

# The Bridge

January 2020

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade

2020

Happy New Year  
to all our readers!

Sing with the choir, join the WI in the Antarctic, enjoy Soup & Puds with the Inner Wheel, there's lots of coffee mornings to go to, see 'The Mercy' at Cinema Corsley, try a Light Bites Lunch, there's lots to do in January...



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## Articles

Please submit articles either by email to **viv.thomas146@btinternet.com** or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

## File types

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

## Advertising

**Small ads** are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

**Events/local organisation ads** (churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a boxed advert.

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If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barters Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

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**Deadline for articles  
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4pm 19th January**

**Please note that no  
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after this date**

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## January

### **Monday 6th**

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

### **Tuesday 7th**

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

### **Thursday 9th**

WI - The Antarctic – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Saturday 11th**

Inner Wheel Club of Frome - 'Soup and Puds' – 12 noon to 2 pm, Chapmanslade Village hall

### **Wednesday 15th**

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Parochial Church Council – 7.30 pm

### **Thursday 16th**

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

Cinema Corsley – 'The Mercy' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 23rd**

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Friday 31st**

Deadline for applications for grants from Corsley Show Charitable Trust (see page 8)

Deadline for applications for donations/grants from Corsley Parish Council (see page 35)

## February

### **Sunday 2nd**

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

### **Tuesday 4th**

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

### **Thursday 6th**

Aladdin – 7.30 pm

### **Friday 7th**

Aladdin – 7.30 pm

### **Saturday 6th**

Aladdin – 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm



# Diary Dates

## Thursday 13th

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

## Thursday 20th

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

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

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

## Thursday 27th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley  
Reading Room

## March

### Tuesday 3rd

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

### Friday 20th

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

## News from Chapmanslade Motor Services

As some of you are aware, Iain recently sustained a pelvic injury after a fall at home. He would like to thank everybody for their kind words and offers of help, including cancelling or postponing works until his return from hospital. He is now happy to let everyone know that after some time on crutches, physio, etc., that he is well on the mend. After our usual Christmas break, it will be business as normal. Iain looks forward to the continued support of the people of Chapmanslade and surrounding villages.

Happy new year!

## Christmas came to Corsley

On a cold but dry December evening a crowd of villagers gathered in Manor Farm Barn, Corsley...

*They had heard the news*

*A baby had been born!*

Mary and Joseph (Sally and James Oats) had travelled miles to register their new baby who was to be called Jesus (baby Jack Oats)

The Angels (Maggie and Ellie Thackway) looked down on them as the Shepherds (Janet Aylesbury and Sue Foster) brought a lamb and a warm fleece to keep the baby warm. They were closely followed by Three

Wise men (John Foster, Simon Jasper and Mark Foster) who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Thanks must go to Geoff Titt for so ably playing the carols. The story was narrated by Dennis Barnard and the crowd were warmed by some warm cider punch served by the inn keeper Malcolm Holly and managed to get away before the rain began.

Thanks were made to Chris and Claire da Costa for the loan of Manor Farm Barn and a magnificent £124 was raised for the Children's Society.

*Judith Helliar*

# New Year Resolution dilemma

## Or is it? Why not take up yoga?

Are you thinking of New Year's resolutions to get fitter, stronger, more flexible and even have a little time for you? If so, why not give yoga a go? If you have already decided to start running, cycling, boot camp or any other cardiac activity then think about adding yoga to your new regime to help stretch, improve your balance and breathing. Yoga is excellent on its own or as a 'partner' activity.

### ***Frequently asked questions***

#### **What yoga type do you teach?**

I am British Wheel of Yoga trained so teach Hatha yoga. 'Hatha' is an umbrella word for practices that are mainly movement based. What you can expect from a Hatha class is for the teacher to give modifications to make a pose more 'do-able' if needed. Classes can be strong, however there are always modifications to make things a little easier, especially if you haven't done any yoga before. However, we are after a stronger, more flexible and relaxed body and mind, so there has to be some hard work!



#### **What do I need to bring?**

Wear comfortable clothes, leggings, t-shirts, jumpers and bring a mat (if you have one), and lots of warm clothes and blankets for relaxation. This is England in the winter (and even in summer!) not a southern Indian beach!

#### **How do I join?**

Give me a ring, 01373 832301 or email me [yogawithjackej@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithjackej@gmail.com) to see if there is still a place and ask me lots of questions.

I have a few spaces available on Tuesday, 9.30am to 11am, Leigh Park Community Centre, Leigh Park, Westbury and 7 to 8.30pm at the Reading Room in Corsley. At the moment, Wednesday evenings are full, however if this is the class you want to attend let me know as sometimes people drop out at the last minute.

Lastly, Yoga is for life, not just for New Year resolutions!

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## Community Coffee Mornings

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

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our rector, and Candy, our PCSO, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.



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The lunch took place in the beautifully decorated Reading Room on 11th December (thank you Vanessa and Laura for the decorations – it was a shame to have to take them down!). It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. After a warming glass of punch (thank you Di and Neil), the team served up a traditional Christmas lunch – turkey and all the trimmings – followed by Christmas pudding or Dot's famous trifle and a mince pie to make the meal complete.

A VERY BIG thank you to all our volunteer helpers – without you the meal would have taken a very long time to serve!

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 What was the name of Dorothy's dog in the "Wizard of Oz"?
- 2 Apples, celery, walnuts and mayonnaise – mixed together in the correct combination make what?
- 3 Who, according to the bible, performed the dance of the seven veils?
- 4 Which US State, one of the original 13 colonies, was named after Queen Elizabeth I?
- 5 In which English county is Blenheim Palace?
- 6 In which ministry is Room 101 in George Orwell's novel 1984?
- 7 What would you add to a Welsh rarebit to make a Buck Rabbit?
- 8 How is the sea parrot better known?
- 9 The London Underground is the second longest metro system in the world. Which Asian city has the longest?
- 10 According to the song, how long is the Campdown race track?
- 11 Who composed The New World Symphony?
- 12 Before Donald Trump, who was the last US President to have male offsprings?

*Answers on page 44*

Corsley Show Charitable Trust

## Grant Applications

Following the Society AGM, applications to the Corsley Show Charitable Trust from organisations in Corsley, Chapmanslade and Horningsham can now be made

The process for applications to the Trust is the same process as last year and full information is available on the website ([hdwebsites.wixsite.com/cstrust](http://hdwebsites.wixsite.com/cstrust)) along with the application form. The maximum award is limited to £500 as last year

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Why is this a problem? Quite simply, modern electronic devices depend on extremely rare chemical elements to function. These include ones you rarely hear about, such as indium, yttrium, tantalum and

gallium. They also include better-known elements, such as arsenic and silver, which may be totally mined out within the next 100 years. The RSC ran its survey under the heading “Elements in danger” to highlight the issue as part of the International Year of the Periodic Table.

Chemists are working to find alternatives to these rare elements in microchips, transistors, touch screens and LEDs. However, further uses for these elements are continually being found as new devices are developed. The immediate solution is to recycle unused devices or the components they contain.

This is where the 3Rs of recycling come into play:

- **Reduce** – put off upgrading your device. Do you really need the marginal



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improvement that the new phone offers?

- **Reuse** – pass your old phone (or tablet or TV) to a relative, donate it to a charity or sell it to a company dealing in second-hand devices.
- **Recycle** – send it to the local recycling centre.

However, concern about theft of personal data appears to be one reason why people do not reuse or recycle their phones. Doing a factory reset is usually a good first step, and recycling centres are obliged to recycle electronic devices securely. If in doubt, check with the retailer of your new or old phone.

Not only do mobile phones contain about 30 different elements, with 6 of these set to run out within the next 100 years, but some are mined in battle areas, often by child labour. Such “conflict elements” include tin, gold, tungsten and tantalum. Some manufacturers, such as Fairphone, endeavour to source their components without using conflict minerals, obtaining them from other mining areas or from recycled components. Fairphone also allows the user to upgrade or repair individual components, such as the camera or screen, avoiding the need to buy a new phone.

I am not perfect. I have an unused phone – as a spare in case my fairly reliable phone goes on the blink. I also have an old TV I hardly ever watch. However, I have recycled the old phones that I had sitting in a desk drawer – they went to Barnardo’s charity shop after a factory reset to delete my personal details.

If you received a new phone, tablet, TV or other electronic device for Christmas – please recycle or reuse your old one.

For more on this issue visit the website  
[rsc.org/elementsindanger](http://rsc.org/elementsindanger)

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at [nigelbrown48@gmail.com](mailto:nigelbrown48@gmail.com)

## St Mary’s Church

The Trustees of the Mary Barton Trust are pleased to announce that their ownership of St Mary’s Church has now passed to the Friends of Friendless Churches who will from henceforth take full responsibility for its maintenance and upkeep.

A **Friends of St Mary’s Group** is now in the process of being formed. The purpose of this group of local people is to provide support to the new owners, to stimulate interest in the building and to hold occasional services and other events as appropriate. Anyone interested in this organisation, or would like to know more, is requested to contact either Simon Jasper at [simonjasper1@googlemail.com](mailto:simonjasper1@googlemail.com) or Colin Cary on [colin.cary@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.cary@btinternet.com)

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# Corsley Show



**Bank Holiday Monday**  
**31st August 2020**  
**Corsley Showground BA12 7QH**



**Pre-schedule**

# ***Division A***

## ***Vegetables and Fruit - Open***

1	Runner beans	6 pods	
2	French beans	6	
3	Lettuce	2	<i>New for 2020</i>
4	Beetroots (globe)	3 roots, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
5	Cabbage	1 with 3"/7cm of stalk	
6	Carrots	3 long, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
7	Carrots	3 stump rooted, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
8	Leeks	2, with roots	
9	Container of mixed vegetables	a minimum of 4 kinds, max 24"/61cm square, height unlimited	
10	Cucumber	2	<i>New for 2020</i>
11	Onions	3, each to be 8oz/227 grams or over	
12	Onions	5, each to be under 8oz/227 grams	
13	Potatoes	5 white	
14	Potatoes	5 coloured	
15	Shallots	5 bulbs	
16	Tomatoes	5, with calyx other than cherry type	
17	Cherry tomatoes	6, with calyx	
18	Rhubarb	3 stalks, with heel and 4cm trimmed top	
19	Garlic	1 head/bulb	<i>New for 2020</i>
20	Radishes	5, with stalks	
21	Courgettes	3, approx 6"/15cm	
22	Chilli peppers	3, with stalks	
23	Any other vegetable	not listed above	
24	Apples	5 culinary	
25	Apples	5 dessert	
26	Plums	5	
27	Plate of any other kind of fruit	in a single layer, max 12"/30cm	

## ***Novelty section***

- 28 Heaviest potato
- 29 Heaviest tomato *New for 2020*
- 30 Longest stalk of rhubarb
- 31 Heaviest onion
- 32 Most grotesque vegetable/fruit
- 33 Longest runner bean

*NB Unless otherwise stated, a single variety is expected for entries where more than one will be exhibited i.e. '5 white potatoes' are to be of a single variety*

# ***Division C***

## ***Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers - Closed***

62	Runner beans	6 pods	
63	French beans	6 pods	
64	Rhubarb	3 stalks, with heel and 1.5"/4cm of trimmed leaf	
65	Onions	5	
66	Potatoes	4	
67	Tomatoes	4, other than Cherry type, with calyx	
68	Cherry tomatoes	5, with calyx	
69	Beetroots	3, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
70	Shallots	3 bulbs	
71	Carrots	3, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
72	Courgettes	3, max length 6"/15cm	
73	Cucumber	1	<i>New for 2020</i>
74	Selection of grasses	10 stems max, in a vase	
75	Gladiolus	1 specimen spike	
76	Cut flowers	3 blooms of different varieties, in a vase	
77	Rose	single bloom, in a vase	
78	Roses	3 blooms, any variety or varieties, in a vase	
79	Orchid	in a pot (please state size if over 12"/30cm)	
80	Dahlias	3 blooms, in a vase	
81	Sweet peas	6 stems, any variety or varieties, in a vase	
82	Garden flowers	3 stems, in a vase	
83	Vase of mixed foliage	excluding grasses	<i>New for 2020</i>
84	Apples	3 dessert	<i>New for 2020</i>
85	Plate of fruit	any varieties, max plate size 12"/30cm	<i>New for 2020</i>

# ***Division G***

## ***Art - Open***

121	A landscape	} in any medium	<i>New for 2020</i>
122	A portrait		
123	Tree(s)		
124	Animal(s)		
125	Still life		
126	Abstract		
127	Winter		<i>New for 2020</i>

NB Any artwork that has won a prize at a previous Corsley Show may not be submitted

# *Division I*

## *Handicrafts - Open*

- |     |                                  |   |
|-----|----------------------------------|---|
| 157 | A 'work in progress'             |   |
| 158 | Woven item                       |   |
| 159 | Item of crochet                  |   |
| 160 | Hand or machine sewn item        |   |
| 161 | Applique work                    |   |
| 162 | Item made of silk                | <i>New for 2020</i>   |
| 163 | Item made of felt                |   |
| 164 | Draught excluder                 |   |
| 165 | Hand-knitted item for baby       |   |
| 166 | Item for the kitchen             | <i>New for 2020</i>   |
| 167 | Article of soft furnishing       |   |
| 168 | Door wreath                      |   |
| 169 | Greetings card                   |   |
| 170 | Christmas decoration             |   |
| 171 | Teddy bear or soft toy           |   |
| 172 | Pompom wreath                    | <i>New for 2020</i>   |
| 173 | Item of jewellery                |   |
| 174 | Painted plate                    | <i>New for 2020</i>   |
| 175 | Novice Class*                    | Your first ever craft exhibit   |
| 176 | Something new from something old | the most innovative use of recycled materials, in the opinion of the judge. Please state materials used made from Lego (or similar), to your own design |
| 177 | Lego model                       |   |
| 178 | Piece of decorated glass         |   |
| 179 | Decorated pebble                 | (decoration only to be judged)  |
| 180 | Item of metalwork                |   |
| 181 | Item of woodwork                 |   |
| 182 | Something for the garden         |   |
| 183 | Item of any other craftwork      | i.e. pottery, sculpture, etc.   |
- \*Class 175 attracts a special prize of £5

*Unless otherwise stated, you can use any medium, any size, any design, any colour!*  
*Please remember to state the size of your exhibit on your entry form - we need to know as it enables us to lay out the marquee properly for Show Day*

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# Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I know I probably have said this before but it's really weird to have to write this letter for the New Year when we are still in Advent! I get muddled enough already with the plethora of services and events that are going on now without thinking of next year's 'stuff' as well!

So here we are in January, I wonder what lies ahead? This morning I have been sitting with someone whom I see regularly who has just moved house; a very significant and psychologically impactful move as she has moved from a house to a flat into what is effectively sheltered accommodation in anticipation of future needs. The flat is in the centre of the city so the route to my house is a new one that is unfamiliar; the way was unknown which brings with it its own anxieties and challenges.

I wonder what new journeys we will be called upon to make this coming year and will we know the way? Will those journeys be ones that we have already marked in our diaries and planned for, or will they be ones that come totally out of the blue and which throw us into confusion and panic? Life of course, holds both possibilities and some years we will experience what we perceive to be a very unfair dollop of the latter, some rather more of the former. But however much we plan ahead and try to have everything organised and under control we cannot know what the future holds.

The death of my father last year marks 2019 as a very sad one but there were lots of joyful times too. 2020 will be a very special year for our family as both our daughters are expecting babies, one in February and one in March, so that is very exciting indeed. There is great poignancy in that weaving together of life and death, sadness and joy, a poignancy that has prompted much reflection on the preciousness of love and a deepening realisation that life is a sacred gift to be lived with love, compassion, and generosity of spirit.

We'll be thinking about three people who had to make a very difficult and unplanned for journey in dangerous circumstances at our service for Epiphany on Sunday January 5th 10.30am at Longbridge Deverill church; the wise men's gift of gold (chocolate coins) will be shared after the service. I don't suppose they had THAT journey in their diaries, and I don't suppose they were ever the same after they made it. Another lovely event involving the story of a journey to the temple, is our annual Christingle and Candlemas service at Chapmanslade church on Sunday February 2nd. It's at 3.15pm for the making of the Christingles followed by a short service starting at 4pm. I think it's very special to have this lovely service involving lots of candles in what is often a very dark and dreary month.

There is no doubt that this past year has been difficult for all of us in so many different ways and it's easy to fall prey to cynicism and despair. But as we begin a new decade let us hold onto the hope of a better way, and let us think about how we can be part of making the world a better place for everyone.

Happy New Year!

Love and prayers,

Pauline

# January Church Diary

## Sunday 5th January: Epiphany

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

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

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



## Tuesday 7th January

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



## Sunday 12th January: Plough Sunday

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

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



## Wednesday 15th January

10.30am, Time to Think Home Group (see weekly newsletter for location)

7.30pm, Parochial Church Council ((see weekly newsletter for location))



## Thursday 16th January

10am at Three Horseshoes: Church & Community Coffee Morning



## Sunday 19th January: Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

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



## Tuesday 21st January

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley: After Alpha Home Group



## Wednesday 22nd January

12.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms: Lite Bites Soup Lunch

**Sunday 26th January: Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist  
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



**Wednesday 29th January**  
10.30am, Time to Think Home Group (see weekly newsletter for location)



**Sunday 2nd February: Candlemas**  
8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion  
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist  
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship  
3.15pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Christingle  
4pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Candlemas

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

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## **Christingle at Candlemas**

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

## **Fundraising**

We were invited to provide the refreshments at the Busy Bees Christmas Fayre and busy Bees kindly allowed us to keep the proceeds for church funds. Our thanks to Busy Bees for the invitation and to all those people who provided the splendid cakes.

We held a very successful Coffee Morning at the end of November. We raised the magnificent sum of £619 for Church Funds. Our thanks to Maggie Thackway and all her elves for hosting the event.

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

The May Fayre date and time is yet to be confirmed.

## Activities in Lent

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

## Parish Giving Scheme

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

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Corsley WI

# December news

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



The December meeting was our Christmas Meal and involved lots of festive jolliness and very little business! We gathered in The Royal Oak for pre-dinner drinks and then sat down for food. The grace said it all really:

*It's that festive time for the Corsley WI,  
When we exchange cards and nibble the odd mince pie.  
But we must remember those for whom times are hard,  
Who's lives are troubled and hearts are scared.  
Let's pray to make all lives good,  
As we tuck into our Christmas pud.*

We had a lovely meal accompanied by two quizzes. The first on the signs on washing labels on clothes, which even for members of the WI was hard going. The second on identifying the food from places in the UK from some slightly dubious pictures. Of

course the second one was far easier with the likes of the humble Yorkshire pud, Eccles cake, Cornish pasty... but how many of you know what a Manchester Tart really looks like!!! Eileen Leete won the quiz, well done!

The next meeting is a talk on 'The Antarctic' and is at **7.30pm** on **9th January 2020** in the Reading Rooms. This is an open meeting if any visitors would like to join us.

The Corsley WI also have skittles, scrabble, bridge and lunch clubs which are also open to non-members. There are also a large number of county and national trips, workshops and other activities that members can join in with.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Judith Helliard on 01373 832803.

*Alice Helliard*

## Save the Date

Corsley WI will be hosting another charity:

# Soup and Puds

12 noon - 2pm, 20th February

Corsley Reading Room

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# Welcome to the Messy Christingle at Candlemas Sunday 2nd February at 3.15pm

**We will be making Christingles in St Philip  
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3.15pm, followed by a special family  
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# Cinema Corsley

This month sees the start of our new season of films:

**Thursday 16th January**

## **The Mercy**

Certificate 12A, 1 hour 52 mins



We start the New Year with an intriguing portrayal of man's struggle against nature and himself. Another choice of our Corsley voters, the Mercy recounts the true story of an amateur sailor's quest to circumnavigate the world solo in 1968. Always the outsider

among the nine men entering the Golden Globe race, Colin Firth plays the leading role in the story of Donald Crowhurst's shamefully ill-prepared endeavour and mysterious disappearance. It has been reviewed as Firth's best performance of the last few years with an in-depth study of a man with a romantic notion of how he might make his name. Slowly as Crowhurst's time at sea becomes more and more hopeless, he is plunged into deep despair. Why anyone would risk so much is probably beyond many of us, the blatant selfishness and irresponsibility seem unfathomable, but pride is a strong emotion and we all know what pride comes before... The involvement of Crowhurst's family, his wife and three young children, is not given as high a profile as previous depictions of this extraordinary story, but Rachel Weisz as his wife Clare adds status to the cast alongside Firth.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets £6 from Acres Supply (cash only) or on the door. Refreshments and a licensed bar.

**Thursday 20th February 2020**

## **Swimming with Men**

Certificate 12A, running time 1 hr 36 mins

Our February film also features middle-aged men but that's where the similarity ends. In a typically dry English comedy with an underlying social thread, Swimming with men is reminiscent of The Full Monty and Brassed Off. It follows a group of the seemingly most unlikely men which forms a synchronised swimming team, the story inspired by a real-life group of middle-aged Swedes.

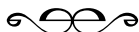


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**Corsley Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PCs activities in December

Because of the timing of the December PC meeting, in relation to The Bridge publishing timetable, I included a fairly full description of the intended agenda in the December brief, so as to encourage public attendance to hear all about the Corsley House bund plans. I am glad to report that about 25 people attended the pre-meeting briefing by Angus Cunningham, the Project Manager for the project, and were able to put their question and concerns. The application was considered by the PC at the subsequent quarterly meeting and the discussion is summarised below.

Two more planning applications were also on the agenda, as was the annual financial review, updates on the Streetscene and Bay tree (already detailed in the December edition of The Bridge) and the agenda of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting (APM).

## **Planning applications**

**19/10108/WCM**

***Creation of a landscape and amenity bund with ancillary native tree planting to enhance residential amenity, biodiversity, drainage and the overall setting of a Grade II Listed Building with the ancillary diversion of an existing public right of way at land to the north of the A362, Corsley, at Corsley House, Deep Lane, Corsley, BA12 7QH***

Discussion centred around the three main aspects of the application, the bund itself and

its impact on landscape and setting, the traffic load during construction and the possibility of reflected noise. In general, the PC believed that the construction of such a large feature was a somewhat extreme solution to any noise issues that might exist at Corsley House, but that in the long term it provided a benefit in terms of the enhanced ecology and extensive tree planting planned and would have no detrimental effect on the setting of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or views from Cley Hill in the long term.

However, a major concern was the impending imposition of some 6,330 additional lorry trips over a 198 day period, at the rate of 32 per day in an easterly direction, to achieve delivery of some 90,000 tonnes of earth. A detailed traffic survey had been undertaken in preparation for the planning application and this showed a modest increase (7%) on the A362 over the measured flows of HGVs. However, strong views were expressed that this increase was on top of an already well nigh intolerable volume of HGVs through the village and would represent in an increased road safety risk at the Heath at just the time when the PC was attempting to introduce risk reduction measures. The site entry would be at the top end of Deep Lane, resulting in a very heavy increase in vehicle movements over a short distance (about 60m) which could interfere with and delay normal movements, particularly school traffic.

Two letters had been received directly by the PC, both covering similar points about the disproportionality of the plan in relation to the perceived noise hazard at Corsley House, but one of these also raised the issue of potential reflected noise in a southerly direction. A noise study had been completed as one of the application documents but this concentrated on the benefits of the bund for Corsley House and did not consider the potential for reflection. The PC felt that this was a failing in the application and should be addressed.

After some discussion, and a contribution from a member of the public, it was proposed that the application be supported provided that two conditions were applied:

1. That no residential properties should be affected by increased noise resulting from the building of the bund because of noise being reflected south across the A362. Evidence should be provided of existing noise levels along the base of the proposed bund and predictions made, based on a credible modelling exercise, of the post bund situation, particularly the extent to which properties on the south of the A362 might be affected. In addition, if the application is approved, post build measurements should be undertaken and if the predictions are found to be incorrect and the properties referred to are adversely affected remedial actions should be enforced.
2. That the traffic plan governing the delivery of the material to the site is rigidly adhered to and actively managed.

The results of a vote were three for, one against and two abstentions (one as a result of an expressed interest). Two Councillors were absent. The proposal was carried.

### ***Post meeting note***

*The sub contractors for the project, SLR Consulting, have now conducted and supplied to the PC an*

*analysis of the possibility of reflections from the bund, with the conclusion that "...any reflected noise would be minimal and would not give rise to any increased levels of noise which would be perceptible." This analysis has been accepted by the PC as meeting the first part of condition 1.*

### ***19/10356/FUL***

***Proposed creation of new animal housing (giraffe and zebra) and ancillary buildings. Removal of existing animal housing. Creation of additional retail floor space adjacent to existing shop, Longleat Safari and Adventure Park, Longleat, BA12 7NW***

It was unanimously agreed that the PC have no objection to this application.

### ***19/10513/ADV***

***One threshold sign to be located at ST 83768844265, X 383768 Y144265.***

One 'welcome' and 'orientation' sign located at ST 8377444295, X383774 Y144295.

The signs will be made from fibreglass with aluminium fixings attached to oak posts, at Cley Hill, Corsley, BA12 7QU. (These are new signs proposed by the National Trust for erection in the car park adjacent to the A362, at the base of Cley Hill.

It was unanimously agreed that the PC have No Objection to this application

### ***Streetscene***

#### ***Whitbourne Springs/A362 junction***

Unfortunately this proposal was not selected for the Wiltshire Council major projects scheme, which means the proposed re-design and reconstruction of the junction will not happen. However, it remains a Category One CATG scheme and some small improvements to slowing traffic may be possible with the very limited funds available.

*continued...*

**Corsley Heath**

The Corsley Heath road safety measures are still in the programme including the proposed crossing point by the bus stop. It is anticipated that there could be some movement on this project in the New Year.

**Finance**

**Finance In-year statement**

The precept for 2018/19, i.e. Corsley’s share of your Council tax, was £9275, which represents £16.30 per elector. Additional income was derived from Little Cuckoos, for their sub-lease of an area of the Old School Playing Field. The spending plan for FY 18/19, in percentage terms, is:

Grants and donations	37%
Administration	34%
<i>(includes clerk’s salary, insurance, WALC etc)</i>	
OSPF/Streetscene	4%
<i>(includes provision for new OSPF entrance work and PC Contributions to CATG projects)</i>	
Reserves	10%
<i>(PC asset repair fund – OS car park/ bus shelters/unforeseen items)</i>	
Underspend	14%
<i>(over estimate of CATG contributions)</i>	

Other than grants/donations, all other items have been spent or committed. The amount available for grants and donations is around £3500 and is traditionally used to support community organisations and projects. There is a notice on the opposite page seeking bids, with details on how to apply.

**Future Plans/Precept bid for 2019/20**

The future projections for the next two years carry on with the same pattern of expenditure with two key exceptions. First, the PC is now having to face the expectation of regular contributions to any CATG projects in the village at 25% of cost. This year this amount

was £214. Prediction of future costs is an inexact art, particularly as there is always uncertainty in which FY the payments will fall. For next year, the working assumption is that the PC will need to contribute approximately £5k to the improvements at the Heath and nothing towards Whitbourne Springs. Second, the Heath bus stop is in a poor material state and has been temporarily repaired. Early in the New Year the PC will be looking at replacement options and this will have to be absorbed in the budget for 2020/21, probably from a combination of use of underspend and reserves. It is anticipated that these expectations can be met by holding the precept bid for 2020/21 in line with inflation. The bid for next year will thus be £9763, an increase of 2% over the current FY, representing £17.10 per elector.

**Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 2020**

As already mentioned in previous briefs, all Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. It is not a PC meeting, but a village gathering, with the PC providing the Chair. The meeting is intended to allow the PC to explain what they have been doing over the last year and local community organisations, if they so wish. It is also the occasion for electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the Parish.

The meeting will take place early in March 2020 on a date yet to be finalised, but in the first two weeks of the month. A notice was placed in last month’s edition of The Bridge seeking input on possible topics, with no response to-date. The PC has offered one slot to Hugh Deed to talk about Reading Room refurbishment plans, which he has accepted. Longleat have also been invited to give us their annual talk, but so far have not responded. I have repeated the notice in this edition of The Bridge and all ideas are welcome.

## Dates of meetings in 2020

Annual Parish Meeting March  
(exact date/time to be confirmed)

Annual PC Meeting 7.30pm, 4th May

Quarterly Meeting 7.30pm, 1st June

Quarterly Meeting 7.30pm, 7th September

Quarterly Meeting 7.30pm, 7th December

A Happy New year to one and all.

*Neil Britten, Chairman*

*pc.corsleynb@gmail.com*

*01373 832515/07810 764714*

Joyce and I came to Chapmanslade in 1998. Over the years we have greatly enjoyed supporting the community and we have made many friends. Both of us thank you all for your friendship and support. We will be back in the village from time to time as we do not wish to lose contact with you. And of course we will be delighted to see you in Tetbury: our new home is right in the town centre, just a few yards from Prince Charles' shop.

*Phil Jefferson*

## Corsley Parish Council

# BIDS FOR DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR 2019/20

Each year the Parish Council provides donation or grants to a variety of community and village organisations. In recent years these have included:

- Corsley Reading Rooms
- War Memorial Playing Field
- Corsley and Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council
- The Bridge
- The Lane End telephone box project
- Corsley Show
- The village de-fibrillator project
- The village Broadband Project

The Parish Council budgets on spending a total of around £3500, from your taxes, 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 is not to the exclusion of others. Bids should reach John Willcox, Parish Clerk, on paper or by email by **Friday 31st January** to

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# Whitbourne Chapel

*A peaceful and prosperous New Year to all!*

## Preachers for January 2020

- 5th Paul Stinchcombe, from the Open Air Mission
- 12th Russell Short from Clink Evangelical Church
- 19th Chris Andrews from West Lavington Chapel
- 26th John Hobson from Clink Evangelical Church

## At the Gate of the Year

In his Christmas Day message in 1939 George VI quoted those memorable lines, “Place your hand into the hand of God” taken from Louise Haskins’ poem, “At the Gate of the Year”.

Britain had been at war for only a few months, in a period known as the “phoney war”. The king did not know what lay ahead in 1940 – the invasion of Belgium and The Netherlands on 10 May; the miracle of Dunkirk from 26 May to 4 June followed by the Battle of Britain from 10 July to 31 October; and then the start of the Blitz in September lasting through to May 1941.

We too face an uncertain future – political instability; climate change; increasing violence in society and many other things. Against this gloomy backdrop there is only one direction

to which we can turn. It is the same direction in which King George looked – upwards to the King of kings.

God has said in the middle of His Word, the Bible – “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes” (Psalm 118 v. 9, AV).

Let us, at the gateway of 2020 – a year in which we remember 75 years since VE Day – put our trust in the living God, and in His Son who, as that very same psalm goes on to prophesy, is the only certain foundation on which to build (Psalm 118 v. 22; Acts 4 v 12).

*John Hobson*

*Visiting preacher at Whitbourne Chapel*

## New Year 2020

New Year resolution. It’s the 23rd of Jan. What was it? I’ve forgotten. Such a weak, forgetful man.

The same last year, and all before,

But not next year, you’ll see!

In 2021 a better, strong, determined me.

*Roger Hopwood*

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Corsley Parish Council

# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**to be held in early March 2020  
6.30pm, Corsley Reading Room  
(exact date to be confirmed)**

## **This is YOUR meeting**

It 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. As usual, 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 31st January 2020  
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## Corsley Reading Room

# Your 'village hall'

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

### Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th January – come and catch up on village gossip! Why not bring a friend? All welcome.

### Cinema Corsley

The January film will be 'The Mercy' on Thursday 16th – see advert for more details. The trailer can be viewed on our website.

### Reading Room refurbishment/ replacement

We had a lot of useful input from those attending the AGM and subsequently. We are doing work on a range of possible options which will be presented to residents when we feel we have investigated sufficiently and can sensibly discuss them. We have a committee meeting in late January after which we may be able to put more details on the website to help keep you informed on what options exist and

the issues. It is anticipated that the next public meeting at which it will be discussed will be in March.

As we enter the twenties it is important that we think ahead to ensure the community of Corsley has a village hall in the thirties and beyond.

### Bookings

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

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*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

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### Run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning: *First Tuesday of the month  
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Cinema Corsley: *'The Mercy'  
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Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start*

### Other regular events NOT organised by the Management Committee

Lite Bites Lunches: *4th Wednesday of the month*  
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- 3 Salome
- 4 Virginia (Virgin Queen)
- 5 Oxfordshire
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- 7 An egg, often poached
- 8 Puffin
- 9 Shanghai
- 10 Five miles long (doo-da)
- 11 Antonin Dvorak
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