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January 2019

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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after this date**

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## January

### Tuesday 1st

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

### Monday 7th

Corsley Festival Choir rehearsals resume --7.15 pm, St Margaret's Church

### Thursday 10th

Corsley WI - OPEN meeting 'The Kennet & Avon Canal in Bath', with Gill Redman – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 12th

Frome Inner Wheel - Soup & Puds – 12 noon to 2 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Thursday 17th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes  
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### Wednesday 23rd

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

### Thursday 24th

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Cinema Corsley - 'Edie' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## February

### Tuesday 5th

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

### Friday 8th

Charity Quiz Night in aid of Riding for the Disabled – 7 for 7.30 pm, Royal Oak, Corsley.  
Teams of 4 – £3 a head or £8 with supper

### Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - 12.30pm, 'Soup & Puds' fundraising Lunch £7.50pp, followed by WI meeting  
at 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 21st

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes  
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# Diary Dates

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## **Saturday 23rd**

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Silent Auction & Auction of Promises – 7 pm,  
Chapmanslade Village Hall

## **Wednesday 27th**

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

## **March**

### **Tuesday 5th**

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

### **Thursday 14th**

Corsley WI - Annual Meeting, 'A Woman's Journey Through the Latter Half of the 20th Century', by Lt Col (Ret'd) Maggie Thackway L/RADC – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 21st**

Church and Community Coffee Morning 10 am – 12 noon Three Horseshoes  
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### **Wednesday 27th**

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Reading Room

## **April**

### **Tuesday 2nd**

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

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30 pm Corsley  
Reading Room

### **Thursday 11th**

Corsley WI - OPEN meeting 'Farming in 2019', a discussion with local farmers – 7.30pm,  
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### **Thursday 18th**

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### **Wednesday 24th**

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- 2 In which ocean are the Seychelles?
- 3 Which duo had two chart hits in the 1990s as PJ and Duncan?
- 4 Which American General said "I shall return" after leaving the Philippines in 1942?
- 5 Vilnius is the capital of which European country?
- 6 Founded by George Ferguson Wilson, where in Surrey are the Royal Horticultural Society gardens to be found?
- 7 Who famously said "Mr Watson, come here, I want to see you" in 1876?
- 8 In which county would you find the town of Kidderminster?
- 9 What connects Michael Collins, Richard Gordon, Stuart Roosa, Alfred Worden, Ken Mattingly and Ron Evans?
10. The BBC's director John Reith stated that "if the public wants to listen to George Formby singing his disgusting little ditty, they'll have to be content to hear it in the cinemas, not over the nation's airwaves". Which Formby song was banned in 1941 because of "suggestive lyrics"?
- 11 In which novel about slavery would you find the character nicknamed "Chicken George"?
- 12 A man rode into town on Friday, stayed for three days and three nights and then rode out, again on Friday. How could this be possible?

Answers on page 48

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## Biology: changing the world

# Yoghurt, Yakult and Bioyoghurts

## – what are the differences?

Yoghurt and fermented milks are popular but how do they differ?

World-wide, milk has been made into yoghurt for as long as we have made cheese. But yoghurt did not find favour in the UK until the 1960s when it was sweetened, fruit flavours added and marketed as a dessert. A decade or two later yoghurt was promoted as a product that would enhance a healthy gut, and other health claims were made. This has led to the appearance of other fermented products such as yakult and bioyoghurts. But what are the differences and will these differences influence our choice?

Well-flavoured natural yoghurt is made by fermenting milk with two bacteria – *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* and *Streptococcus thermophilus*. Both of these are essential for giving texture, flavour and a sweet aroma to the final product. These organisms are “dairy specialists”, converting milk sugar, lactose, to acid and specific aroma compounds. They also break-down milk protein to form a soft gel that doesn’t separate into curds and whey. They are unlikely to survive during passage through the human gut and colonise the large intestine where the majority of our gut bacteria reside.

Yakult is a milk product containing *Lactobacillus casei* ssp *Shirota*. This organism doesn’t like lactose, nor does it

breakdown milk protein in the same way as the dairy specialists described above. Yakult is made from milk to which glucose is added as this

is the sugar the organism requires for growth. Also, as the milk solids content is lower than that of the milk used for traditional yoghurt the fermentation results in a very acidic product. Nor does *Lactobacillus casei* ssp *Shirota* produce yoghurt flavour and aroma compounds. For these reasons Yakult has sugar added at the end of the fermentation to offset over-acidity, and vanilla and citrus oils are added for flavour and aroma. *Lactobacillus casei* ssp *Shirota* however, does survive passage through the intestine and could contribute to gut health.

It is known that other species of *Lactobacillus* and bifidobacteria are natural inhabitants of the human large intestine. These species are found in the stools of healthy babies’ and it is proposed that they are essential for



a healthy gut. It is these types of bacteria we find in bioyoghurts. However, in common with the Yakult strain of *Lactobacillus* these gut microbes will not make yoghurt. The solution is therefore to combine these gut bacteria with one or both of the “dairy specialists”, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* plus *Streptococcus thermophilus* to make a yoghurt. There is no need to add sugar or other flavours to produce a well-flavoured yoghurt.

Armed with this information a question is now begging. It concerns the number of viable bacteria in these products. Both traditional yoghurt and Yakult result from vigorous growth of the added bacteria, both are teeming with live bacteria, but only Yakult’s bugs have the potential to reach the large intestine in any number. The other probiotic strains of *Lactobacillus* and bifidobacteria are, if you like, passengers during the fermentation process and will not substantially increase in numbers during yoghurt making. The dairy specialists will outnumber them. In practice it is difficult to differentiate between the mixed populations of bacteria at the end of the process. So, the question is - How many viable cells of these good bacteria are present in the final probiotic product? However, once these gut bacteria arrive in the large intestine they will thrive and outgrow the dairy specialists.

So, yes, there are differences and these may well influence what you choose to buy for your post-Christmas diet.

This month’s article was written by Professor Val Marshall, Chapmanslade resident and Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, University of Huddersfield.

Please contact [nigelbrown48@gmail.com](mailto:nigelbrown48@gmail.com) if you have any questions for Val.

# Corsley Festival Choir

**Come and join us!**

Corsley Festival Choir re-starts on Monday 7th January and we will warmly welcome singers – new voices and those who have sung with us before.

We are rehearsing for our concert in May when we will sing **Handel: Coronation Anthems and Rutter’s Sprig of Thyme**

We meet at St Margaret’s Church in Corsley every Monday. You could come along to check us out when rehearsals re-start on Monday 7th January at 7.15pm and join us for a glass of wine before we get down to the happy business of making music. From then on our Monday evening rehearsals start at 7.45pm.

For more information about the choir, please contact me on 01373 832418.

Jenny Rutty  
Membership Co-ordinator

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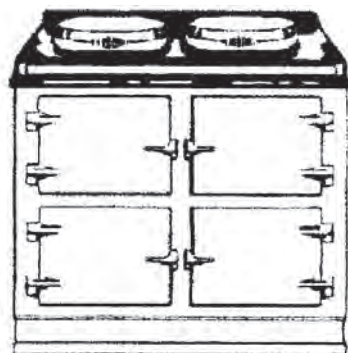


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# Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten's, January briefing

As usual, this edition of The Bridge will drop on your doorsteps soon after we have all enjoyed the Christmas festivities and the multitude of village and other events leading up to the Christmas celebrations. The previous month's deadline for inputs always feels too early to be wishing you all a happy Christmas; this one is too late and will be last year's history by the time you read it. So, instead, I wish you all a Happy New Year and will try combine a flavour of what has happened in the short period between the two deadlines; the third quarterly meeting in December and what the PC might bring to Corsley in 2019. I would also like to record, publicly, my thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their contributions and turning out for meetings throughout the year, often at short notice.

## **Third quarterly meeting (December)**

This is a key meeting in the annual cycle in that it reviews the in-year spending, looks at the next two years and sets the precept, i.e. the parish share of your Council Tax, for the next financial year (FY). The meeting also considered seven planning applications, an invitation from Wiltshire to consider the possibility of more development of the Bay Tree Close Council-owned site, Corsley streetscene, road safety priorities and the

Annual Parish Meeting. After the main meeting the PC met as Trustees of the Len White Trust Fund and there is a notice elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge as a result.

## **Finance**

### **2018/19**

The general annual spending plan is to meet the fixed expenses and maintenance costs, allocate an amount for grants and donations to village organisations and projects, put aside money for defined reserves and maintain a small surplus in the account for unexpected items. In the current year income has come from the precept, Little Cuckoos' annual rent and a "windfall" payment for access across the Old School Playing Field (OSPF) car park during the conversion building works.

This last amount has substantially been used to create the new entrance to the OSPF and there is one item of work to be completed – a sign at the entrance providing public information about the field. Maintenance has covered OSPF mowing costs and, as presaged last year, there has been a contribution to Wiltshire Council for road improvement projects grants and donations. For grants and donations, there will be

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about the same as previous years and there is a notice elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge with details of how to apply.

There are two reserves held, one against the probability of a need for maintenance of the OSPF car park, the second for bus stop shelter replacement/repair. A contribution each year has been put aside to these two reserve funds and it was decided this year that the car park reserve would now 'mark time' while the bus stop shelter fund is built up sufficiently to cover the possibility of a complete replacement. There are three bus stop shelters in Corsley, all the responsibility of the PC, and it is clear that the Heath shelter is being undermined by tree roots and may require structural attention in the near future.

### **2019/20 and beyond**

It was agreed that a similar pattern of expenditure was appropriate for the next financial year, subject to normal inflationary uplifts, and for 2019/20 the plan includes an allowance of £2k for an anticipated contribution to Wiltshire Council for road safety improvements at Corsley Heath. The precept bid for 2019/20 will be for slightly over £9.5k.

### **2020/21**

Is currently anticipated to be similar to 2019/20, but the detail will depend on the priorities ascribed to potential road safety projects whose costs and timescales are not yet fully defined. These are discussed below.

## **Planning applications**

Six new applications were on the table, with one further application, already sentenced out of committee, formerly recorded in the minutes:

### **18/09853/FUL**

Change of use from car sales to B1 offices and light industrial at Cavallino Garage,

### **Corsley Heath**

The application was made by TMTi and the intended new use of the premises is described as 'Office use (call centre operations), product testing and low-level repair (consumer electronics)'. Wiltshire has proposed sensible limitations on the timing of traffic movements, in consideration of the residential setting. There were no public comments.

The PC recorded no objection

### **18/10388/FUL**

Retrospective application for change of use to domestic curtilage with vehicle access at Deerleap, 112 The Hollow.

Two very similar applications had been made in recent times, the first turned down by Wiltshire and the second withdrawn. On both occasions the PC had no objection, but the second time subject to condition that there should be no permitted development rights associated with the area for which change was sought. The PC had two concerns. The first was that no justification had been presented for the change of use from agricultural to domestic use and the second was that a change would bring a likelihood of further development in the future.

The current application offers the justification that the tenant of adjacent farmland has withdrawn permission, by letter, for the adjacent farm track to be used for access to Deerleap, which has no rights of access over this track. However, the PC notes that, in reality, the track has continued to be used for access since permission was withdrawn.

No public comments had been posted.

The PC recorded the same response as last time, with the modification that, whilst evidence of need had been offered, it does not match the actuality of the situation.

## **18/10470/LBC**

Retrospective application for the replacement of existing hay loft floor with new timbers to replace existing rotten floorboards, beam and floor joists at Whitbourne Manor

The PC recorded no objection.

## **18/09102/FUL/**

Removal of existing wayfinding signage to estate and replacement with

## **18/09287/LBC**

New wayfinding scheme at Longleat Safari and Adventure Park.

This application relates to signs within the Park.

The PC recorded no objection.

## **18/10870/FUL**

Construction of a detached garage to front of property at Birchwood Lodge, Corsley Heath

This application is effectively an amendment to a previous application to increase the footprint of the proposed garage by 49% (9.25m<sup>2</sup>) and the roof ridge height by 40% (1.3m). (18/08074/FUL, for which the PC considered out of committee, had no objection and which is recorded in the minutes of 3rd December)

The PC considered that the significant increase in size over the previous application made the visual impact unacceptable and agreed to object to the application.

## **Streetscene**

Parish Steward – At present Corley has a new, temporary, Parish Steward, Pete Wood. It is noticeable that there has been a step change in the amount of work currently being completed and the PC has asked that he be made permanent. Steward tasks are currently up to date and the December visit

will be largely taken up redoing drains and grips post hedge-cutting and leaf fall.

## **Signs**

The damaged signs and poles on the Hollow have been rectified, the wooden finger post at St Margaret's is in for replacement and the 'slow' sign at the village gateway approaching Corsley Heath from the west will be put back up and, in due course, replaced with a new, legible, sign.

## **Sturford Lane**

Longleat and Sturford Mead have been put in contact and involved in a number of site visits involving the PC, the Council, Longleat and Sturford Mead. The latter have both had surveys undertaken to identify trees at risk and have undertaken to create a 5.2m cleared envelope over the road, remove or treat trees identified by the surveys, remove existing loose timber from the banks over the lane and bring under control the hedge just to the east of Chatter Alley. This will require an RTO and the Council have been asked to produce this under the emergency procedure to speed the process. The work will be carried out by Warminster tree surgeons WRC.

## **CATG**

The meeting voted to go ahead with a topographical survey for the Corsley Heath Safety Improvement Plan. This will allow the Council Traffic Officer to develop costed plans for the PCs consideration. It should be noted that the Baytree Close development, a larger pedestrian refuge and bus stop road markings, effectively start the process by introducing cues to induce caution and greater awareness in drivers.

## **A362**

At a date to be reported, the road will be partially closed to clear drains and ditches.

## Prospects for 2019

### Traffic and road safety

After the wide discussions, consultations and engagement between the village, PC and Wilshire last year, and with full recognition of Simon Jasper's persistence and diplomacy, Corsley has done quite well in terms of road safety improvements. There are now four projects in the pipeline, one in the near future and three others (speedwatch, SID and the Whitbourne Springs triangle), which will require some debate with the village and other interested parties to decide on priorities and establish funding routes.

The project nearest to maturity is the road safety measures mentioned above under CATG. The topological survey should lead to a full definition of the scope of work for the A362 road safety improvements at the Heath and the PC has budgeted for a £2k contribution, estimated to be 25% of the cost, in 2019/20.

The speedwatch case has made little progress in the last few months, despite several 'pokes'. It has now been elevated to direct contact with the new Deputy Police Commissioner who promised, personally, to ensure that it gets some attention. If it receives a favourable response, that is just the beginning. To make it work, there is a need for a dedicated team of volunteers, training, and then time to spend out on the road, followed by action at the 'authority' end of the chain in calling motorists to account. If a positive response does arrive before the Annual Parish Meeting, then this will be reported to the village in the hope that volunteers can be persuaded or at least one volunteer to go out and proselytise!

Following the Heath A362 improvements, the next major material work being pursued is the improvements to the Whitbourne

Spring/A362 junction which has been the source of several near misses in recent years. It is the entry point of the alternative access route to the Safari Park and not infrequently as the incorrect way in to the caravan site at the Stalls end of Longleat. Topological survey work has been done and the PC contribution paid. The PC now awaits the final costings for the improvements, but have been informally advised that these could be high. This project could take some time to put together a funding package and this is likely to be the major part of any progress in 2019/20.

Next in line is Speed Indicator Devices (SID). These are temporary, portable speed indicators, which would be owned, operated and maintained by the PC and volunteers. Broadly, the concept is that they would be erected at pre-determined positions, for a limited period, giving motorists warnings when they exceed the speed limit. They are then taken down and stored until the next period of use. Some parishes use them on a shared basis. There is debate over their efficacy and there is a case that they are only really effective if combined with a speedwatch, i.e. more than simply a warning. They are costly and require a long-term commitment to make best use of the investment. Best current estimates suggest that a dual SID fit for Corsley would cost somewhere around £8-10K.

During 2019 it is planned that the PC will work towards getting better definition of these projects, their cost and the implications for their support and/or funding. If useful progress is made before the APM, then this will be reported then.

### Bay Tree Close

Those who follow politics will be aware of commitments made by the Government to extend the availability of 'affordable'



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housing across the country. Wiltshire have done their initial work and decided that they want to build 49 affordable houses on the 16 sites they own across the County, one of which is the Bay Tree site. We have been informally contacted by the Wiltshire Project Officer responsible, who also managed the recent Bay Tree project, to establish what the PC's view might be about more affordable housing on this site.

The PC has not yet responded, largely because some of the information provided was not straightforward to understand, not least of which was the precise definition of 'affordable' and who might benefit. The initial statements seem to indicate that any building would be strictly aimed at those who qualify under the Homes4Wiltshire scheme. Any open market building could only go ahead under the Wiltshire policies on Rural Exception sites (CP44). One chink of light appeared to be that a new Housing Survey was recommended and a second that our Wiltshire Councillor was sympathetic to the potential need and desires of villagers to downsize and carry on living in their own village.

At this stage the PC is reserving its position and will seek a meeting with Wiltshire early in the New Year to try and get clearer perspective. As with the road safety issues, this topic will be updated at the APM.

Annual Parish Meeting

And finally... I am taking every opportunity to publicise this event and push the point that it is **your** meeting. It is not a platform to allow the PC to pontificate. It is intended to give the village residents an opportunity to tell the PC what you would like to debate and who you would like to come along and answer your questions. We had a very frank exchange with the Highways experts last year, and Longleat; I understand that CEO

Bob Montgomery will be leaving soon, if he hasn't already gone, and this gives us an opportunity to hear what could be another new vision for Longleat from a new CEO. Perhaps you would like to hear all about affordable housing? Maybe road safety is your bugbear? Whatever it is, please let me know. There is also an advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge asking this question all over again!

Future meetings

- Annual Parish Meeting  
Early March – date to be confirmed
- Annual Parish Council Meeting  
13th May (election of Chair/Vice Chair)
- Quarterly Meeting 3rd June
- Quarterly Meeting 2nd September
- Quarterly Meeting 2nd December
- All meetings at 7.30 pm except the Annual Parish Meeting which is at 6.30 pm.

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‘A cold coming we had of it, Just the worst time of year, For a journey, and such a long journey: The ways deep and the weather sharp, The very dead of winter.’

The above quote is from T.S Elliot’s evocative poem ‘Journey of the Maji’. It seems to me that even though by New Year we have passed the shortest day January really does seem like the dead of winter. Christmas has passed and the tree looks rather sad and redundant in the corner, it’s needles in the carpet a sharp reminder that normality must now be embraced rather than the joys (and sorrows!) of the festive season. In this country we tend to lump all the different facets of the Christmas story together, and then we forget that actually, we have another glorious Christmas story to celebrate on January the 6th, the Epiphany, or as my Spanish family would say, ‘The Day of the Kings.

The three kings if you recall, came from many, many miles away to pay homage to Jesus. They were, we are told, ‘from the East’, and after their visit they return to ‘a foreign country.’ So, let’s get this clear: the three wise men are foreigners, they are different, other, immigrants, not like us, interlopers, strangers, people to be regarded with fear and suspicion, people it is necessary to keep an eye on to make sure they do not take advantage of the system and use up scarce resources that are rightfully ours.

All of this makes the journey of the Three Wise Men much more than just a pretty story to round off the nativity, because it is about inclusivity in its broadest sense. The gospel writer included it in his Good News to tell us a much deeper story which we find very difficult to hear; that God’s love is for everyone and that no one in the human family has the right to decide who gets what because everyone is equally deserving of God’s love and of the right to live in circumstances that enable the best of human flourishing. I hope you can see why this story is so important to hear in the world we live in today, such a confusing world of terrible inequality and pain.

So, after their visit the three strange foreigners ‘return home another way’ as the gospel writer puts it; their journey has changed them forever:

‘We returned to our places, these kingdoms, But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, With an alien people clutching their Gods.’

I wonder what journeys metaphorical or otherwise you will make in this coming year? Whatever they are I hope they will be blessing to you and that through them you may bring blessing to others.

With love and prayers, Pauline

# January Church Diary

## Sunday 6th January: Epiphany

8am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

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



## Tuesday 8th January

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



## Sunday 13th January: Baptism of Christ & Plough Sunday

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

11.15am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Benefice Plough Sunday



## Monday 14th January

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade: Time to Think Home Group



## Thursday 17th January

10am at Three Horseshoes: Church & Community Coffee Morning



## Sunday 20th January: Epiphany 3

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

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



## Tuesday 22nd January

7.30pm at the Anchorage, Corsley: After Alpha Home Group



## Wednesday 23rd January

12.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms: Lite Bites Soup Lunch



## Thursday 24th January

7.30pm at High Field, Corsley: Parochial Church Council

**Sunday 27th January: Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
**9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist**  
**10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist**



**Monday 28th January**  
**10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade: Time to Think Home Group**



**Sunday 3rd February: Fifth Sunday before Lent**  
**8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion**  
**10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship**  
**3.30pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Make Christingles**  
**4pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Christingle & Candlemas**

## **Christingle and Candlemas**

On Sunday 3rd February we shall be celebrating the 50th birthday of Christingle. We shall meet at 3.30pm to make the Christingles, followed at 4pm by a Christingle and 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. There will be a special birthday tea after the service with a very special 50th birthday cake.

## **Fundraising**

Our Christmas Coffee Morning was a great success, both socially and financially. Our thanks to the Thackways who hosted the morning. We raised £406 for Parish funds.

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## **Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell**

We welcome into the church family Felicity-Rose Hallett who was baptised at Longbridge Deverill on 23rd December.

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Being shown in the season of New Year resolutions, tenacious Edie shows us the importance of focusing on life's quality amid the quantity and never giving up on our goals. Described as a gently-paced, simple drama, telling an unapologetically sentimental tale, Hancock gives a poignant performance surrounded by the majesty of the Scottish Highlands. Carpe diem.

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## Corsley Tennis Club News



On Saturday 24th November, 30 members of the Corsley Tennis Club attended the Dinner and Trophy Presentation Evening in the Oak Apple Room at the Cross Keys.

The President Sandra Whatley distributed the trophies:

### **Ladies Doubles**

Jenny Bishop and Sue Newell

### **Mixed Doubles**

Diana Hale and Michael Clarke

### **Over 70s Doubles**

Trudi Hopkinson and Keith Glenn

Another highlight of the season was Jenny Bishop being voted 'Club Representative of the Year' by the Chippenham and District League. Our thanks go to Jenny for successfully representing the club and dealing with League Administration over many years.

We are pleased that our retired President Charlotte Beswick joined us for the occasion and also that Val Sandoe was fit

enough to join us following her fall and subsequent operation. Val's recovery is going well and we hope to see her back on court in the New Year.

Thanks go to Andrew Hillier for his devilish quiz which was won by Diana Hale and her team Peter and Sally Barker and Trudi Hopkinson. Barbara Hughes is thanked for organising the raffle which raised funds for the club thanks to the generosity of those attending who all donated a prize and bought tickets. Well done and thank you Di Britten for organising the evening.

The entire evening was a resounding success, the Oak Apple Room set up with the large round tables is an attractive venue. Thanks go to the chef Stephen for the delicious food and to Adelle and her staff for the excellent service.

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Corsley Parish Council

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**to be held in early March 2019**

**(date to be announced)**

**6.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms**

## **This YOUR meeting**

This is the annual occasion when you have a chance to discuss the issues which you believe most affect the village.

The Parish Council is seeking suggestions for topics for the agenda from the village, including potential input from outside bodies or individuals from whom you may wish to hear. We will be inviting our Wiltshire Councillor, Fleur de Rhé-Philipe to the meeting.

Please send any requests or ideas to your Parish Clerk, John Willcox by letter or email by **31 January**

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

## **Old School Playing Field**

# **Corsley Village Orchard**

Positive progress at the orchard

The hedges around the edge of the field have been cut back to create space and extra light as well as rejuvenating them.

The orchard fruit varieties that have been chosen are apple, pear, plum, greengage, damson, cherry, mulberry and quince.

The choices have been a combination of well-known varieties in the village (put forward by villagers), clearly including the Corsley Pippin and, where possible, heritage varieties that are suited to the conditions at the Old School Playing Field.

We have also had offers of cuttings from trees in the village that can be grafted onto root stock ensuring the village varieties that are difficult to find are kept for posterity.

The trees will be half-standard size which should give beautiful fruit trees about 15 ft high over time.

These should have been planted on the 29th December with protection from weeds and to stop the deer eating them.

We are also planting a number of walnut and hazelnut trees in the main wooded area.

As this article has been written early, I wanted to thank, in advance, all those who helped for their hard work.

Once planted, we should have blossom in the spring which should be a beautiful sight.

Clearly, it's not the end of the hard work as the trees will need watering – especially if we have another summer like last year. The grafted trees will be planted next autumn to extend the orchard further.

Please come down and have a look at our progress.



## One Team

# Community Policing

Warminster Town and Villages combined (Area Board)

We were pleased that West Wiltshire Community Policing Team was able to support Warminster at November's Remembrance event by laying a wreath and having a police presence at the event. All events across West Wiltshire were well attended for this 100th anniversary and I am pleased to report no issues occurred at any of the events in our area.

## Crime Exceptions

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

## November

November showed a total of 145 crimes for the whole Warminster Area Board region against the average of 115.3 for this same month over the last two years. This is within the parameters we would reasonably expect. There are no exceptions within the data.

## Warminster rural and villages beat

November showed a total of 59 crimes for this area against the average of 38.4 for this same month over the last two years. The six largest crime groups accounted for 98% of this recorded crime as follows;

- Violence against the person showed 13 crimes compared to the average of 9
- Vehicle offences showed 12 crimes compared to the average of 6
- Criminal damage showed 12 crimes compared to the average of 4.8
- Theft showed 10 crimes compared to the average of 9.2
- Burglary showed 9 crimes compared to the average of 5.9
- Public order offences showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 1.6

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

[www.police.uk/wiltshire](http://www.police.uk/wiltshire)

## Local PCSO briefing

As the festive season rapidly approaches it is worth taking a little time to consider security. The shops will be busy and it is easy to become distracted by the festivities and beautiful displays. Keep wallets, purses, mobile phones, etc., out of sight, preferably zipped away, this makes it much more difficult for thieves to help themselves to your belongings. You've got arms full of carefully chosen gifts for your loved ones, it's tempting to pop back to your car and drop them off before heading back to the shops to find the perfect present, take a moment to ensure the items are packed away and out of sight.

Many houses will have beautifully wrapped presents arranged under the Christmas tree. Whilst this looks lovely, it is also very tempting to burglars; it's very easy for them to sell off brand new, boxed goods, so please keep gifts hidden out of sight.

It is also the time for Christmas and New Year parties, plan how you will be getting to and from the venue, have you got a designated driver who will not be drinking? Will you be getting a taxi home? Book in advance as taxi services get very busy at this time of the year.

The festive period can be a very sad and lonely time for some. If you know someone who may be lonely, **Age UK** may be able to offer some help, you can contact them on their free number **0800 169 65 65**.

## **Community policing priorities**

### **Op Artemis - poaching and hare coursing**

Rural and remote locations and farms around Warminster and surrounding villages are at risk from poachers damaging fences and gates to access land to course hares and poach. This sometimes leads to cattle and sheep escaping out onto the roads causing issues for motorists and for the farmers. Crops and fields are also being damaged. We are conducting pro-active patrols to reduce this type of crime

### **Theft from vehicles**

We have seen a small increase in the targeting of particularly work vans and vehicles parked up overnight in Westbury

and Warminster, and across wider West Wiltshire. They are being broken into and work tools and equipment stolen. It is likely the offenders are using a van-sized vehicle themselves to travel around and commit these crimes and using tools to damage locks to gain access. We have been conducting high visibility proactive patrols to reduce offences and to try to identify potential offenders. As a part of crime prevention advice, we are asking people not to leave valuable items such as tools and equipment in vehicles, ensure they are securely locked and preferably alarmed. Report to the police any suspicious activity or vehicles in your area. Consider the use of home CCTV to cover your property and driveways.

## **Events**

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies/departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses/road closures.

It can be found at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf)







# Christingle at Candlemas

**On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we are making Christingles in St Philip and St James Church Chapmanslade at 3.30pm, followed by a special family 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Christingle at Candlemas Service at 4pm**

It's often thought that Christingle is just a Christmas service, but they can happen anytime between Advent and Candlemas.

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# Len White Trust Fund

## Bids for 2019/20

The Trust Fund was set up in 1992 in memory of Len White, a prominent Corsley resident. Its basis was a donation from Len's estate and contributions from the village, with the intention of using the fund's limited interest to help pupils of Corsley School. Its secondary purpose, in the event of the school's closure, as now, is to disburse the income of the fund;

**'for the benefit of the children living in Corsley between the ages of five and eleven for educational purposes as the full Parish Council shall think fit'.**

The Trustees of the Len White Fund (Corsley Parish Council), invite bids for the financial year 2019/20. Information and details required for any bids can be obtained from John Willcox, Parish Clerk (01371 832171). Bids should be submitted to John Willcox by **31st January**, on paper to: Little Orchard, Lyes Green, Corsley, or by email to [corsleypc\\_jdw@aol.co.uk](mailto:corsleypc_jdw@aol.co.uk)



## Corsley Show Charitable Trust applications

Following the Society AGM, the Corsley Show Charitable Trust now invites applications from organisations benefitting the parishes of Corsley, Chapmanslade and Horningsham.

Applications must be made by **31st January** for decision during February 2018.

The application form, along with more detail, is available on website: [hdwebsites.wixsite.com/cstrust](http://hdwebsites.wixsite.com/cstrust)

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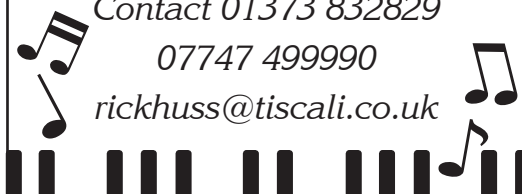
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## Happy New Year!

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You may be looking forward to a major change in your life, to an amazing holiday, moving house or dreading the advance of an incurable disease or suffering the most painful loss. God knows now. And He loves you. Can you believe that? What a profound mystery.

What might happen this year? Jesus promised clearly that He would return personally one day and that finally His kingdom would come. What an extraordinary truth! We have prayed it so often in the Lord's Prayer; we have recited it so often in the Creed. Jesus stressed that His coming was certain and would be totally unexpected.

Does this truth excite you? Are you looking forward to the return of Jesus? Are you ready for Him? Do you know Him as your Lord and Saviour? Is He a Friend with whom you are often in touch through prayer?

What's going to happen this year? God knows.

His Son is coming back one day. Soon? Who knows. Perhaps today!

*Roger Hopwood*

## Here and now!

If I make it unscathed through the Festive Season, I shall face yet another birthday soon after. The first thing I do each day is thank God for the things I can still do without too much pain and effort. I can walk (can even run when two-year-old great-grandson Hugo tells me to do it with him!), I can remember the essentials (where I live, how to get there, who I am). Yes, I muddle details at busy times, but quiet reflection soon sets me straight. I know people, my age and younger, for whom that's not so easy.

I'm grateful to God, too, for my current mobility. Being able to walk miles isn't something I take for granted; even climbing the stairs to my flat is something I daily thank God for.

None of these good things will last forever, though, they're strictly 'here and now', but, as Roger has written in his piece, God knows what will happen to you, to me, to everyone. All we can do is thank Him constantly today and be ready for the future...

## And lastly...

The saying goes: 'Tis the reason for the season', but, as im Short from Clink Evangelical Church reminded us on Advent Sunday, the wonderful thing is not that men landed on the moon, but that Jesus landed on the earth...

## Regular times

**Services** every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45)

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## Future events

### Wednesday 9th January – Curry Night

There will be a selection of curries to try plus onion bahjis, mushroom pakora and other delicious accompaniments. Stephen has gained a reputation for his outstanding curries – this is your chance to taste them all – see the website or Facebook for more details.

### Friday 25th January – Burns Night

Join us for a special Cross Keys celebration to include a Burns Night dinner – booking essential.

### Sunday 27th January – Quiz Night

Starting at 6.30pm; a maximum of 6 people per team at a cost of £2 per person, or £5 per person to include a light supper. Book your place by calling the pub. If you'd like supper, you will need to book by Saturday 26th December.

Have you witnessed the **Cross Kilo Burger Challenge**? – one kilo of prime steak topped with back bacon and cheese, served with giant Spanish onion rings, double dipped chips and slaw. Finish it in half hour and the chef foots the bill!! You don't have to eat it as a challenge, you can always share one – an amazing family feast! Must be pre-ordered.

Please check the website [www.crosskeyscorsley.co.uk](http://www.crosskeyscorsley.co.uk) or our Facebook page Cross Keys Inn Corsley for details of events, our new menu or contact the pub on 01373 832406.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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The Parish Council budgets on spending a total of around £4000, from the annual precept money, in areas such as community groups, sports and recreation, open spaces, entertainment and local issues

Donations and grants will be made on the basis of bids to help us spend this (your) money in appropriate areas. These should be by application to our Parish Clerk (he can provide the relevant forms) and include financial accounts where appropriate. Bids for defined projects are preferred, but this will not be to the exclusion of others. Bids should reach John Willcox on paper or by email by **31st January** to

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Stressed by all the Christmas and New year action? Why not go along to the 'Positively Peaceful' meditation event 10.30 –to 12.30 on Sunday January 6th. Contact [deborahpeaceful@gmail.com](mailto:deborahpeaceful@gmail.com).

Our January movie (on 24th) is Edie, starring Sheila Hancock. See the advert elsewhere for more details.

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](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk)

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

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*01373 832897*

## Folk Night – 16th March

The Reading Room Committee is pleased to announce that it has arranged for, ex Corsley Heath resident, Rosie Butler-Hall and her partner Danny Pedler to play in March. Danny plays the Hurdy Gurdy while Rosie plays the fiddle and sings. They play at folk clubs and festivals around the UK and abroad. There is a link on our website to a You Tube video of them in action. Tickets will go on sale in January.

## IT Club/Sessions

This will restart on Wednesday 30th January. 10 am to 12 noon. £3 per person. Coffee/tea and a biscuit included! The next dates for the Club are 27th February and 27th March).

## Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning:

*First Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon*

IT Classes/Club: Wednesday 30th January

Cinema Corsley: 'Edie' – 24th January, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

## Regular events run by other organisations

Lite Bites Lunches: 4th Wednesday of the month

Yoga: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Pilates: Tuesday afternoons

WI: second Thursday of the month (evening)

*Committee members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Ratty, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers.*

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- 8 Worcestershire
- 9 They all stayed in the command module on Apollo Missions whilst their crewmates walked on the moon
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- 11 Roots by Alex Haley
- 12 The man's horse was called Friday!

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