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# The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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## From the Editor

With rather a short deadline for the January edition, I wasn't expecting many articles – but I was pleasantly surprised to find that you'd come up trumps again! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very happy new year.

Viv Thomas  
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at [viv.thomas146@btinternet.com](mailto: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

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

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



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## January

### Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Sunday 6th

Songs of Praise – 3pm, St Philip and St James Church, Chapmanslade. In celebration of Glee Baron's 100th Birthday. Followed by a birthday tea at the school.

### Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

### Saturday 12th

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

### Wednesday 16th

Light Bites - Soup and Ploughman's Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

### Thursday 17th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – from 10am, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Friday 18th and Saturday 19th

'Entertaining Angels' performed by the Deverill Players – 7.00pm, Manor Farm Barn, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HB

### Friday 25th

'Our Afghanistan Tour 2012' - a talk by Lt Col Zac Stenning MBE CO of 3 Yorks – 7.30pm, Civic Centre, Warminster

### Thursday 31st

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, St Margaret's

## February

### Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 9th

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

Silent Auction – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall



# Diary Dates

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## March

### Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 7th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

### Saturday 9th

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

### Friday 22nd

Irish Night – 7.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 30th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

## April

### Tuesday 2nd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 17th

Annual Parochial Church meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

## May

### Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 18th

May Fayre and Bargains in the Barn – 2.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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## Litter pickers

### Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 12th 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 5th January – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

*Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor*

**Villagers get together to plan ahead...**

# News from Chapcap

Chapmanslade is a great place to live, and that's official!

Despite appalling weather, residents turned out in force on 22nd November to tell the Parish Council what they think of our village and how it could be improved. They were in no doubt that they are proud of Chapmanslade and the quality of life that it offers.

Around 55 people attended the meeting in the village hall to give their views and to discuss the issues about the village that concern them. The meeting was called to mark the tenth anniversary of Chapcap (Chapmanslade Community Action Plan).

Many residents told the meeting that they like living in Chapmanslade as it is a friendly place and it has a good community spirit. It has good amenities, notably the school, the pub, the village hall and the church, and it is surrounded by beautiful countryside.

The main issues of concern that were raised are to do with traffic - the volume and speed of vehicles passing through the village, including overweight lorries,

and inconsiderate parking, especially on pavements. Road safety, particularly outside the school, is of particular concern. There was support, too, for having a shop in the village. Many constructive ideas on how to resolve these issues were suggested and will be looked at carefully. Three new Community Speedwatch volunteers came forward at the meeting. And already Ben at The Three Horseshoes is looking into the possibility of stocking basic essentials at the pub, such as eggs, milk and bread.

The Parish Council has promised to continue to work with residents to look for solutions to these and other issues raised at the meeting. We will keep in touch via newsletters, which will be delivered to each house in the village and from time to time further public meetings will be held.

As ever, we welcome your views. You can contact us via the village website ([www.chapmanslade.org.uk](http://www.chapmanslade.org.uk)) or by phone or email on 832845 or at [phil.jefferson@virgin.net](mailto:phil.jefferson@virgin.net)





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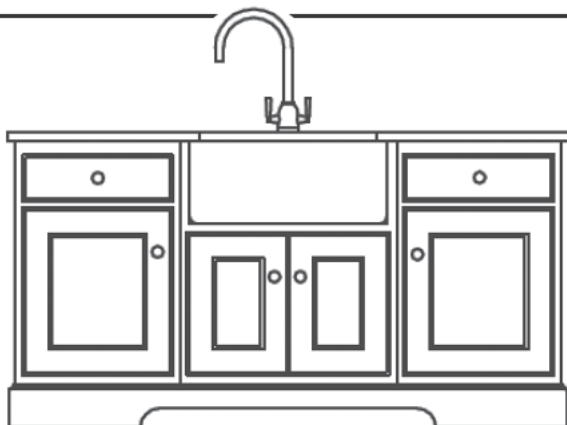
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# Corsley Reading Room

As nobody apart from committee members attended the Annual General Meeting in November we must assume you think the hall is being managed brilliantly!

Chairman, Dick Collins, was disappointed we had no supporters but he outlined the achievements of the year – notably the sprucing up of the floor in the main hall. Probably now looking the best it ever has in over a century.

New, comfortable chairs are the project ahead for 2013, all ready for Irish Night on Friday 22nd March – do put the date in your new calendar as it is always a fine night out.

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

Chairman  
Dick Collins

Treasurer and Lettings Officer  
Rosemary Collins

Secretary  
Jenny Ruffy

Val Benbow  
Liz Hodgson  
David Carruthers  
John and Jean Jones  
Michael Clarke  
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Clare Firman-Ford  
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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 From which country does the wine "Mateus Rosé" come?
- 2 According to the song, which city is "so good they named it twice"?
- 3 In cockney rhyming slang, what is a "tiffer"?
- 4 How many furlongs are there in a mile?
- 5 In Greek mythology, whose face "launched a thousand ships"?
- 6 Which naval officer and explorer was killed by natives in Hawaii in 1779?
- 7 Who made a series of famous decorated Easter eggs for the Russian Tsar Alexander III?
- 8 The Great Fire of London was in 1666, but in whose reign?
- 9 Which Insurance Company has adverts featuring a dog 'saying' "Oh Yus"?
- 10 Where in the UK would you find the River Medina?
- 11 Which musician was backed by the Comets?
- 12 In a famous sketch with André Previn, which classical work did Eric Morecambe play "all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order"?

Answers on page 40



An evening with

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# Corsley Show – looking ahead

Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting in November. Due to typical weather for the summer of 2012 (rain and wind), crowds were deterred and we made a loss on the day so no donations were made to village organisations.

Looking ahead, we are making plans for August Bank Holiday Monday and an advance Horticulture & Crafts schedule is available if you want to make an early start on creating works of art to display.

*Jenny Ratty*

*Corsley Show Secretary – 01373 832418*

## 2013 Committee

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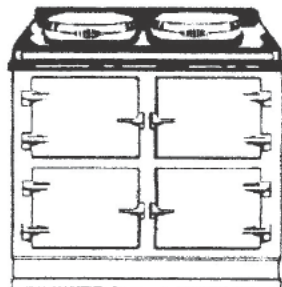


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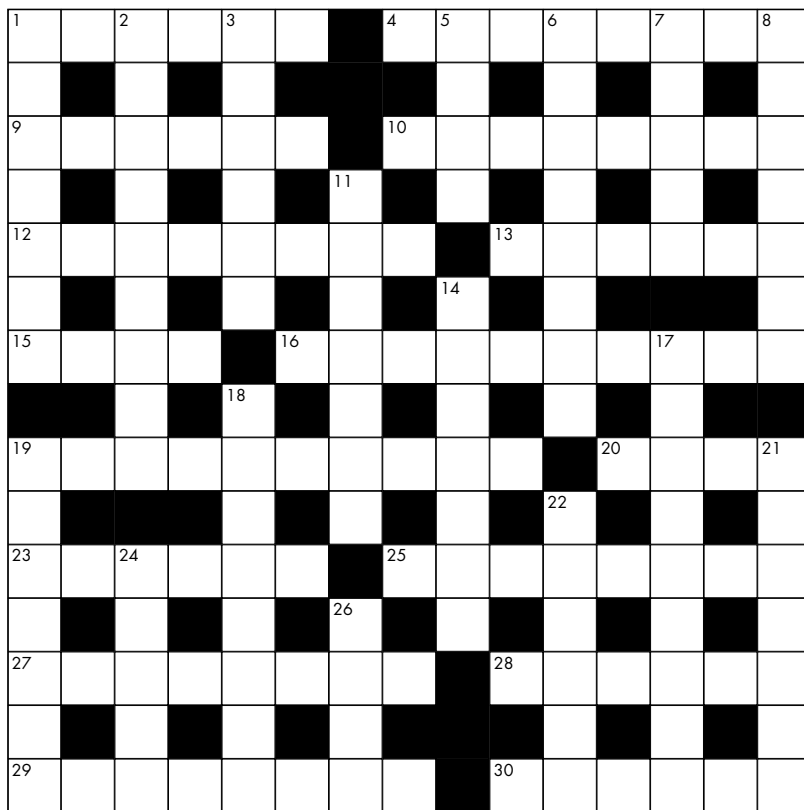
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# Canopus



Doodle pad

solution page 40

## Clues across

- 1 Rage after David's first emergency (6)
- 4 Could robot men be programmed to play it? (8)
- 9 March on a road journey (6)
- 10 Unlawful entry into a Chartres passageway (8)
- 12 Eh, you reportedly answer incorrectly, without warning (8)
- 13 Runaway train has nothing but its allowance (6)
- 15 Chief hack's job – with the turn of the tide (4)
- 16 Amazingly 100 eat cereal faster! (10)
- 19 Firstly, Queen is not mixed up often (10)
- 20 Tightly pack in numerous towels (4)
- 23 Sturdy, despite no road transport written into the Reform Treaty (6)
- 25 Seep through rough terrains? (8)
- 27 Somehow paid Chan, but it was difficult (8)
- 28 Divide to go after Charles at first (6)
- 29 Sounding deep on astern course (8)
- 30 Said to be arty establishment in South Dakota (6)

## Clues down

- 1 Derelict pit used to settle argument? (7)
- 2 Tell story while embracing four (9)
- 3 Captivate, but don't finish there, you hear? (6)
- 5 It would scarcely be cooked in a dinner arena! (4)
- 6 Mr. Livingstone, I hear? No, you're wrong! (8)
- 7 Right! A circular number for the little giraffe (5)
- 8 The significance revealed by a faultless encephalogram (7)
- 11 Simon's first involved in proper way down (7)
- 14 I'm in property, in fact (7)
- 17 Servant runs Isle of Man race in andante fashion (9)
- 18 Inquisitive search leads to charged atom (8)
- 19 Parent has the right to go beyond (7)
- 21 WWII commander in chief on a guided missile? (7)
- 22 In football, other people are asked to vote (6)
- 24 Keeping money in flower containers? (5)
- 26 Chief US state? There's no point! (4)

Did you crack the 'uncrackable code'?

# The Code is cracked!

A team of Canadian researchers at Lakefield Heritage Research claim to have cracked the short-form code, using a First World War artillery code book.

The researchers now believe the message reads: "Artillery observer at 'K' Sector, Normandy. Requested headquarters supplement report. Panzer attack - blitz. West Artillery Observer Tracking Attack.

"Lt knows extra guns are here. Know where local dispatch station is. Determined where Jerry's headquarters front posts. Right battery headquarters right here.

"Found headquarters infantry right here. Final note, confirming, found Jerry's whereabouts. Go over field notes. Counter measures against Panzers not working.

"Jerry's right battery central headquarters here. Artillery observer at 'K' sector Normandy. Mortar, infantry attack Panzers.

"Hit Jerry's Right or Reserve Battery Here. Already know electrical engineers headquarters. Troops, Panzers, batteries, engineers, here. Final note known to headquarters."

Other parts of the code require further deciphering but the researchers think they may be deliberately confusing to dupe German soldiers who may have picked up the letter.

Here's the code...

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LKXGH	RGGHT	JRZCQ	FNKTQ
KLDTS	FQIRW	AOAKN 27 1525/6	

It can now be revealed the message was sent by Sergeant William Stott, a 27-year-old paratrooper from the Lancashire Fusiliers who was parachuted into occupied Normandy on a reconnaissance mission.

It is believed he was sent there to assess the strength of the German occupation in that area, and then sent the message to HQ Bomber Command at RAF High Wycombe.

His message told RAF officers that he was updating as required, and he was also requesting information after being parachuted behind enemy lines early in the morning.

Sadly, he was killed in action a few weeks after sending the message.



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## 9th February

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Eggs  
Mystery tour by car (with or without a meal)  
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Pub meals  
Tickets to local attractions  
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Croquet party  
Garden party  
Tour of garden (with tea?)  
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# New Year prayer

St Patrick was a Christian missionary and is a patron saint of Ireland. He lived from approximately 389 to 461. The following prayer is part of what is known as 'St Patrick's Breastplate' as it concerns God's protection of us.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me:  
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak to me, God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me from snares of devils,  
From temptations of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill,  
Afear and anear, alone and in multitude.

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Whitbourne Chapel

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# Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

A New Year! It's rather like the blank page of the new school exercise book, so wonderful to use, and with great intention of making it especially neat and tidy. The year is before us. What will it bring? What will we achieve? What significant events will we remember as we look back on the year that is just beginning? The story is yet to be written and for each of us it will be different.

I'm never quite sure whether making New Year Resolutions is a help or a hindrance. If we are able to keep all that we resolve, then our resolutions will have helped. If we fail at the first hurdle, we end up wondering why we made them at all. It may be more helpful to decide on our priorities for the year and to aim to put those things above others.

The year will perhaps bring changes we dislike, or challenges we would rather not have to face. But, if we are able to recognise what 'gives us life' and energises, then there is every likelihood that we will be able to look back on 2013 with joy and pleasure.

These words by Ruth Burgess put our setting out into the New Year into God's hands. Perhaps you would like to make her words yours.

Father God, help us to approach this new year  
filled with the joy of your companionship,  
as we step out in faith with you,  
ready to face the future, whatever it may hold

A very happy, peaceful and joy-filled New Year to you all.

Norma Payne

## **January Church Diary**

### **Sunday 6th January: Epiphany**

**9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Eucharist**

**3pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade**

**Special 'Songs of Praise' in celebration of the 100th Birthday of Glee Baron.  
All most welcome with refreshments in the school hall afterwards.**



### **Tuesday 8th January**

**10.30am at Yew Tree Cottage  
Time to Think – Details from Phil on 832845**



### **Sunday 13th January: Baptism of Christ**

**9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade Family Eucharist**

**11.15am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham  
Plough Sunday Service**



### **Tuesday 15th January**

**7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green  
After Alpha Group – Details from Richard on 832594**



### **Wednesday 16th January**

**12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms  
Soup & Bread Lunch – Details from Pat on 832650**

### **Thursday 17th January**

**From 10am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade  
Church and Community Coffee Morning**

**Sunday 20th January: Third Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Eucharist



**Tuesday 22nd January**

10.30am at 93 Lyes Green

Time to Think – Details from Phil on 832845



**Sunday 27th January: Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

9am at St Mary's, Temple

Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Parish Family Worship



**Tuesday 29th January**

7.30pm – please contact Richard 832594 for details

After Alpha Group



**Thursday 31st January**

7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley

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**Sunday 3rd February: Presentation of Christ**

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist



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## Church Events for your diary

### Silent Auction

We are holding a Silent Auction at Chapmanslade Village Hall on Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm. Please see the separate article about the Silent Auction elsewhere in The Bridge.

### Lent Talks

Our first Lent talk will be on Tuesday 19th February at Kingston Deverill and the speaker will be the Rt Rev Graham Kings, the Bishop of Sherborne. Our second Lent talk will be on Monday 18th March at Longbridge Deverill and the speaker will be the Rev June Osborne, the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral.

All most welcome.

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**Rain, rain, go away – come back another day...**

# Countryside Matters

Farmers had a wretched time in 2012 with an early spring drought followed by heavy rainfall and floods, continuing with November's downpours.

Across many parts of Britain farmers had to cope with waterlogged fields, in what was already a wet autumn, with 27% more rainfall than average in England.

In the Somerset Levels the grass is still under water in what looks like a vast lake. The sowing of winter wheat has been so badly hit that some farmers gave up trying to drill and are leaving their field fallow; hoping for better conditions this year for spring-sown crops.

The maize harvest was no better, with yields down by as much as two-thirds in the worst hit areas. Maize requires high light-levels and a moist soil in order to produce a good crop. The drought slowed germination, whilst low light-levels led to very poor summer growth. Harvesting what had grown was hampered by the waterlogged soil; many crops were brought in very late.

Cattle were brought indoors from grazing open fields weeks earlier than normal because of sodden ground.

Farmers had to start providing extra feed for their cattle much earlier than normal, and will run out of home-grown feeds (mainly silage) much sooner than in a 'normal' year.



Possibly the worst harvest of all was honey. The British Beekeepers' Association said that yields were down by about 70%, with many colonies being fed with sugar syrup to save them from starvation, but many may not survive the winter. Queen bees need warm sunny days for mating flights, and there were very few of them last summer. A lack of bees, both honeybees and our many bumble bees, means a lack of pollination for a whole range of food crops.

Overall last year's weather has cost this country a huge amount; in terms of flooding, damaged roads and disrupted farming. We will have to wait to see what the knock-on effects will be in 2013.

As I write this, it is raining again! We must all hope for a much better 2013 in so many ways. May you have a happy and peaceful New Year!

*Judith Helliar  
with reference to The Times,  
December 2012*

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are very experienced within the oil industry) then go to the market to negotiate the best possible price for that day. Members will then be paying the oil supplier directly after receiving an invoice from them.

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CF Oil not only saves you money on your heating oil, but also takes out the hassle of phoning around for quotes each time you need oil. If you would like further information please contact CF Oil's Administrator Jess Emery on 01380 732809, or email [oil@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:oil@communityfirst.org.uk).

If you would be interested in joining a village group participating in the above Scheme please give me a ring, email me or put a note through our door. I can then judge whether it will be worth getting such a local group going.

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**Spring isn't far away now so keep on top of your garden work**

# Sowing the seeds of Spring

At this time of year many people think there is little to do in the garden, however this isn't always the case...

A successful growing year starts with preparation, so this month's tips are some ideas to get you kick started before spring arrives...

## Ground preparation

Make the most of winter's worst weather to help break down the soil ready for planting. Not only should you dig over borders before spring but you should improve the soil.

Using the age-old double digging method, put your grass clippings and green garden waste (hedge cuttings, pruning's, bedding plants) in the bottom of the hole, cover with the freshly dug soil then leave it. The frosts will break down large chunks so that all you need to do when planting time arrives is to rake it.

## Mulching

If you have an area of ground covered in weeds and you are unsure what to do with it then consider using the 3 layer system, cut back the weeds, take any tough weed material away, annual green matter can remain on the soil, cover with newspaper/cardboard, straw and then horse manure.



Leave the layers to break down over the months, the layers will suppress the weeds, block out light and improve the soil. This system however takes time to break down, so if you want to use the ground soon then it's not the best mulch to use.

## Get ahead

Use the time when you cannot plant or grow things outside to the best advantage. Write a list of seeds for the spring or even purchase them so you have them ready when the frosts end. Once you have them why not sow some early varieties of vegetables in the greenhouse so that they are good strong plants to put out once the ground thaws.

## Tidy up time

Use your time effectively, every garden needs a thorough clean up so when better to do it than when there's little else to do. Clean the greenhouse, blitz the shed, oil your tools, rake the garden and compost the mess. Job done!

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**Here's an exiting project for those readers who reside in Somerset**

# Barn Owl project

This winter, please help give  
Barn Owls a new home in every  
Somerset Parish

Somerset residents are being asked to help protect one of the counties most iconic species, this winter, with the launch of Somerset Wildlife Trust's barn owl appeal. The launch of the appeal marks the half-way point in the Trust's ambitious project to get a barn owl nest box in every parish of the county.

Thanks to the help of more than 500 volunteers, half of the project's 335 nest boxes are built, and being put in place by local communities. Last week a nest box was presented to staff and volunteers at Moldrams Local Nature Reserve, near Wincanton, which is managed by South Somerset District Council.

The project has also seen more than 1,000 children learning about barn owl conservation, including pupils at North Town School in Taunton and Chilton Cantelo School, near Yeovil, who last week received a visit from Beau the Barn Owl and Chris Sperring MBE, Conservation Officer for the Hawk and Owl Trust and Vice President of Somerset Wildlife Trust.

As the three-year project enters its first winter the Trust has launched an appeal to raise £30,000 to support the Somerset Community Barn Owl Project over the next

two years. Somerset Wildlife Trust's Project Manager Jessie Emery explains: "Winter can be a tough time for a lot of wildlife, not least the barn owl whose numbers can plummet during harsh weather. Extreme winters in the 1940s and 1960s wiped out over half the UK population and barn owls have struggled to recover ever since. More than 80 per cent of barn owls now nest and raise their young in man-made boxes like the ones going up in every parish of Somerset."

The project is a collaboration with the Hawk and Owl Trust, and all the farmers and landowners who are hosting parish boxes have received a visit and advice on habitat creation from Chris Sperring. The project has been supported with funds from Viridor Credits Environmental Company, and donations from local people will provide vital match funding.

Recent records indicate that there are currently just 200 breeding pairs in Somerset, and their population in the UK has dropped by as much as 70% since the 1930s. The project aims to address this decline by providing nest sites and creating more rough, grassland hunting habitat. In October the project celebrated its first breeding success with four baby owlets photographed on the sill of a nest box which



went up at a Viridor landfill site, near Puriton, in Sedgemoor. With so many boxes already in place the Trust wants to start a comprehensive monitoring and recording programme next spring.

To donate go to [www.somersetwildlife.org/](http://www.somersetwildlife.org/) barnowlappeal or call 01823 652400.

### **Media enquiries/further information:**

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### **Somerset Wildlife Trust**

Somerset Wildlife Trust is the county's leading environmental voluntary body, with around 21,000 members. The charity owns and/or manages 70 nature reserves all over the county. Money raised is spent to restore, recreate and reconnect our damaged countryside by creating living landscapes for wildlife and people. We help wildlife adapt to climate change, encourage sustainable living, fight to save sites where wildlife is threatened by monitoring development and inspire people to create more green space bringing environmental, social and economic benefits. The trust is one of 47 in the UK. Together, they make up the Wildlife Trusts Partnership. [www.somersetwildlife.org](http://www.somersetwildlife.org)



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20th	Mr P Stinchcombe, Frome solicitor
27th	Mr Andrews, a new preacher at Whitbourne

## Out with the old...

At the time of writing this (10th December), the congregation at Chapel is looking forward to the annual 'Carols by Candlelight'. Last year, the younger people took charge of the Service, announcing the carols and doing the readings; I can't wait to see what they've prepared for us this year.

**James Mead**, a trainee Teacher, told me, "We want people to forget the glitz and glamour, because that isn't what Christmas is about."

**Rosie Carr** is 15 and learning to play the piano; I'm looking forward to the first time she plays the Chapel organ for us. Rosie's in charge of music for the Candlelight Service and promised me all the favourite carols, the ones we learned at school for the Nativity Play and haven't forgotten since.

**Tom Mead** is 11 years old and loves reading the Bible aloud. He's a joy to have at Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, as he reads out almost every verse we study! I expect we'll have a reading from him and one from his older brother Sam, who last year rescued the Nativity Play by taking extra

parts without warning, when others were away on the day.

I asked the youngsters for their favourite carols and 'Away in a Manger' was top of the poll. Perhaps that's their reminder of Nativity Plays, too!

## ABC of God's promises

**F** for "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3.16. This has been called the Bible in a nutshell.

Interestingly, and rather quirkily, 215 translations of this verse were embedded as a memorial for future generations to consider, in the massive pedestal of the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle which is on the Victoria Embankment of the Thames.

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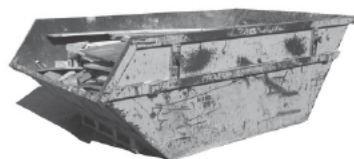
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# Neighbourhood Watch

## Happy New Year to you all!

Although we enter a New Year life for all will generally continue as in 2012. 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. Recently there have been 2 separate thefts, one of equipment and one of heating oil from a barn/workshop and an oil tank. I encourage everyone to take care to lock sheds and garages at all times and keep a good eye on the oil tank if you have one. Any suspicious activity especially a vehicle with a tank to load oil should be reported to the Police with details of registration and colour as soon as possible – ring 101.

Although our villages are in a very quiet part of one of the safest counties in England there is no room for complacency. It is important that vehicles and property are kept locked at all times, indeed it is likely that your insurance company will refuse to pay out if the vehicle was not locked and that your premiums will rise if you have to make a claim.

- Keep garden sheds and outbuildings secured with a short shank padlock. Ensure any screws heads on any fixings are hidden so that they cannot be removed.
- Garden equipment should be clearly marked with a name/postcode. This can be done with paint or an engraving tool, if an item is clearly and obviously marked it is much harder to dispose of. Also make a note of any serial numbers, which you will need to make an insurance claim.

- Do not leave expensive equipment lying around when not in use. It is possible that offenders may be around in the daytime and they may return to steal it later.
- Scrap metal prices are at an all-time high and so items, which have no great value i.e. old garden equipment and vehicles belonging to you, may attract criminals on to your property.
- Vehicles should be kept locked at all times, expensive equipment i.e. Sat navs, mobile phones, cash, handbags should never be left in the vehicle, it only takes a moment for a thief to remove these items.
- NEVER leave the keys in the vehicle, even for a moment, even if the car is on your property. Do not leave your car unattended with its engine running on frosty mornings whilst trying to defrost your windscreen. Your car will NOT be covered by insurance.
- Do not leave high value goods on display in your vehicle. Place all your shopping in the boot out of sight.
- Please make a note of any strange persons or vehicles in the area - Please note the vehicle registration number, vehicle type and colour.

If you would like any further information please contact your local Neighbourhood policing team by phoning 101 or via email to [Warminsternpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Warminsternpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk). They are happy to offer crime prevention advice to groups or individuals if requested.

*Mike Bird*  
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# Step back in time

1st 1622 The Catholic Church adopted 1st January as the beginning of the New Year (instead of 25th March).

3rd 1924 English explorer Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, near Luxor, Egypt.

4th 1967 Death of Donald Campbell.  
His jet-powered speedboat Bluebird somersaulted on Coniston Water, Cumbria, at a speed of 300-mph whilst attempting to break his own world record of 276-mph.

8th 794 Danish Vikings attack Lindisfarne Island off the north-east coast of England and destroy its famous church.

9th 1806 Lord Nelson, naval commander and hero of the Battle of Trafalgar, is buried at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

10th 1918 The House of Lords gives its approval to the Representation of the People Bill, which gives women over the age of 30 the right to vote.

11th 1569 The first state lottery is held in England, with tickets on sale at the West Door of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

12th 1970 The first Boeing 747 Jumbo jet arrives at London's Heathrow Airport after completing its maiden transatlantic flight from New York.

14th 1742 Death of Sir Edmund Halley, British Astronomer Royal who gave his name to a comet.

15th 1559 Elizabeth I was crowned Queen of England at the age of 26. Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn.

17th 1912 Britain's polar explorers led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott reach the South Pole - only to find the Norwegian Roald Amundsen's expedition had beaten him by a

month.

18th 1485 After 30 years of civil war the Royal Houses of Lancaster and York are united by the marriage of Henry VII to the eldest daughter of Edward IV.

19th 1915 German Zeppelin airships crossed the eastern coast of England to bombard towns in East Anglia, more than 20 people were killed.

20th 1265 England's first Parliament meets at Westminster Hall in London. Representatives from towns and villages across the country meet for the first time in one chamber.

21st 1846 The first edition of the Daily News, edited by Charles Dickens is published in London.

24th 1965 The 'last lion of British politics', Sir Winston Churchill died at the age of 90. His body lay in state in Westminster Hall, London.

25th 1759 Birth of Robert 'Rabbie' Burns, Scottish poet. Burns Suppers celebrated all over the world each year on this day.

27th 1926 Inventor John Logie Baird demonstrates his new television machine to members of the Royal Institution in London. Some suggested that it could one day provide every home with a substitute for the cinema!

28th 1807 London becomes the first city in the world to be lit by gas lights.

29th 1596 The most famous English seaman and adventurer of the Elizabethan era, Sir Frances Drake, is buried at sea.

30th 1649 The courts deemed him a "tyrant, traitor, murderer and enemy of the people", for this, England's King Charles I was beheaded in Whitehall.





# Self care

**Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley**

What's that, then? Is it being self-centred and careless of others? Some might say so; after all, we are generally

conditioned always to think of others before ourselves and of course there are times when this is a right and generous thing to do.

BUT, if we're *always* putting others first and neglecting ourselves, a time will come when we become ill, feel angry and resentful or are simply too tired to function. And almost certainly along the way we will have lost any sense of who we truly are.

Practising self-care should help to avert such crises without meaning that you never offer a helping hand again. What exactly self-care means varies from person to person but, broadly, it's doing something to look after yourself and / or to bring you joy and

this means knowing what you need; you have to learn to listen to your inner voice. Counsellors are taught to take self care very seriously because, if we aren't on form, we can't help those who come to us in need. For me, there's a parallel with the safety instructions you're given before take-off on a flight. If the oxygen masks drop, adults are told to *put their own masks on* before helping children to do so. Why? Same reason. The adult needs to be functioning properly in order to be able to help the child.

Conclusion? Self care is actually another way we can be of good service to others. Happily, it involves being good to ourselves along the way!

Do you need to take better care of yourself by sharing something on your mind? Come and see me. You can ring or text me on 07817 192008, email [le\\_vine@sky.com](mailto:le_vine@sky.com) or find me at [www.carolinelevine.co.uk](http://www.carolinelevine.co.uk). I practice at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge.



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- 6 Captain James Cook
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- 8 Charles II
- 9 Churchill
- 10 It is the main river on the Isle of Wight
- 11 Bill Haley
- 12 Piano concerto in A minor by Edvard Grieg

## Canopus

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