

The Bridge

February 2020

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



See 'Aladdin' at the pantomime, get messy at Christingle, partake in Soup & Puds with the WI, enjoy Community Coffee in Chapmanslade, 'antiques and auctions' with the WI, see Cinema Corsley, there's lots to do in February...



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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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Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

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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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Deadline

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

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

February

Sunday 2nd

Messy Christingle – 3.15 pm, St Philip & St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Tuesday 4th

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

Thursday 6th

Aladdin – 7.30 pm

Friday 7th

Aladdin – 7.30 pm

Saturday 6th

Aladdin – 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm

Thursday 13th

WI - 'Antiques and Auction' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 20th

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

Corsley WI 'Soup and Puds' – 12 noon to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Cinema Corsley – 'Swimming with Men' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

please note corrected date

March

Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 14th

Get a Buzz about Science – 1.30 - 4.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Monday 16th

Corsley Annual Parish Meeting – 6.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 19th

Cinema Corsley – 'Knives Out' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 20th

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

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room



Diary Dates

April

Tuesday 7th

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

Thursday 16th

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

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7.30 pm

May

Monday 4th

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

Tuesday 5th

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

Friday 8th

‘Victory in Europe’

Thursday 21st

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

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

June

Monday 1st

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

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

July

Tuesday 7th

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

Wednesday 22nd

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Erratum: 'Lite Bites' Lunch Dates

Eagle-eyed Maureen Willcox has spotted that the Editor has been supplied some duff dates! Lite Bites lunches are always on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except for December. If you have noted the dates in your diary, please do amend them to the correct dates to avoid missing out on your monthly treat!

Rainfall Report 2019

- Rainfall in Corsley during 2019 was 40.11" with just over 15" falling between October and December
- Rainfall in East Woodland (Friggle Street) was 35.94"

Judith Helliard

Corsley Footpaths

I would like to thank the Corsley Show Committee for the financial support they have given for the upkeep of footpaths in Corsley. It has enabled two stiles to be adjusted so they can be used by people with mobility problems. The work was carried out recently by the Rights of Way Team from Wiltshire County Council.

I have applied for another grant, so if successful I would like to hear from anyone who knows of other stiles or kissing gates that are difficult to use by those with impaired mobility.

Gill Parkinson

*Rights of Way/Footpaths Rep
Corsley Parish Council*

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit

www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk

Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

Community Coffee Mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

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As a War Memorial Playing Field we would like to organise something over that weekend. Our thoughts so far are:

- To have a village party at the Playing Field (or other venue)
- Find a way of sharing the memories of those who remember (or remember their parents' memories).
- Provide a war-time picnic for all
- War-time music
- Period dress (competition?)
- Display of memorabilia (Mike Knight has already offered to bring along his military vehicles and equipment).
- Maz has also said they will ring the bells at St Margaret's Church

We are keen to understand the levels of interest and which day people think would be best. It could be held on the Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Equally importantly, we would like to hear from those keen to help.

We will provide updates in The Bridge over the coming months.

For those with ideas and or keen to help please contact me.

Neil Carpenter
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Please note the following email address has been deleted and is no longer in use – CPTWestWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
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Bob's bafflers

- 1 In a series of films, how is Dr Henry Walton Jones Junior better known?
- 2 Which Jane Austen novel tells the story of the Dashwood sisters?
- 3 What does a hippophile have a particular interest in?
- 4 On what subject did artist George Stubbs specialise?
- 5 Which was the last year that there were three Popes?
- 6 What is the southernmost point of mainland Great Britain?
- 7 Which organ of the body produces insulin?
- 8 In which year did the Bank of England replace the £1 note with a coin?
- 9 What is 'Motown' short for?
- 10 How many pieces in a Domino set have a six on them?
- 11 Which is the largest member of the crow family?
- 12 What did the Aztecs cut off from what they called 'the testicle tree'?

Answers on page 40

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers

The Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers are heading out for their first walk of 2020 on **Saturday 1st February at 11am** leaving from the **Three Horseshoes'** car park.

December's walk, with a mixture of adults and smaller people, took in the sights of Black Dog Woods, Adam's Farm and on down the hill to Heath House Farm and across the fields to Corsley Mill – with a quick stop under a tree to hide from the rain before heading along Mill Lane towards the Rectory.

From there we headed towards Water Farm, bearing right to the top of the hill, and a left past Neil's bench onwards back down to Dye House Farm and the return trip to the pub. Feel free to get in touch with **Jaimie** on **07740 473725** if you'd like to know more, or have suggestions for a route.

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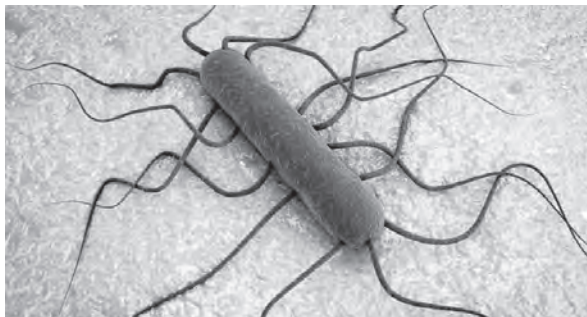
What is *Listeria*?

It is a food-borne pathogen that can cause a serious illness and is sometimes fatal

Last year there was an outbreak of food poisoning in hospitals in caused by pre-packed sandwiches supplied to the hospitals. Two companies were prevented from further supplying the NHS. The full extent of the outbreak is not known but six people died after at least nine cases were confirmed at eight NHS trusts in Manchester, Liverpool, Leicester, Derby, Ashford, Slough, Chichester and Worthing. Fortunately, quick action to identify and remove the source of infection limited the outbreak.

So, is *Listeria* a problem for the population at large? Yes, it can be. It is a common bacterium that is found in the environment and therefore on some raw foods. Many of us will have ingested *Listeria* at some time. It can particularly be a problem on soft cheeses, which are less acidic than hard cheeses and therefore a better environment for growth of bacteria. Unpasteurised milk (sometimes known as 'raw milk') and unwashed salads are also potential sources. In December 2019 batches of Rasmalai (soft cheese in milk) were recalled in the UK because of *Listeria* contamination.

So who is at risk? Healthy individuals normally do not suffer from *Listeria* infection, known as listeriosis, because they ingest only a small number of bacteria and their immune system is strong. However, even in very healthy individuals with a good immune



system, a large dose of *Listeria* can result in infection and serious infections can result in death. At least one Chapmanslade resident is very lucky to be alive, after being fed *Listeria*-contaminated pâté by his wife – inadvertently, she claims! Fortunately, it was treatable by antibiotics and steroids.

In 2017, 135 cases of listeriosis were reported, about a fifth of which were in pregnant women and a quarter of these resulted in miscarriage or still birth. The largest proportion of reported listeriosis was in people over 60, particularly elderly men aged 70 or more. In the non-pregnancy associated cases, almost a third of the individuals died. There was a very high proportion of deaths in the 2019 hospital outbreak, possibly because the individuals were unwell and immunocompromised. It has recently been discovered that some strains of *Listeria* are hypervirulent and can reproduce and disseminate before being detected by the immune system.

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For many people listeriosis has no or only mild symptoms, such as a high temperature, aches and pains, chills, vomiting or diarrhoea. You can normally deal with these yourself at home. However, the incubation period can vary from one day to over two months. The NHS recommendation is, if you are pregnant, have diabetes or are undergoing chemotherapy and think you might have food poisoning, to seek medical advice by calling 111.

Listeria is an unusual bacterium. It can grow at low temperature, so storing food in a fridge does not limit its growth as much as for other bacteria. Unlike many pathogens, it invades cells when it establishes an infection. So, it can readily cross from the gut into the bloodstream, causing septicaemia, and may go on to cause meningitis.

To help avoid listeriosis, you can simply wash your hands regularly with soap and water, wash fruit and salad vegetables before eating them, store ready-to-eat foods as recommended by the manufacturer and make sure hot food is heated all the way through. Don't eat food after its use-by date – even if stored in the fridge. If you are pregnant or undergoing chemotherapy, avoid unpasteurised dairy products, uncooked soft cheeses, all types of pâté and any undercooked food. As with many food-borne pathogens, simple food hygiene measures will reduce the risk.

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Corsley War Memorial

Playing Field news

Neil Carpenter reports on the latest happenings at the field

As the days start getting longer work has already started at the Playing Field getting it ready for the year ahead.

The daffodils are up in the tubs and the trees are already starting to bud.

The cricket square has been worked on over the winter with nematodes being used to deal with the chafer bugs, the team turned up for an afternoon of spiking and lawn sand spreading to deal with moss after so much rain.

As I regularly say, the Playing Field survives and thrives for everyone to use based on the work of the volunteer helpers. As the year starts I wanted to thank them for their past and coming service.

At the same time I am sad to report that we are suffering from a spate of vandalism. We are unsure at this time whether this is just an episode of poor behaviour and needless destruction or a more lasting problem. However, the police have been notified and additional security measures are now in place.

Over the last few weeks we have seen the pizza oven door pulled out, a memorial walnut tree badly damaged and now the Jonathan Ball memorial bench by the children's play area has been seriously damaged, with all the back supports kicked out. This last act of vandalism is the most upsetting as the bench was bought by the family after losing their son, a pupil at Corsley School. The bench is so damaged we will need to remove it and whilst we can get a

replacement (at a cost of many hundreds of pounds) it will not be the memorial bench.

Finally, we are also having to clear up a lot of rubbish left around the field. This currently ranges from bottles, cans and take-away rubbish to a set of car disc brakes, a length of water pipe and lots of nylon bristles (from a sweeper we think).

Besides being expensive to address, we do not want the Playing Field to become an area where people feel it is OK to needlessly damage property or fly tip, so can we ask that rubbish is put in the bins provided and if anyone sees vandalism happening, they ask the culprit(s) to stop or take photos, if safe to do so or, if you do not want to do that, then let me or Marion know.

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Dear Friends,

I don't know about your garden but mine is a quagmire, particularly the chicken run. We've got seven chickens and they have a really big area of the garden to live in but the grass doesn't stand a chance against the torrential and persistent rain we are experiencing this winter. Mud rules in the chicken run, and it takes a good deal of effort to actually stay upright when collecting the eggs. But the chickens don't seem to mind and still come charging up to the fence when we appear in the garden hopeful that there will be a treat or two on offer.

Despite the rain there are signs of better things in the natural world; defying the miserable winter weather bulbs can be seen thrusting through the cold wet soil and those magical white jewels we call snowdrops have miraculously appeared; they are such a sign of hope are they not.

In the life of the church later this month we start our journey towards the hope of Easter day with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. There will be a Eucharist with ashing at 10.30am at Longbridge Deverill, and Chapmanslade. There is something very profound and moving about receiving the sign of the cross on one's forehead in ash, a reminder of our frail human nature and our mortality. Traditionally Lent is a time of reflection and commitment to prayer in preparation for Easter. Prayer doesn't have to be in church, it doesn't have to involve words at all. It can be a walk in which we try to immerse ourselves in the created order, it can be a lifting of the heart on listening to a beautiful piece of music, a stirring of gratitude as we consider the privileges that we enjoy. As part of our Lenten preparation Bishop Andrew is coming to lead a pilgrimage around the Benefice on Wednesday 4th March. Suffice it to say that you needn't worry if you are not fit enough to join in the actual walk; we will be stopping at several of the churches along the way for a few words from Bishop Andrew and some refreshments, so you can join in then. More details to follow next month or contact me if need be.

Every Lent the Archbishop of Canterbury picks a special Lent book. This year Bishop Nick, our diocesan bishop, has sent every clergy person in the diocese a copy of this year's book which is by Ruth Valerio: 'Saying Yes to Life'. In the forward Archbishop Justin writes: 'It is of the utmost importance that we now stand in solidarity together, repenting of our sins towards our earth and committing to face our responsibilities as God's people. As people of faith (I would add as human beings) we cannot just say what we believe. We are obliged to live out the life that Christ calls us to live, to care for our neighbours, for the creatures and the creation God has so generously given us.' I couldn't agree more, belief doesn't just mean verbally agreeing with certain statements or creeds, it means living them day by day, minute by minute, and we will stumble, and fail and get in a muddle, but we just have to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and keep trying even though it's hard. Which is why we need a bit of help now and again. So I'm asking you to join me in reading this book throughout the 40 days of Lent. You can read it on your own or maybe gather a little group together to discuss it. If you want to come and have a coffee and some cake I'll be kicking off here at the Rectory on Thursday 5th March at 2pm and then gathering again on Thursday 9th April at 2pm so we can share thoughts etc. Sarum College Bookshop in Salisbury stock the book and you can order it and have it posted to you if that's easier. I do hope and pray some of you will feel able to join in.

Meanwhile, let's give thanks for the miracle of a snowdrop.

Love and prayers,
Pauline

February Church Diary

Sunday 2nd February: Candlemas

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

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

3.15pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Christingle

4pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Christingle service



Tuesday 4th February

7.30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley: After Alpha Home Group



Sunday 9th February: Third Sunday before Lent

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

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

11am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: 1662 BCP Matins



Monday 10th February

10.30am at 116 High Street, Chapmanslade: Time to Think Home Group



Thursday 13th February

2.30pm at Three Horseshoes: Crafternoon



Sunday 16th February: Second Sunday before Lent

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

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



Tuesday 18th February

7.30pm at 129d Forest Walk, Chapmanslade: After Alpha Home Group



Thursday 20th February

10.30pm at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade: Church & Community Coffee

Morning with 50/50 Club monthly prize draw



Sunday 23rd February: Sunday next before Lent
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist
10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist
12.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms: Lite Bites Soup Lunch with donations for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.



Sunday 1st March: First Sunday of Lent
8am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

Full details of all services and events are in our weekly Newsletter!!

Christingle at Candlemas

On Sunday 2nd February we shall be holding a Messy Christingle. We shall meet at 3.15pm to make the Christingles and this will be followed at 4pm with a Christingle at Candlemas service in St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade. This is always a popular event with families and we look forward to welcoming you along to this year's service.

Fundraising

Our 50/50 Club now has a monthly draw with a single prize of £100 each month, with two £100 prizes in December. Why not join the 50/50 Club? It costs £24 per year per membership and you can have as many memberships as you wish and you can pay monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually whichever option suits you best. As we return 50% of the membership fee as prizes the more that join the bigger the prize pot. Please contact either Neil Britten, Clare Merritt or Keith Muston for a standing order form.

A date for your diary is our May Fayre but the date is to be confirmed.

Activities in Lent

We are currently planning an activity to be carried out during Lent which will put the community at the heart of our church. Further details will be announced next month.

Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish has to raise a significant amount of money each year to both pay for the upkeep of the churches and the running costs of the Parish. We have many people who already support on a regular basis either by standing order or direct debit but we do need to increase our planned income to ensure that we can continue to run the Parish on a sustainable basis. If you do not already contribute and would consider doing so please contact either Judith Helliar or Keith Muston who will provide you the relevant information and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten's, February briefing

This brief will probably qualify as the shortest ever! At the time of writing there have been no meetings since the last edition of *The Bridge*; by the time this edition is published there will have been an occasional meeting on 20th January, to consider a planning application (19/11626/FUL – Construction of a new vehicular access and parking/turning area to serve residential dwelling) and consideration of one or two regular items. These will be fully reported in the March edition of *The Bridge*.

The PC will also have met as Trustees of the Len White Fund to consider one grant application and the fund's future. In the context of the latter, the PC is grateful for the four letters which have been received concerning the winding up of the fund. (It should be noted that the meeting is not a public meeting, but the outcome of the considerations relating to the fund's future will be reported).

Annual Parish Meeting

Elsewhere in this edition of *The Bridge* is a notice confirming the Annual Parish Meeting for Monday 16th March, in the Reading Room at 6.30pm. The speakers will be; from Longleat, Jon Timney, Director Estates and Maintenance and Simon Townsend Operations Director; from the Reading Room Management Trustees, Chairman Hugh Deed who will explain the challenges faced by the trustees and options for the way ahead. As also indicated on the notice, as Chairman,

I always prepare a report and am perfectly ready to deliver it and answer questions afterwards. However, in the past few years the room has generally emptied when the meeting gets to this point – if you have read all the *Bridge* briefs...!! The PC looks forward to a full attendance.

Fly Tipping

This topic has been in the news recently and we have had our share of this most unwelcome an increasing trend. It has been brought to my notice that reports of instances of fly tipping regularly appear on village Facebook site, but I wonder if it is generally known that Wiltshire have a pretty efficient system on their website for reporting fly tipping and, in fact, anything else which you think should come to their attention. It's easy to access, simple to use and allows room for plenty of data, including photos. You can register in your own name or report anonymously, but the key point is that you can do it yourself. Don't be shy!

Dates of future meetings

(all meetings begin at 7.30, except APM)

Annual Parish Meeting	16th March, 6.30pm
Annual PC Meeting	4th May
Quarterly Meeting	1st June
Quarterly Meeting	7th September
Quarterly Meeting	7th December

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

6.30pm, Monday 16th March 2020

Corsley Reading Room

LONGLEAT PLANS FOR 2020

a presentation by

Jon Timney – Director Estates and Maintenance

and

Simon Townsend – Operations Director

FUTURE PLANS FOR CORSLEY READING ROOM

a presentation by

Hugh Deed – Chairman Reading Room Management Trustees

The PC Chairman's Annual Report & Any Questions

All Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting each year. 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. Note that It is not a Parish Council Meeting although chaired by the PC.

Corsley WI

January news

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



January got off to a chilly start with a very informative talk on the Antarctic, accompanied by some amazing wildlife and landscape photographs, by Sarah Buttenshaw. There was a great turn out of members and guests and we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

We heard all about travelling there, across the notoriously rough seas of Drakes Passage off the coast of Chile. The times that you can actually get there without the sea freezing, icebergs being a problem. About the research stations some of which are still occupied and others that have been abandoned and are now museums. The landscape of glaciers, mountains and ice shelves.

The wildlife facts were incredible, along with the photographs, which could very easily pass for professional photos (don't tell Sarah about the Corsley Show photo competition!!). Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins seemed to be some of the most common residents. Along with a number of seals and whales (the tail fins of which are all different and recorded on a database so that you can identify the sightings of certain individuals). And as for bird life, that was aplenty, including the lazy Antarctic Turn that stays all year in Antarctica, compared to its energetic Arctic cousins who migrates between Arctic and Antarctica for the respective summer seasons!

There was a serious side to the talk too, about environmental issues. The research stations explore issues such as climate change, global warming, ozone depletion, sea level rise and global warming. One of the most important issues is that the shrimp/krill not only provide a food source to seals, penguins, etc., but are an amazing source of the world's oxygen, helping to negate some of the carbon dioxide issues (although CO₂ is a challenge in itself to the shrimp).

After the talk we had homemade cake and tea and coffee, the raffle and the results of the monthly competition.

The next meeting is 'Antiques and Auctions' when Gareth Wasp from Cooper and Tanner will be holding a 'Antiques Roadshow' style evening of fun. We'll see if there are any valuable treasures in the lofts and cellars of Corsley! 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

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.

Alice Helliard



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Cinema Corsley

Thursday 20th February Swimming with men

Certificate 12A, running time 1 hr 36 mins

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sailor seeking a purpose, and with it fame. Our February film also features middle-aged men and water but that's where the similarity ends. In a typically dry English comedy with an underlying social thread, *Swimming with men* is reminiscent of *The Full Monty* and *Brassed Off*. It follows a set of the most unlikely men who form a synchronised swimming team, the story inspired by a real-life group of middle-aged Swedes. The film begins by centring on a bored accountant (Rob Brydon), left behind by his ambitious wife (Jane Horrocks). A chance meeting with the team of similarly aged men in the local pool sees him join

their keen, if faltering, swimming endeavours. His application of mathematics to their failing moves helps the group progress, along with support from their long-suffering coach, played by Charlotte Riley. The cast includes familiar faces, such as Jim Carter, Daniel Mays and Rupert Graves, making it easy-to-watch, simple humour. Described as 'refreshingly unselfconscious (with) some very non-Love Island bodies' by one film critic, be prepared for relatively large amounts of male flesh behaving in a totally non-British way.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets £6 on the door **ONLY***. Refreshments and a licensed bar.

Thursday 19th March Knives Out

Certificate 12A, running time 2hrs 10 mins

A whodunnit with a touch of comedy, this will suit Agatha Christie fans. And some Bond fans too. The mysterious death of a wealthy crime writer just after his 85th birthday brings suave detective Benoit Blanc, played by Daniel Craig, to the dead man's large estate to investigate. Every one of the writer's dysfunctional family and devoted staff, comprising an all-star cast, are under suspicion.

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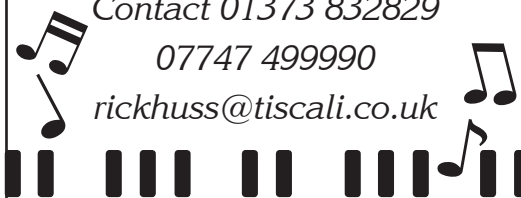
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Roger Hopwood

The joy of each new day!

It's almost my favourite time of year! I'm typing this on 12th January and already I've seen signs of spring, a patch of snowdrops on a verge not far from Shaftesbury, daisies in flower in the Chapel grounds along with primroses, plus daffodils shooting up from the ground. However, my earliest sign of spring was seen on 15th December, with a celandine in flower by the Wylfe river at Steeple Langford! I always thank God for such signs of renewal!

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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Judith Helliard keeps a weather eye out for the change in the seasons

The weather pattern in the UK has influenced our countryside and those living and working in it for generations. Until mid-January 2020 we have experienced the wettest, windiest and greyest winter I can remember; when the media bombards us with fires, monsoons, arctic warming, starvation on levels we have never experienced before, we really must start to work toward caring for our world.

Thankfully, mid-January came with lower temperatures (even frosts), the winds dropped and we had some occasional bright winter sunshine which had such a wonderful effect on our day-to-day working lives and attitudes and brightened up our winter blues.

Although the early signs of spring, due to the mild wet weather of the last few months, has been suddenly halted by the colder weather - the daffodils which were close to bursting into flower have now closed their buds, though the snowdrops will soon pop up and brighten our verges and the heavily trodden soil from animals and farm equipment has frozen solid.

In the coming months, with time and good husbandry, the pastures and ploughed land will recover, crops will be sown and life on the farm will slowly gain momentum. Lambs will be born, hedgerows come alive with catkins, buds and early blossoms will all come in their usual pattern of rural time.

Look out for the odd bumble bee, the thrushes and blackbirds enjoying the ivy and the last of the winter berries



Cock pheasants and partridge that have escaped their predators and the local shoots are now strutting around the field and woodlands showing off their plumage and newly-found confidence.

Look out for the hungry owls sitting quietly on fence posts looking for small mammals and the buzzards and red kites swirling around enjoying the thermals.

Rooks are calling loudly as they return to their roosts as evening draws near and will soon start building their very primitive nests.

This winter has seen the harvest of our cricket bat willows that were planted some 25 years ago and have now reached maturity. Like the poplars and pines, we accept that their life span is quite short, but harvesting them leaves room for the oak, ash and chestnut trees to fill out and grow to maturity which may be hundreds of years.

This year we hope to plant a small number of elm trees that have been specially bred to resist Dutch Elm Disease that decimated the countryside 40 years ago. Hopefully my grandchildren will enjoy them in years to come.

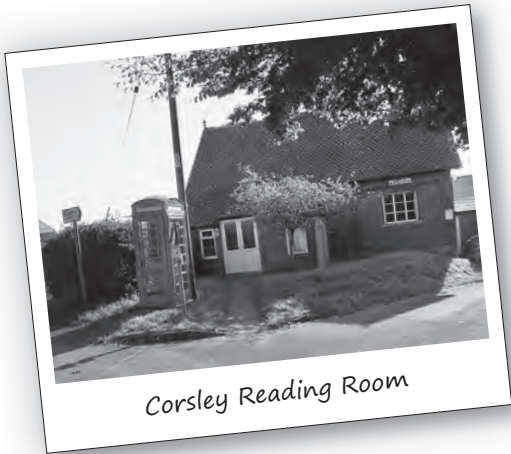
Enjoy those evenings when you can draw the curtains and light a lovely wood fire or maybe on a chilly, frosty evening wrap up warm and just go outside to enjoy the lovely night sky – those stars are still shining bright!!

Judith Helliard

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Corsley Reading Room

Reading Room refurbishment/ replacement

We continue to research options and check the opportunities and challenges that each might create. The plan is to present these options to get further views at Corsley's Annual Parish Meeting on 16th March to share all ideas about the long-term future of the Reading Room. See Parish Council notice on page 25 in this edition of The Bridge for further details.

Bookings

Reading Room makes a great venue for your events. Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss. See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4th February – come and catch up on village gossip! Why not bring a friend? All welcome. Hugh is available to, hopefully, answer IT questions if wanted.

Cinema Corsley

The February film, 'Swimming with Men', is on Thursday 20th and is sure to bring a smile to your face on a winter's evening – see page 29 for more details. The trailer can be viewed on our website.

Run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning: *First Tuesday of the month
10 am - 12 noon*

Cinema Corsley: *'Swimming with Men'
Thursday 20th February, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start*

Other regular events NOT organised by the Management Committee

Lite Bites Lunches: *4th Wednesday of the month*

Yoga: *Tuesday and Wednesday evenings*

Pilates: *Tuesday afternoons*

WI: *second Thursday of the month (evening)*

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!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Indiana Jones
- 2 Sense and Sensibility
- 3 Horses
- 4 Horses
- 5 There have been 13 years of three popes, the last being 1978 (Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II)
- 6 Lizard Point, Cornwall
- 7 Pancreas
- 8 1988
- 9 Motortown (Detroit, where the record label was originally centred, is a major car production centre)
- 10 Seven
- 11 Raven
- 12 Avocados of course!

Local organisation adverts

£2 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 (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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