of achieving this. Firstly, St Margaret's Church is without a Church Warden. Rev Gay Maynard who was already a very busy person has been holding the fort, along with a group of others who have been looking after essentials. This, however, will neither get the building repaired or achieve the fundraising for the approximately £80,000 which is outstanding.

Secondly, the situation at St Philip and St James' is different in that, although there is a backlog of repair work, currently standing at around £35,000, there is a Church Warden, namely me. So why is little being achieved? The answer is rather straightforward. Apart from other essential charity fundraising work supporting the most vulnerable members of our community in Frome, I am also having to edit this newsletter, edit The Bridge Church news pages, as well as acting as joint PCC Treasurer with my wife, who is also similarly overworked.

Pleas for someone to take on one or more of these jobs which have been going out quite regularly over the past 18 months have had absolutely no response.

There are bright rays of sunshine, in that the wonderful event at Corsley House has helped us begin to get a foot on the fundraising ladder for our development work which will also involve the repairs to both buildings, however, there is so much more still to do.

This is absolutely not a request to all the wonderful volunteers we have in this parish who have done their bit over the years and are now fully retired. I am, however, asking all of you readers, to think about what you might be able to contribute, in particular the vital role of Church Warden at St Margaret's if it is to survive in the long term.

I am going to stop doing the two editor's tasks in the new year. The parish can only operate properly if information is shared. Please consider volunteering to do this relatively small job, or you will find that these centre pages in The Bridge and the monthly newsletter will no longer appear.

With very best wishes  
Ian Buick

## Christingle

Because of the continuing level of COVID-19 cases, we are unable to hold a Christingle Service this year, but we will be distributing packs to enable you to make your own Christingle at home. The date we will be doing this will be advised on all the usual church information sources, the school and the two village Facebook pages.

## Join the 50/50 Club!

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# Walking through lockdown

## Just for Christmas – walking Cradle Hill



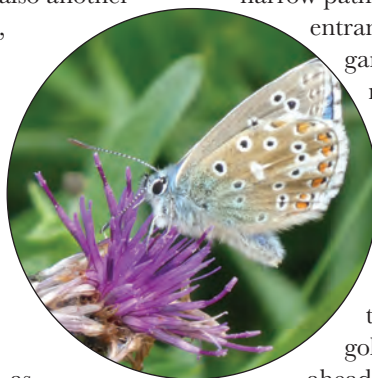
Warminster has a ‘dome’ of hills guarding the town. From west to east, in a not-quite-semi-circle, they are: Cley Hill on its own, Arn, Cradle and Copheap Hills next, Battlesbury, Middle and Scratchbury Hills after, and Cotley Hill last of all. There’s also another hill between Arn and Copheap, called Elm Hill.

Drive up Portway and, on the bend towards Westbury, go ahead into dead-end Elm Hill, parking just past the West Wilts Golf Club entrance. Although it isn’t part of the Cradle Hill walk, park here another time and cross the road, into the fields around Elm Hill. Wear wellies, as sheep graze here, follow the footpath signs in different directions and see if you can find your way to the Copheap Memorial, a War

Memorial built 1949-50. It’s an interesting site off Copheap Lane; return to your car by following the lane and then climbing the Elm Hill road.

For this month’s walk, take the very narrow path to the right of the Golf Club’s entrance, which passes someone’s garage. Be warned, the path is muddy and uneven for some distance, but once you’re past the golf course grounds, it opens up to tractor-width and your choice of direction improves. There are wide-open fields to explore, by turning left at the end of the golf course, or by going straight ahead. In late August, I found several

varieties of wild flowers and plants here I didn’t know – and saw quite a few blue butterflies, too, but you won’t see those in





December! At one point a vole scurried away ahead of me.

Stay on the wide track, straight ahead of you from the end of the golf course, and you'll reach a large barn or whatever. There's a tarmacked road before it going right, down to the dead-end road of Elm Hill; when my husband and I brought the dogs here for walks – before 2003 – this road was open and we parked beside the barn itself. The army closed the lane because people parked at the barn and let their dogs out of cars, to do their business – on what is army land, used for exercises. When we came here, army tents would sometimes be up and breakfasts cooking as we arrived. The dogs never understood why, however patiently they sat and waited, breakfast never came their way!

The views from Cradle Hill are wonderful, across to Battlesbury, Middle and Scratchbury Hills in the Salisbury direction, ahead to Westbury on the tractor-width track and, by walking left across the field from the barn, there are views to Upton Scudamore, Dilton Marsh and beyond. As the land is open, so is your choice of direction, making this a wonderful spot to wander. On Sunday mornings, my husband and the dogs would



park at the barn and walk to Westbury and back! I preferred to come here on clear and dry evenings and watch the sun set; it was a magical experience.

As with any walk on army land, obey all instructions such as red flags, cones and barriers. This is a walk I can't put a time or distance limit on – both are entirely up to you. Even if the army's firing on distant ranges,

this walk should leave you relaxed and at one with nature; it was always so with me. I lost count of the number of times I'd suddenly realise I was due at work in Frome in an hour!

When you've had your fill of mooching about, return to the barn – you should be able to find it easily enough, whatever way you go – and walk the bit of closed road beside it, down onto Elm Hill itself. Turn right there and follow the road, back to where your car should be. If you're doing this walk during the day and need facilities and sustenance (I always do!), when you're in your car, why not head for Warminster itself? I used a little French café by Cordens one day and thoroughly enjoyed a meal of mushroom stroganoff and basmati rice, a pot of tea and a plate of bread pudding with clotted cream. Oh yes, I cleared every dish!



**Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Tim Humphreys reports on the PC's latest activities

The Parish Council met at the village hall on 11th November with the following key points tabled and discussed.

An update is being prepared by the Parish Plan steering group against the initial draft of a community Emergency Plan, as presented at the October meeting.

The recently-issued joint letter with Maiden Bradley and Corsley Parish Councils concerning traffic weight limit through our respective villages has succeeded in securing a joint consultation meeting on 17th December with the Wiltshire Council cabinet member for Transport, Dr Mark McClelland.

The Wiltshire Council climate change and natural environment plan consultation period has now closed; Councillor Oakley will liaise with Wiltshire Council to seek their support in facilitating a community engagement session for practical measures to reduce our carbon footprint.

A draft letter by the PC has been discussed with Newland Homes, the developer at Barters Farm, expressing concerns over construction traffic travelling through the village from Frome direction - as opposed to directly off the A36 as pledged during the original planning consultation process. Mark Kurton has agreed to discuss concerns and possible solutions with the Newland Homes team.

With the first tranche of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies received in respect of the Barters Farm development, the

Clerk will investigate further to establish the required protocol for project identification

Mark Kurton from Newland Homes joined the meeting to present an outline concept plan for a potential further (smaller) housing development at Barters Farm, to the eastern edge of the current site. They have been approached direct at this draft stage with the objective of holding an initial consultation to discuss the principle and opportunity for this brownfield site with the PC and community. In acknowledging this proactive approach by Newland Homes, there is some reservation over the potential for a creeping development going forward across the wider Barters Farm site.

The PC noted the consultation period was open until 14th November for the Wiltshire Council PCC survey, being advised as a major survey and consultation to shape the future of policing in Wiltshire.

Further to recent flooding concerns by a Clearwood view resident, Barters Farm were approached by the PC and were advised this had been a "one off" event due to exceptional rainfall, and that a culvert had been dug to prevent any future recurrence.

## **Planning Applications**

PL2021/06379 Thoulstone Farm Conversion of existing farm outbuilding to create single residential (extended) dwelling.

This application was approved in full by Wiltshire Council, with the condition that Listed Building Consent would be required

since the outbuilding was deemed to fall within the curtilage of the grade II listed farmhouse complex.

### Next meeting

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on 9th December at the village hall (subject to any COVID-19 guidance/restrictions).

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the PC website [www.chapmansladepc.org.uk](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk)

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# Carols and Crafternoons

## Dolce Singers in Chapmanslade

We will be singing carols at the Three Horseshoes pub car park again this year on 11th December at 3 pm. There will be some old favourites for you to join in and some arrangements for you to listen to. There will be a bucket collection, as there was last year, for the Children's Society. Make sure to wrap up warm!

## Christmas carols and readings in Corsley and Chapmanslade

There will be a short service of carols and readings on Sunday 19th December, 3 pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall car park – drive in or walk in.

There will also be a traditional Nine Lessons and Carols on the same day, 6 pm at St Margaret's, Corsley.

We look forward to you joining us!

## Christingle

Because of the continuing increase in COVID-19 cases we are unable to hold a live Christingle service this year but we will be distributing packs to enable you to

make your own Christingle at home. The date for collection to be advised on the Cley Hill Churches website and on the Corsley and Chapmanslade Community Facebook pages.

## Crafternoons in Chapmanslade

We would like to resume our craft afternoons, not just crafts but games and a thought for the day as well, with the opportunity to chat as we enjoy our respective pastimes. If you would like to learn a craft, between us we should be able to find someone to teach you. If you are interested in joining in, come along to a meeting at the Three Horseshoes on Thursday January 6th at 3 pm so that we can make arrangements. Of course, we will abide by any restrictions regarding COVID-19 and we should be able to spread out well at the tables.

Hope to see you there!

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Corsley WI

# November news

What with one thing and another we ended up 'Zooming' again in November. Our speaker's subject wasn't appropriate for 'Zoom' so Val Benbow's son Nick very kindly prepared a fun evening of gameshow challenges and riddles for us to fathom out.

Much fun (and frustration in not being able to get the answers!) was had by all.

The next meeting of the Corsley WI, at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th December in the Reading Rooms, is a 'Christmas Wreath Demonstration' by Kit Pottow, founder of Meadow Wreaths, based in Knook. Kit will tell us about her foraging antics around her dairy farm and demonstrate how to transform natural foliage into beautiful traditional and contemporary wreaths. A few wreaths will be auctioned at the end of the evening for charity. Entry is £5 for non-members, to include a glass of mulled wine/spiced apple juice and mince pies.

If you're interested in joining the Corsley WI please come along and enjoy a festive evening with us or contact me.

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## 2021 Poppy Appeal Collection

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Many thanks to all the volunteers who collected house-to-house and to The Royal Oak, The Cross Keys, The Three Horseshoes, The White Hart, Acres Supply, TMTI, the churches and Chapmanslade School.

Our local fundraising all goes to the Royal British Legion to help provide serving men and women, veterans and their families with lifelong care. Therefore, every penny raised makes a real difference.

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

*Jackie Jasper*  
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Garden waste collections will stop for two weeks over this period as normal. The last collections will take place on Friday 24 December and they will restart on Monday 10 January 2022.

Residents can check their waste, recycling and garden waste collection online at [wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays)

Household recycling centre (HRC) opening times and dates will change over the Christmas and New Year period and residents are advised to check online before visiting an HRC at [wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres)

HRCs that normally open on Fridays will be open on Christmas Eve, 24 December from 10am but will close at 1pm. All HRCs will be closed on Saturday 25, Sunday 26 December and Saturday 1 January 2022. Other than on these dates, the centres will open as normal on their specified opening days.

## **Christmas recycling messages:**

At Christmas time, many of us generate more waste than usual. We would like everyone to do their bit by recycling as much of their waste as possible. Our kerbside recycling collection service helps make this easy to do.

In addition to the everyday items people tend to recycle in their blue lidded bin and black box, people can add items including wrapping paper, providing it scrunches into

a ball; cardboard packaging, plastic sweet tubs (up to 5 litres), mince pie foil cases, drinks cans, glass bottles, and Christmas cards without glitter. Local charity shops may be happy to receive donations of unwanted Christmas presents.

It is important that people do not place batteries or electrical items into any of their bins. These items can cause fires in collection vehicles or at waste processing and sorting facilities; please dispose of them at HRCs instead.

Households with extra recyclable materials such as cans, cardboard and paper can place these in suitable alternative containers alongside their bin for collection. Flatten cardboard and wash and squash plastic bottles and cartons and put the lids back on as this will help make more room in your blue-lidded bin.

## **Collection of real Christmas trees**

People who pay to have their garden waste collected can put their real Christmas tree, alongside their garden waste bin on their first collection in January. We will collect your tree for composting, or they can support local charities by paying a small donation to have your tree collected via the Just Helping scheme at <https://charityxmastreecollection.com/>.

For information about local recycling centres, recycling Christmas trees, collection days and advice on how to reduce waste and recycle as much as possible during the festive period visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling).



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# Whitbourne Chapel

‘For God so loved the world...’ John 3:16

## December Services

- 5th Richard Wilson, deliverer of the ‘Good News’ locally
- 12th Russell Short from Clink Evangelist Church
- 19th 11am: John Hobson, also from Clink Evangelist Church  
5pm: Candlelit Service with Paul Stinchcombe, street preacher
- 26th To be announced

## Look at the Nativity!

I am sure that you look out for the familiar signs that Christmas is coming – the lights, the trees, the seasonal aisles in our shops. One thing we see in all sorts of places is the Nativity scene. And it’s not just in Church; we have all been to a school Nativity play at some time!

You know the scene – the proud parents Mary & Joseph, the shepherds, a few sheep or cows, the wise men (who incidentally in the Bible text were not there, but came to visit the child Jesus later) all looking in wonder at the little baby Jesus lying in the manger.

The Nativity scene is of course a representation, a man-made recreation of the Bible account of the birth of the Lord Jesus more than 2000 years ago. However, it’s important that we do look at the scene and understand that all those individuals were there because they had heard and wanted to see for themselves Jesus, God’s Son, born of a virgin, born in human form, born for a purpose to later give His life for all mankind.

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Have you come to look at the Nativity? To see and understand the significance of God coming to earth? But, more importantly, will you enter into His Kingdom, by putting your trust in Him? It’s easy to stand on the outside and look in. The Lord Jesus invites us though to come closer; as those who stood in the stable all those years ago did, and to see and know Him for ourselves.

The Bible says: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John Chapter 3 verse 16).

*Chris Andrews*

*Occasional preacher at Whitbourne.*

## A new born baby!

‘Because He (Jesus) lives I can face tomorrow’, so runs the chorus in one of our hymns, while the second verse reads:

*How sweet to hold a new born baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives...*

So to hold Hudson (our 14th grandchild) born 13th November at 6.30 pm weighing 8lb 4 oz, brought this verse to life.

If you’ve never heard of Hudson for a boy’s name, try Hudson Taylor 1832-1905, a great man of faith in God and Christian missionary to China (see Wikipedia). May it be that our Hudson will grow up to find faith in the Lord Jesus and, who knows, do great things too.

*Ray and Jenny Mead*

## Please remember:

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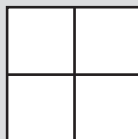
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A view from over the hedge...

# Countryside Matters

From jabs to jolly japes on the footpaths

Well here we are at the end of a year when our biggest concern was how soon can we get our first then second and finally our booster jab! How grateful we should be to live in a country where the availability of our healthcare is free to all.

We mustn't forget that using the open countryside around us for exercise and leisure is also an important part of keeping ourselves physically and mentally fit. For the less able, there are signposted footpaths with kissing gates on level ground on a circular walk in Corsley, with wonderful extensive views.

Both our villages have many miles of footpaths which need to be used, or they'll become overgrown and no longer usable.

Sensible footwear and weatherproof clothing is necessary during the winter months, but the joy of getting away from busy lanes and roadways makes up for those extra minutes spent putting on suitable clothes. There's real joy in seeing children and dogs splashing in puddles and enjoying the rustle of leaves as they run and roll over in the woodlands.

Now that the leaves are no longer on the trees, the birds, squirrels, pheasants and deer are more easily seen and heard; the sheer beauty of the early morning mists rising opening up the countryside that surrounds us is astounding.

The farm work is mostly confined to caring for the cattle that are housed in the

large barns; slurry removed from yards and walkways once or twice a day, feedstuffs weighed and mixed to suit their diet and wellbeing, and their medical needs seeing to.

Young stock wintering outside will be checked daily and moved onto fresh grass and silage or root crops.

The markets will be busy selling lambs for slaughter and fatstock and poultry prepared for Christmas livestock sales in time for the butchers to prepare your Christmas dinner.

If possible, do buy local fresh meat and vegetables whenever possible, this helps local producers and tradespeople and helps reduce our carbon footprint.

Have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and do give a thought to those working and living in our countryside who will be working everyday over Christmas and New Year.

*Judith Helliar*

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As always, do check the website for any late changes.

## CRR AGM

As part of the AGM we said goodbye to Jenny Ruttly after being involved with the hall for over 38 years. Jenny has served in many ways including Chairman and Secretary. She will be missed by us all but will hopefully venture over the border from Frome to join us at Coffee Mornings when time permits. We presented Jenny with a certificate to mark the occasion in the hope she will find somewhere suitable to hang it in her new house. We wish her well. We invite anyone interested to join the trustees to let us know, committing to serving 38 years is not a prerequisite!

## Photographers

Something to do when you are walking around over the next few weeks? We have decided to run a photo competition inviting 'snappers' in the village to submit photographs of local scenes around the parish. In due course we plan to invite residents to select which ones are made into large prints and are put on display on the RR walls. More details in a future edition of The Bridge, but if you

are interested then take your camera when you walk off your Christmas dinner, walk the dog, etc., and snap away!! It is expected that most submissions will be digital. Did you see that the recent photographic exhibition at RR was featured by the BBC on their news website and also on BBC Somerset? Well done to the Frome & Wessex Camera Club.

## Telephone Box

In the light of recent publicity about BT selling off phone boxes it is perhaps timely to remind readers that the RR owns the one by our front door. If the Christmas Fair has gone to plan it will be decorated again this December with images created at the fair.

See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

*Hugh Deed*

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## Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 White Christmas
- 2 They laughed and wouldn't let him join in any reindeer games
- 3 Indian (it's around 960 miles north west of the Australian mainland)
- 4 Australia
- 5 Harold Pinter
- 6 An angel got his wings
- 7 Carp (tradition says that there must be exactly twelve dishes on the table and everyone has to try every one of them)
- 8 King John
- 9 Finland
- 10 Cinderella
- 11 Germany where it's called Weihnachtsstollen or Christstollen
- 12 25 (No eL!!)

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## Local organisation adverts

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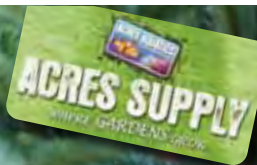
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