

The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

I do hope you all had a splendid Christmas and New Year! Thankfully the shortest day has been and gone and now the nights will be drawing out – however slowly!! Hopefully we'll get some of the rain we so desperately need – even though it can be quite miserable, its better than a drought!

Viv Thomas
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or take them to either

Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley.

If you are advertising, please don't forget to include the advertiser's fee. Small ads are 80p PER ITEM, local organisations (churches, playgroups, clubs, etc) who are advertising events are £2.00. News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free - the more the merrier - keep 'em coming! Space allotted for events adverts is always dependent on availability at the time.

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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th January**

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

What's on

January

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

Chapmanslade litter pick – 12 til 1.00, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Wednesday 18th

Light Bites – Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 18th

Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Reading Room, Corsley

Wednesday 25th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 26th

Corsley Tennis Club AGM – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 27th

Souper Quiz - Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 31st

Corsley Cricket Club AGM – 7.30pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

February

Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Snowdrop Walk – 10.30, full details to follow

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 15th

Gardening Club visit to Crockerton Garden Centre – 7.00pm

Thursday 23rd

WI dairy farm visit – High House Farm, 10.30 - 12.30



March

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 16th

Irish Night – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 21st

Gardening Club visit to Sharcott Manor, Pewsey – meet there at 2.30pm

April

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

July

Wednesday 4th

WI outing to Winchester

Vacancy

The trade adverts in The Bridge have been compiled (sometimes designed) and kept in ship-shape fashion for many years by Tim Richards. Due to ill health, Tim is sadly unable to continue in this role and we are now looking for someone to take on this task. If you have good computer skills, ability to design ads to a brief, access to email and would like to help us out in this capacity please contact David James, our trade ad coordinator on either 01373 832443 or thebridge832@gmail.com for further details.

A huge 'thank you' goes to both Tim and his wife Jean for their many years of sterling work for The Bridge; they're both probably due for a long service medal!!! Here's wishing them both all the best for 2012 and the future.

Many thanks

*Viv Thomas
Editor*

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 14th January. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

*Phil Jefferson
01373 832845*

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 7th January – do come along! A big 'thank you' to everyone who turned out for the December litter pick – we collected the biggest pile of litter we'd had for a long time; with the few numbers we normally have it would not have been possible.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

‘Thank you’ Corsley and Chapmanslade from Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who so generously gave shoe boxes full of gifts for the children in needy countries and to the people who knitted the hand puppets. On Sunday 23rd October we gathered all the shoe boxes together and Chris Rodgers blessed them before sending them on their way. This year we took 54 shoeboxes, to the Samaritans Purse depot in Melksham, where they are made ready for distribution – primarily to countries in Eastern Europe.



are re-distributed to other charities. The boxes are then sealed and packed into large cartons which are stacked onto pallets before being loaded on to lorries. Each vehicle will transport between 10,000 and 13,000 boxes, which at this time of year travel out almost weekly.

Once again, thank you Corsley, Chapmanslade and Little Cuckoos Pre School for giving not just the gifts but also your time and thought in putting the boxes together

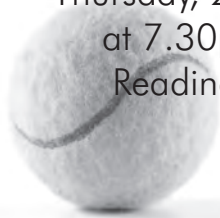
Each box is checked to ensure that all items included are suitable, and any that are not

*Pat Ryan,
St Margaret's Church*

Tennis Club

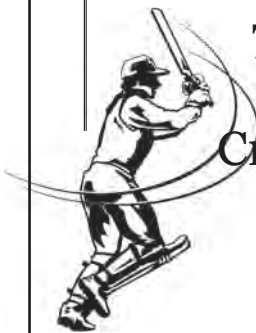
**Corsley Tennis Club
would like to wish everybody a
Happy New Year.**

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on
Thursday, 26th January
at 7.30pm in the
Reading Rooms



Corsley Cricket Club AGM

**Tuesday 31st January
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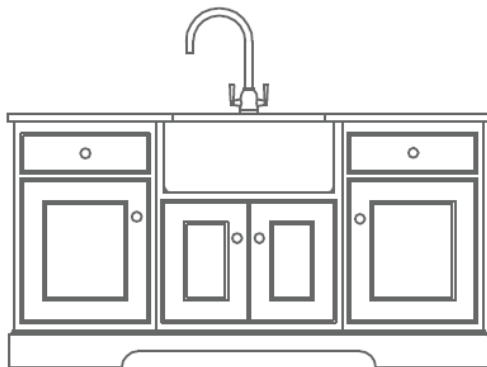
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Corsley Reading Room

Floor repairs ahead

The main hall floor at Corsley Reading Room is about to be spruced up. Plans to re-lay the whole floor have been set aside as the committee has been advised there is life in the old floor yet. Damaged areas will be repaired and the concrete strip across the floor will be taken out so short-mat bowls could become a possibility.

Chairman of the Corsley Reading Room management committee, Dick Collins, outlined the plans at the annual general meeting held in November.

Committee report

Treasurer and lettings officer, Rosemary Collins reported that income from bookings was up and total receipts for the year

had increased thanks to successful events held throughout the year and a generous donation from the Elizabethan Evening organizers.

Mr Collins congratulated the committee and volunteers on their hard work over the year and thanked everyone who had supported our fund-raising events but he was sorry not to see more members of the public at the AGM.

In 2012 Corsley Reading Room will be joining in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June.

New committee members always welcome!

Jenny Ratty
Show Secretary - 01373 832418

Existing committee members were re-elected *en bloc* as follows:

Chairman Dick Collins

Treasurer and Lettings Officer Rosemary Collins

Secretary Jenny Ratty

Committee Members

Val Benbow

Liz Garrett

David Carruthers

Fiona Johnston

Michael Clarke

John and Jean Jones

Clare Firman-Ford

Sue Kerfoot

Kim Fyffe

Pat Mizen

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Gala, Jonagold and Pink Lady are varieties of which fruit?
- 2 Who wrote the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat'?
- 3 Which country had a secret police force known as the Tonton Macoute?
- 4 Which organ of the body is affected by Bright's Disease?
- 5 In which city is the European Parliament based?
- 6 What is the boiling point of water using the scientific kelvin scale of temperature measurement?
- 7 What was the 1st human invention that broke the sound barrier?
- 8 True Cashmere is a product of which kind of animal?
- 9 What colour is the bullseye on a standard dartboard?
- 10 How many rounds are there in an Olympic boxing match?
- 11 Which South American country was named after the Italian city of Venice?
- 12 What is the only Central American country in which baseball, not soccer, is the people's favourite sport?

Answers on page 22

Piano Exam Success

The following pupils of Debbie Rickhuss have been successful in recent piano exams held by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of music.

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Debbie Rickhuss
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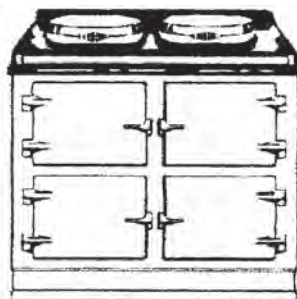
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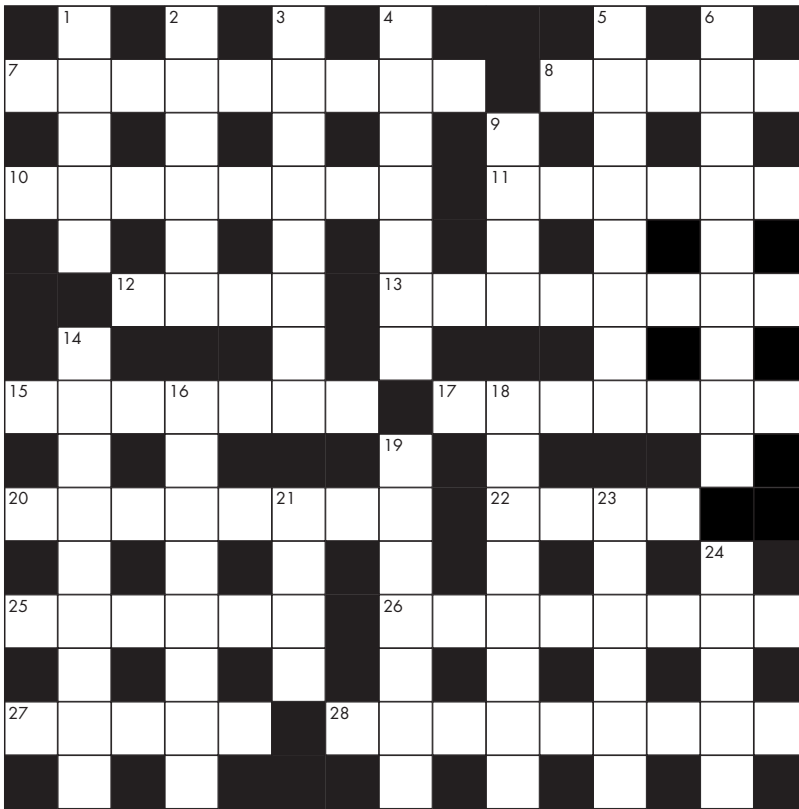
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Doodle pad

solution page 36

Clues across

- 7 Take it easy about rail transport in harness (9)
- 8 Hotel serving posh brassica? (5)
- 10 Participate about fifty as a whole (7)
- 11 Spot orchard's last fruit (6)
- 12 Smile across the boat? (4)
- 13 Chief goes east to attend opening night (8)
- 15 Nailing the boat right on course! (7)
- 17 Carbon used in footwear? It's a disgrace! (7)
- 20 Honest narrow companion? (8)
- 22 Mighty Victoria's first on the street (4)
- 25 Predicament is doubled following little credit (6)
- 26 Patient does rattle on so (8)
- 27 Nonsense, it's right in your face! (5)
- 28 Aggressively good at 15 across (9)

Clues down

- 1 Gale around the point? No – underneath! (5)
- 2 Arrange pleats carefully and fix together (6)
- 3 He's always in the shop when prices come down! (7)
- 4 So messy amongst all the junk emptied out (7)
- 5 A camping trip – to war? (8)
- 6 Wealth Rob squandered on headgear (6,3)
- 9 Hatchet job on totals, it is said (4)
- 14 Resolutely clear bait of germs (9)
- 16 Backpack useful to sleep on, reportedly (8)
- 18 Be polite to the Scot, he's left the service! (8)
- 19 In sculpture, Thatcher's first is law! (7)
- 21 Proper registration reveals the meanings (4)
- 23 Rower's caress? (6)
- 24 Silly for sure, but pointedly not properly insane (5)

Corsley Neighbourhood Watch

Happy New Year to you all!

Although we enter a New Year, life for all will generally continue as in 2011. There are still criminals working on their own or as organised gangs. Burglary of houses has diminished but the theft from garages, sheds and, above all, from oil tanks continues. Those who have read the Warminster Journal recently may have seen several articles about thefts from various villages. Some of these have been from unsecured places. Finally, I encourage everyone to take care to lock sheds and garages at all times and keep a good eye on your oil tank if you have one.

Any suspicious activity, especially vehicles with a tank to load oil, should be reported to the Police with details of registration, make and colour as soon as possible.

I have written Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) articles for The Bridge for quite a long time now. Many are repetitive over a period of a year and the time has come for a younger person to take over looking after the various aspects of NHW. Mike Bird has now taken on being the link between the Police, local NHW Scheme Coordinators and the parish in general. He has already accompanied me to the meeting of the Neighbourhood Tasking Group. For those who do not know Mike, he lives in Lyes Green and his telephone number is 01373 832864.

Robin Chapman
01373 832378

*Retiring Corsley Neighbourhood Watch
Coordinator*

Corsley Gardening Club

Please note that the January Social Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January – 2.30pm (NOT the 19th as stated in the programme)

Wednesday 15th February we will be visiting the Crockerton Gardening Centre at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 21st March we will have our first outdoor visit of the year and make a return visit to Sharcott Manor, Pewsey, meeting there at 2.30pm.

Thinking of advertising your event in The Bridge?

Fantastic – but please don't forget to pay the fee though! We don't receive funding from anywhere other than our advertisers; several ads (not trade) appear in this edition of The Bridge where either no payment or inadequate payment was received. Not wishing to be 'Scrooge-like' we have included them – we will, however, be turning over a new leaf in the new year...



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Looking back! Looking forward!

I hope you will forgive a rather personal New Year reflection. 2011 has been as full as ever and there have been many significant events which stay in the memory. For me, as I look back, the past few months have been overshadowed by an unexpected health issue. In October, I learned I had skin cancer. For the first month following the diagnosis, the thought that I had cancer was disconcerting to say the least. How should I respond to the frequent 'How are you?' enquiries? I didn't feel ill; in fact I felt fine.

Happily, the tumour was removed on 9th December, and four days later, I had a skin graft. I have met some amazingly skilled and compassionate people and I cannot fault the care I have received. I missed worshipping with you over Christmas, but have been grateful for the chance to reflect quietly on the gift of Christ to the world. As I look forward to the New Year, I hope it will be a happy and healthy one for us all.

In December, it was announced that the Reverend Laurence Mathew was to do a placement in our Benefice. Although Laurence will take some services in January and February, the placement as originally planned will not now take place as, at the end of February, Laurence will take up a 'house-for-duty' post in Hereford Diocese. We wish him well in this new chapter of his ministry.

As to the rest of 2012, who knows what it will bring? There will be celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics to anticipate, and much more on a local level. So whatever 2012 brings, I hope we are all able to enjoy the love and friendship of those around us, and to find meaning and value in all we do together to bring about God's kingdom in this place.

Every good wish for a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year!

Norma Payne

January Church Diary

Sunday 1st January: Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

Please note the revised time for this service



Tuesday 3rd January

7.30pm After Alpha discussion group

For details please contact Richard on 832594



Sunday 8th January: Epiphany

9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Eucharist Service and Sunday Club

11.00am at St Mary's, Corsley

Matins



Tuesday 10th January

10.30 Time to Think discussion group

For details please contact Phil on 832845



Sunday 15th January: Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Eucharist

Please note the revised regular time for this service



Tuesday 17th January

7.30pm After Alpha discussion group

For details please contact Richard on 832594



Wednesday 18th January

12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Room

Soup and Ploughman's Lunch

For details please contact Pat on 832650

Thursday 19th January
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Parochial Church Council
Secretary — Phil Jefferson on 832845



Sunday 22nd January: Third Sunday of Epiphany
9.00am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Parish Service



Tuesday 24th January
10.30 Time to Think discussion group
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Friday 27th January
7pm for 7.30pm at Corsley Reading Room
Souper Quiz

Get rid of those winter blues and be baffled by the two Bobs and also enjoy a delicious Soup and Ploughman's Supper. Tickets are £7.50 each, available from PCC members or contact 832230 or 832845



Sunday 29th January: Candlemas
10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Benefice Eucharist Service



Tuesday 31st January
7.30pm After Alpha discussion group
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Sunday 5th February: Third Sunday before Lent
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Victoria Bridge, Bath

Connection with Corsley and Chapmanslade

You may have seen on the news that the Victoria Bridge in Bath has been completely closed both to foot traffic and river traffic because of its condition but did you know that the bridge has connections to Corsley and Chapmanslade?

The bridge was designed by James Dredge who was born in the parish of Greater Corsley in 1794 and was married to Ann Vine of Trowbridge in Corsley Parish Church on 16 May 1820. He moved to Bath in 1822 and became the owner of the Norfolk Brewery and Malthouse on the Upper Bristol Road. The design principle of the bridge was patented by Dredge and it is neither a true suspension bridge (like the first Severn Crossing) nor a true cable stayed bridge (like the second Severn Crossing). The design required less weight of materials than a conventional suspension bridge, shortening the construction time and was therefore cheaper. James' younger brother Abel was a blacksmith in Chapmanslade and would no doubt have provided the practical knowledge for the working details.

The Victoria Bridge was his first, built in 1836 to join the Upper Bristol Road with Twerton across the river Avon at a cost of £1760. Over 50 of these bridges were built both in the UK and overseas in place from Jamaica to India. Another of Dredge's bridges survives across the Kennet and Avon Canal at Stowell Park in Wiltshire.

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Countryside Matters

The winter so far has been somewhat better for us here in Wiltshire, especially after 2009 and 2010 when we experienced snow in November and December to depths not known here for over 20 years.

The cold frosty days of December brought in the flocks of fieldfares to devour the holly berries just before Christmas. Now the less palatable berries on *Pyracantha* and *Cotoneaster* are being enjoyed by the Blackbirds and other thrushes.

January is a great month for country sports, which allow vermin such as grey squirrels, magpies, wood pigeons and rabbits to be controlled before the breeding season. The organised hunting of deer and shoots for duck, partridge and peasants will also come to end in the next month or so, to allow for regeneration in the spring and summer months.



From the shortest day on 21st December, we all look forward to more daylight hours, but know that we still have two to three months of 'winter' left to face.

Already the first signs of spring are showing, with snowdrops poking up their shorts in the hedgerows. Shepherds are looking at and caring for their flocks as the ewes are brought in for temporary shelter and feeding, or at least folded near the farm buildings. The lambs will start arriving this month, so their mothers need some extra care at this time.

Last year's lambs will be weighed and marketed so that we shall have a continual flow of English lamb for the Sunday lunch table.

Traditional hedge-laying will be carried out on the farm. Tall saplings will be cleverly spliced and bent so that the new growth will come up from close to the ground to form a protective screen for mammals, a nesting place for birds, and a natural fence to keep stock in the field. The craft of hedge-laying is becoming quite rare, so encouragement must be given to young people to learn this craft.

January is a time to recoup after the Christmas rush. Get outside when you can to see the winter countryside. Enjoy the jams, jellies and jars of preserved fruits that were prepared last autumn. Sit by the log fire and plan your year ahead.

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A Year of Excellent Progress

Juba Diocesan Secondary School - 2011

What has been accomplished at Juba School during the past year will stir your hearts. We have seen God's hand at work in some wonderful ways.

When I first went out to Juba in 2005 Archbishop Marona made a strong plea for help in establishing a secondary school. I don't think he fully understood the magnitude of the task. However he was a man of exceptional faith, and often, when we parted, he would say: 'With God all things are possible' – just six words, but the secret of success in any great work of faith.

1 A new block with three classrooms has been built. At just the right time God put us in touch with the Diocese of Adelaide, Australia. The estimate for the cost of the building was £60,000, and Adelaide agreed to pay two thirds of this sum. In January 2011 the Archbishop of Adelaide laid the foundation stone and the building was completed by the end of April. These classrooms were therefore ready in time for the new intake of 140 students on 1 May.

2 Day-to-day expenditure now matches income. The extra classrooms enabled the School roll up to increase to 370, and, with this number, the 'gap' between expenditure on running costs and income from fees has been closed. Since 2007 we have had to send out over £50,000 to 'Plug the Gap'. The situation was akin to that of a space craft, which requires a booster rocket on take off and until it has reached a critical point away from the Earth's gravitational pull, after which it travels on its own. The School has now reached a self-supporting, critical point in its operational budget. However, the School Governors will still

look for help to find funding for capital development.

Physics, chemistry and biology - from rocket science to ordinary science!

The results in these subjects previously had been hugely disappointing. In the 2010 School Certificate only 30% of students taking science, passed. This wasn't surprising considering the lack of any practical, scientific equipment for demonstration or laboratory work. But, critically, there will be no training of doctors, engineers and scientists, all vital for the development of South Sudan, without a good foundation at school in science. Two things to improve the situation have happened.

3 Science Teacher training. All the science teachers have been trained in the use of practical equipment. We got the advice to 'think big', to consider the needs of other schools as well. And so, with an invitation from the South Sudan Minister of Education, and with the help of charities and Salisbury Diocese, we took 4 science teachers out from England in July to run a Training Workshop. 26 teachers from 14 secondary schools across South Sudan attended. It was an outstanding success.

4 Improved science facilities. The School urgently required a science laboratory with proper equipment. During our visits to Juba, each morning around the breakfast table, we pray together, asking God that He will specifically 'direct our steps' during the day. One day, about a year ago, this prayer led us to some funding for a laboratory. Providentially we met the Sudan Representative for 'Christian Aid', Robert Hayward from Sherborne, who happened to be in Juba at that time. We invited him

to come and see the School, where we told him about the need for a laboratory. He told us that, unfortunately, funding of secondary schools in South Sudan was outside Christian Aid's current remit. Three months later, however, early in 2011, Robert contacted us to say that 'Christian Aid' had received a special gift of £22,000 which could be used for the Laboratory! The Head of Science at Frome College advised us on the design. The Laboratory was built in four months and officially opened by the Bishop of Salisbury on 15 November 2011. Our prayers had been answered.

Amazingly, in the 2011 School Certificate all the students taking science passed! What an improvement from 30% in 2010 to 100% last year! The Governors expectation, that Juba School will become a 'beacon school' for science, is moving ahead.

Infrastructure at the School.

Two other giant steps forward were made in 2011.

5 Drinking water. Many of you have been concerned that there should be a supply of pure drinking water. Thanks to the kindness of a number of people in Corsley and Chapmanslade this is now a reality. The School was connected to mains water in May and students have pure water 'on tap' outside each classroom, a huge benefit in a very hot climate. Water from the well, which was of suspect purity, is a thing of the past.

6 Electricity. The School is at last fully connected to mains electricity, and all the classrooms have lights and overhead fans. Winsley Parish church near Bradford-on-Avon has contributed to this. In addition, in view of frequent power cuts in Juba, an emergency

generator has been installed to ensure a constant power supply.

Altogether, as you can see, some wonderful progress has been made in 2011. None of this would have been possible without the generous support and the prayers of many of you. We are deeply grateful. In a future article for 'The Bridge' I would like to tell you about some further plans for the School.



The faith of the students. School assembly, or parade as they call it, is held each morning at 8.15. Some have walked an hour and a half to school. The majority of these students are committed Christians. One of them will be invited out to the front each day to lead worship songs and prayers. These young people are motivated to work hard, and they have a strong desire to serve their country. They will undoubtedly be amongst the future leaders of South Sudan, which gained its independence on 9 July 2011. The new nation faces mountainous difficulties, but the faith of these young people, combined with the first-class education they are now receiving at Juba Secondary School, can move mountains.

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In 1781 he married Dorothy Plackett. Unlike William, Dorothy was illiterate; her signature in the marriage register is a crude cross. William and Dorothy Carey had seven children, five sons and two daughters; both girls died in infancy, as well as their son Peter, who died at the age of 5. In course of time, Carey took over the business, during which time he taught himself Hebrew, Italian, Dutch, and French, often reading while working on his shoes.

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News from the Nest

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

We hope you all had a very merry Christmas and that Father Christmas brought you what you wished for!

The children had a wonderful time performing in the Christingle service with Rev Di Britten. It was lovely to see so many people there.



The Staff, Children and parents of Little Cuckoo's have enjoyed joining in The Posada Journey this year and some of the children followed Mary and Joseph to their final destination at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at St Philip & James, where the children had dressed up as shepherds and kings for the occasion.

It just remains to say thank you for all your support in 2011 and we wish you a Happy New Year!

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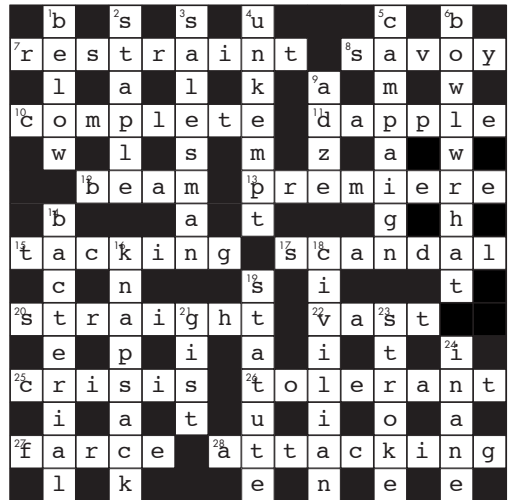
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