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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

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

January

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 6th

Deadline for bids for donations and grants from Corsley Parish Council

Saturday 7th

Frome Inner Wheel 'Soup and Puds' – 12 noon to 2 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Monday 9th

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly meeting - 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

Tuesday 10th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Wednesday 11th

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Corsley Fayre – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Deadline for new volunteers to join the Corsley Fayre committee - volunteers are most welcome from wherever you live!)

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Medical Detection Dogs' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting - 7.30 pm, Village Hall

Sunday 14th

Christingle Service – 3 pm, St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 21st

2 Bobs' Quiz Night – 7.45 pm, Warminster Conservative Club. Fish and Chips supper. £10 - please book in advance direct with the Conservative Club

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 26th

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

February

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room



Diary Dates

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI - 'Sustainable(ish)' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 14th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Tuesday 23rd

Multimedia presentation on the de Havilland Mosquito – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room
(book tickets in advance)

March

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI - 'Annual General Meeting and Stayin' Alive' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 14th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

April

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon,
Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 11th

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Thursday 13th

Corsley WI - 'How well do you know Wiltshire?' Alive – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

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Wednesday 11th January

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 8th February

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- 1 The Apennines are a mountain region in which country?
- 2 Roman numeral MMXXII is equivalent to which year?
- 3 In a tale by Beatrix Potter, what kind of creature was Mrs Tiggly-Winkle?
- 4 On which night of the week was Abba's Dancing Queen "in the mood for a dance"?
- 5 If enjoying Cambridge No 5s, Wellands or Bedford Winter Harvests what would you be eating?
- 6 Members of which clan were massacred at Glencoe in 1692?
- 7 What nationality was the composer Gustaf Holst?
- 8 Which of his plays did Shakespeare set in woodland with the same name as his mother?
- 9 Many of us received the BCG inoculation in childhood. Which disease did it protect us against?
- 10 "Call me Ishmael" is the opening line of which novel?
- 11 How many dots are there on a pair of dice?
- 12 Who said the line in a 1930 film: "One morning I shot an elephant in my pyjamas. How he got in my pyjamas, I don't know."?

Answers on page 40

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Wiltshire Council

Planning permission for new development in Corsley

After some revisions, many of which resulted from feedback from local residents, the development next to Baytree Close has now been given the go ahead. Work on the site, which is being delivered by Wiltshire Council's Residential Development Team, will begin in 2023.

The development will provide eight new affordable homes for Corsley, two adapted bungalows, one three bed and five two bed houses. Three of the two bed houses will be for shared ownership and the rest will be available for social rent. In both cases, priority will be given to local people. If you are interested in the social rent properties, please ensure you have applied for Homes4Wiltshire's housing need register. How to contact us - Wiltshire (homes4wiltshire.co.uk). The shared ownership properties will be advertised locally during the construction phase.

A new entrance to the existing field will be made from the A362. The Council's ecologist



advised on minimising disturbance to wildlife. The relevant part of the hedge will therefore be trimmed down to 1 metre before the bird nesting season and the rest of the hedge taken out after any hibernating animals have departed. You will therefore see this first hedge cut early in 2023 at the position indicated by the yellow line on the plan.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Christine Brown Wiltshire Council Residential

Development Manager: Christine.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01225 718771.

Note from Neil Carpenter, Chair, Corsley Parish Council:

From my last conversation with Christine the shared ownership homes will be at full market value for Corsley. I was expecting the house value to be a reduction from market rate with claw back if/when the home is sold.

Being shared ownership will mean that the purchaser will need to have a mortgage and be paying rent on top. I have not seen any information about whether rent will be affordable or market rate.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead, rounds up the PC's activity in December 2022

The Parish Council met on Thursday 8th December 2022. The main points discussed were:

Dog Bins

The bin at the end of Wood Lane has now been moved making it more accessible and moving away from local residences. Thanks are due to the team of volunteers who did the work.

HGV meeting

As reported by both BBC and ITV local news the latest in a number of meetings to lower HGV weight limits in Chapmanslade, Corsley, and Maiden Bradley took place on Friday 2nd December 2022. Our MP, Dr Murrison, chaired the meeting, but Wiltshire Council Highways declined the offer to attend. The outcome is a letter from our MP to the Leader of Wiltshire Council requesting a meeting to unblock the lack of action by the Highways Department and to investigate the creation of an experimental traffic order to lower the weight limits for a trial period to measure the effect.

Queen's Canopy tree planting

A group of villagers turned out to plant just over 60 saplings around the playground and along the path at the Village Hall. The trees were ordered by the PC as part of the Queen's Canopy project. There are still some trees available for planting at a later date.

A 'ceremonial' oak sapling grown from an acorn picked in Chapmanslade was planted by the youngest (and oldest!) attendees and a

plaque was erected to mark the event.

Thanks are due to Adam Oakley for making the arrangements, the History Group for funding the plaque, and to everyone who turned out to support this project which will be good for our environment and provide shelter for the playground. The tea and cakes afterwards were a welcome relief from the cold.

Planning

PL/2022/08650: Woodland Retreat for dogs. Turnpike Cottage. There were no objections to this application.

PL/2022/08195: Construction of oak framed garage 45 High St. There were no objections to this application.

PL/2022/09101: Replacement of existing curtilage outbuilding to provide residential ancillary use, Corsley Mill. The PC objected to this application on the grounds that it was within the curtilage of a listed building and thus required listing building planning permission; the new building was much larger and could be considered a new build not intended for agricultural use and outside the development boundary. There were also concerns about preserving and managing the existing footpath during and post construction and the proximity of existing large trees to the position of the proposed building.

Finance

The PC agreed to increase the sum allocated

to the Village Hall Committee from the £1,500 already allocated to £2,000 to be used to refurbish the cricket pavilion.

The precept was agreed at 2.98% increase, very slightly below the 3-5% proposed by Wiltshire Council.

Next meeting

The next PC meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All minutes, etc., can be found on the PC website www.chapmansladepc.org.uk

2022 Poppy Appeal Collection

Many thanks Corsley and Chapmanslade, yet again you have been exceedingly generous and this year we have raised £2,772.89.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who collected house-to-house and to The Royal Oak, The Cross Keys, The Three Horseshoes, Acres Supply, TMTI, the churches and Chapmanslade school.

Our local fundraising all goes to the Royal British Legion to help provide serving men and women, veterans and their families with lifelong care. Therefore, every penny raised makes a real difference.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the collections and to all of you who gave so generously.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends

As usual I am writing this several weeks before the new year dawns, so I've got to try to stretch my thinking beyond Christmas to January. I will probably be in a bit of a heap by then to be honest, having housed and fed various family members over the festive period and taken numerous services. Obviously, I adore having my family around me particularly as some live abroad, but it can be a little challenging at times to keep the festive peace. But all this is an enormous joy of course and I am always very sad when the house is empty again.

After the machinations of the COVID years I think most of thought that things would settle down; how wrong we were. The cold winds of war, climate change, fuel and food poverty, rocketing food prices and widespread social unrest are forcing us to confront our long-held beliefs and expectations about how our society and the wider world should function so that every human being is enabled to live with dignity and hope.

So after such a tumultuous and deeply unsettling year, what will 2023 bring? Who knows! Being a parish priest has given me a certain perspective on life that I didn't have before and if you ask me what my tips are (for want of a better word) for this new year I would have to answer: Give thanks for your life and for the opportunities you enjoy, for this beautiful, peaceful place we live in, for friendship and laughter. Give thanks for those around you with whom you share love because it is a precious gift. Tell them you love them, show them by your actions that you love them, because giving and receiving love is the most important thing we can do in the short time we have on this earth. And if you read these words and feel that there is no love in your life to be shared, then remember; you are passionately loved by God who knows all the secrets of our hearts and loves us still.

May you enjoy a happy and peace filled new year.

Love and prayers

Pauline

January Church Diary

January 1st

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

10 am, Benefice Eucharist, St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill
(Lead by Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum)



8th January Benefice

Plough Sunday Service

11.15 am, St John the Baptist, Horningsham



Saturday 14th January

Christingle Service

3 pm, St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade



January 15th: Epiphany 2

11 am, Matins, St Margaret's, Corsley

10 am, Eucharist, St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill



January 22nd: Epiphany 3

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

10 am, Eucharist, St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill



January 29

Candlemass

10 am, Benefice Service, St Margaret's, Corsley

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday 19th January 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Crafternoons

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 26th January
3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade, (in the gallery)

Lite Bites Soup Lunch

25th January 12.30 pm – 2 pm
Corsley Reading Rooms

Saturday 14th January

Christingle Service
3 pm St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade



Church and Community Coffee Mornings

Third Thursday of each month
10am to 12pm
The Three Horseshoes
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The striking campaign, which builds on the success of the council's hard-hitting We're Targeting Fly-tippers (WTF) branding, focuses on three key areas: warning people of the penalties of fly-tipping including unlimited fines, prosecution and seized vehicles; encouraging residents to report fly-tipping; and educating and informing people about how they can safely and legally dispose of their waste, particularly highlighting the dangers of using 'tip run' style social media advertisements.

The campaign is part of the council's investment of an extra £150,000 each year for the next three years into tackling fly-tipping and environmental crime in the county. The bulk of this funding is being spent on more officers and equipment such as state-of-the-art cameras to catch these environmental criminals in the act.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport and Waste, said: 'We're serious about tackling fly-tipping here in Wiltshire, and that's why we've launched our

new We're Targeting Fly-tippers campaign, which builds on the success of this eye-catching brand.

We have made a significant investment into tackling fly-tipping over the next three years,

with most of this funding being used for more officers and equipment to catch offenders in the act.

Thanks to the hard work of our

dedicated enforcement team, we have had some excellent results in catching fly-tippers in Wiltshire during the past year, and this investment will help us to build on that, to prosecute more offenders, to educate people about how to safely and legally dispose of their rubbish, and to ultimately see the blight of fly-tipping decrease in Wiltshire.

We're committed to tackling fly-tipping and environmental crime in our beautiful county, and our message is clear: We're Targeting Fly-tippers. To find out more about how to report fly-tipping and how to prevent fly-tipping in Wiltshire, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping



If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report the offender to us through our online reporting system - MyWilts.

As a reward for reporting a fly-tipper you could get a gift voucher of up to £200 following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution.

Friends of Salisbury Cathedral

Friends of Salisbury Cathedral 2023 events

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral have a full programme of events for 2023.

The programme begins in January when Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos will be 'cast away' at a **Desert Island Discs evening**.

Dean Nicholas will talk about his life and chose his favourite music, book and luxury item.

The **twice-yearly coffee mornings** continue in the Bell Tower Tearooms on 14th February from 10 am to 12 noon. All are welcome for coffee or tea, biscuits and good conversation.

On 15th March there will be an **afternoon talk in the cathedral**, followed by tea and cake in the refectory.

And on 19th April, the **annual coach trip will be to Wells**, England's smallest city.

The trip will include a guided tour of the cathedral and entry to the Bishop's Palace and gardens.

The popular **Secret Gardens of the Close** afternoon takes place on 28th May, with some new gardens open, teas served at South Canonry, the home of Bishop of Salisbury the Rt Revd Stephen Lake, and an exhibition of botanical artwork.

Details of how to join the Friends and all the events are on the Friends' website www.salisburycathedralfriends.co.uk

The Salisbury Bug Cathedral

Salisbury Cathedral's green initiatives have continued with the creation of a bug cathedral. The Revd Pete Atkinson, minor canon for young people, said that following the gaining of the Eco Church Gold award, the cathedral had run a project in the summer to engage young people in its life.

Pete and the education team ran a Youth Eco Day, to which a group of 20 12-16-year-olds came along to create a bug cathedral and explore the cathedral via a tower tour. "The young people from Salisbury and the surrounding area had the opportunity to create an amazing environment for insects in an enormous bug cathedral, which was built by the cathedral's carpenter, Richard Pike."



Katharine Shearing

Corsley WI

December news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the December meeting and announces some forthcoming events



In December the WI returned to the Reading Room which was looking very festive. After a welcoming glass of fizz members sat down to enjoy a delicious meal, prepared and served by Sandy Parrish, and to catch up on each other's news and plans for Christmas.

Between courses there was a chance to test our knowledge of all things Christmas with a quiz. With six members seated at each table you would have thought the answers would come easily. After all if 'two heads are better than one', then six... It was great fun testing and sharing our knowledge and, of course, the answers were obvious when we were given them later in the evening! This was followed by a one-off performance of Snow White. Seven members had formed 'The Reduced Pantomime Company' and the familiar story was told, with much laughter, in about five minutes!

One of our members was celebrating a Big Birthday on the day of our meeting so our evening concluded with cake and a toast to her. It was a lovely way to round off a really enjoyable evening; good food, good company and plenty of laughter.

In late November some members of the WI turned their attention to a little sporting activity! A group played a friendly skittles match against a team from Heywood and Hawkeridge. It was a lovely afternoon, which was, of course, followed by tea and cake. Everyone agreed we should do it again – so a date has been fixed for another match in

January when more members hope to join us.

The WI is looking forward to an informative and entertaining programme in 2023 and to welcoming some new members. A copy of the programme is available in the Reading Room and you are most welcome to join us as a guest for an evening.

The meeting on 12th January will be about Medical Detection Dogs: a member of the medical detection dog team will provide an insight into the training and life of a working detection dog.

Please contact Alice Helliard on either 07989 339632 or alicecambridge40@gmail.com if you would like more information.



Campanology

Ring the changes

Wishing you a Happy New Year from St Margaret's tower!

2022 proved to be a very busy year ringing at St Margaret's – a deal of sadness where we rung to mark the funerals of the Queen and Prince Philip, but also a great deal of enjoyment as a number of new ringers joined the tower and started learning the skills of campanology.

The year started and, shortly afterwards, the Church clock stopped! Assessments were then made by several turret clock specialists and fortunately we were able to employ the help of David Pollard who had serviced the clock some 25+ years previously. The clock face was also found to be rusting away in some places and he was able to recommend a local restorer who dismantled the face and made an excellent result bringing it back to a metal base then painting and gilding the surfaces.

We were very thankful to the residents of Corsley and Chapmanslade as well as Corsley Parish Council for their generosity in helping us achieve our goal with this project which has been noticed and appreciated by a number of people.

Meanwhile people from the parishes

responded to our article in *The Bridge* suggesting that ringing church bells was far more interesting and enjoyable than imagined and a number came to try their skill in ringing at Corsley. A high percentage of those coming to visit the tower and pull a rope have stayed to learn about ringing. Many thanks to Dagmar, Debbie, Lauren, Lisa and Jon for swelling the numbers of the band.

With a deal of practice our standard of ringing has also considerably improved and our service ringing and 1/4 peals we have rung throughout the year has been remarked on in a very favourable way – Corsley residents, especially those living nearby, have been very accepting of the noise on practice night although

I appreciate there could be room for further improvement!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2023, from Henny, Hilary, Jane, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Colin, David, John, Ed, and Mike as well as our band of new members mentioned earlier.

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Wonderful Walks

On the crest of a New Year!



Warminster Union Workhouse

Let's have a local walk this time, not too far from Corsley and Chapmanslade. Head into Warminster on the A362, cross the Cley Hill Roundabout and drive ahead until you see Masfield Road, the right turn off a mini-roundabout. Go that way, until you see the shops by a roundabout at your right. Park along Broxburn Road, past the Tesco store, and walk away from the shop. This isn't a pretty walk, but it's interesting! When Broxburn Road becomes Thornhill Road, climb the hill and look back at the view of Warminster roofs and hills, before turning into St. Andrew's Road. At the next junction, enter the new Redrow estate of Tascroft Rise on your left and reach a T junction, where bypass traffic can be clearly heard to your left. Turn right, descending through this massive housing site.

You're now on Osprey Road, but when a sign reads 'Eagle Road', there's a small and neat unfinished play area at your right, but go left, into Falcon Road, a cul de sac, with homes on the left and an open grass area at the right. Walk till you find the gravel path on the right, through this grassy 'Tascroft Trail', making a change from buildings. I walked it after a lot of rain and the area included a small 'lake', draining rainwater away from the homes. When the gravel path meets a road again, there's a muddy track left, which you can explore without me! From the road edge I was on, the earlier play area is off right, but go left and you'll see a sign for St. Andrews Road again, from Eagle Road. Join St. Andrew's Road, following it round the right-hand bend and down the hill, to the roundabout where Tesco is. Don't return to your car!



an interesting bit of Warminster history here, because The Beeches takes you round Warminster Union Workhouse and its impressive façade, though this place must once have struck horror into the hearts of people passing it. Built in 1837, the Workhouse

Cross the road you're on and walk to the next turning left, Pound Street, where an animal pound must once have been; stray animals were kept here until claimed and redeemed by owners. Walk up Pound Street until you find a wide street on your right. I couldn't find a name plate, but along on the left nearby is West Parade Premium Store. Walk all of West Parade, until you reach Sambourne Road. To your right nearby will be Sambourne School and a right turn into The Beeches, signed as a 'No Through Road', but actually a circular road coming back to this point. There's





high on a red-brick wall: 'Alcock Crest 61-78'. Beyond that is a tarmacked public footpath left; take it, going downhill to Fore Street, where a crab apple tree was shedding fruit in November! Cross busy Fore Street into King Street opposite and climb uphill to South Street. Turn left and, beyond the hedges, is a wide-open space. If it's a nice day, explore the fields here, though I turned right straight away, onto

later became a 'Poor Assistance Institute', with separate accommodation for 'vagrants'. In 1948 it became Sambourne Hospital, complete with its own mortuary. It closed in 1989. Go round the 'island', turn back into The Beeches and stand outside Sambourne School.

Go left, along the front of the school and into the pot-holed lane, which is Christchurch Terrace, with a smart mini-row of red-brick buildings at your right. Walk on and you'll reach modern housing. Turn left on the pavement and follow the road along and right; this is probably Daniell Crest; stay on the straight pavement until it bends right. You'll pass a tarmacked path left, leading down to Fore Street, but follow the pavement round right, passing a terrace of red-brick housing beyond the grass and hedge at your left, until the road reaches a T-junction with Alcock Crest.

Turn left again and stay with the pavement, passing another path left, until you see a sign

a mud and grass track crossing the open area, with housing at the right, until the field joined a stony track downhill. Go right and head back to South Street. Turn left and follow the road, past Martin Crest (your third one!) and bending right downhill, till you see the roundabout and Tesco Express away to your left. There aren't facilities and food here, but Corsley and Chapmanslade pubs will be glad to see you!



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1 Corinthians, 15:58*

We are in control of very little...

Well! Who'd have thought that after so many hours of musical practice, preparation of the chapel and miles walked delivering information, that snow would scupper the plans for our Annual Candlelit Carol Service, on the proposed day of Sunday 11th December? It is, of course, true of all our plans, that we are in control of very little, not least the weather.

I have, for many weeks, been researching words of Christmas Carols for the service. Who'd have thought there could be so many versions of each Carol? Remember the traditional carols, the ones we sang at school, the words that naturally flowed from our lips? These were the words I was looking for. However, after many false printouts, I settled for the most common versions.

Here's hoping that all went ahead on Sunday 18th and these traditional gems were enjoyed once again.

*Adrian Henson
Musician and Occasional Preacher*

You will seek me and find me, when you seek for me with all your heart!

Write something cheerful, they said! How can you write something cheerful about a society which has little thought for the things of God? There are teams of men chasing a ball. Some are treated like Gods (£173 million wages?)

1st Commandment: Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

They chase the ball to win a cup. It is almost worshipped, even kissed by some players.

2nd Commandment: Thou shalt not make any graven image.

Nothing wrong with a game of football itself! Let's turn on the TV and watch something entertaining. A well-known woman sportsperson features in snippets of conversation. She too often uses a three-word expletive.

3rd Commandment: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

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The Christian Good News is: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". If you want some Good News, read John's Gospel, written for us Gentiles. If you don't have a Bible, we could get you one.

*Ray Mead
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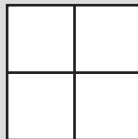
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Countryside Matters

Happy New Year to you all!

Maybe I ought just to mention that our December weather was exceptional! The grass was still growing in early December, so sheep had to be brought in to graze the barley crop re-growing after so much of the seed was lost before harvesting.

Then a week of the coldest weather ever recorded in December, with early morning temperatures of -7°C recorded by our early morning milking staff.

Although the snow was fairly local it certainly brought its problems for the normal business of milk being collected from the farms, deliveries of fuel and essential feedstuffs stored in other areas on the farm.

Warm milk for young calves had to be taken to them before it froze in the container and water tanks defrosted so that running water is available for all livestock, whether in the barns or out in the fields.

Sadly, Wiltshire Council had not provided enough salted grit to the villages and it was thanks to a few kind individuals that access from the A362 to the nursery school and church was possible.

Just as the temperature started to improve, the wind and rain came, rather spoiling the joy of Christmas celebrations but, in the truly

British manner, we all battled on.

I hope with January 1st we can all look forward to a new year with lots of new beginnings.

If the weather is cold and crisp take the opportunity to get out early in the day if possible to make the most of our extending daylight hours.

For those who are able to enjoy the bird life in their garden, why not join in with

the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

on the weekend of Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January

recording for just one hour the types of birds visiting your garden. You'll need to sign up online (rspb.org.uk) to take part (you can also get a free guide there too). You might be surprised for as well as the usual blackbirds robins and tits, there might be a few visitors you may need to check

in your bird book or online. Be

prepared with a good view of the garden – the hedges, shrubs, the ground area and the bird table, get a hot drink and either a reference book or the internet and enjoy the garden from indoors.

Keep well and keep warm in January 2023. Please remember that in the countryside we look after our neighbours.



Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Coffee Mornings

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 3rd January from 10 am to 12 noon, why not join us for a coffee/tea and a chat on the first working day of 2023?! The next one is on Tuesday 7th February.

A talk on 'The Wooden Wonder'

This is a talk not to be missed. Illustrated talk about the de Havilland Mosquito. The fascinating, little known, story about this airplane. See advert in this edition of The Bridge or website for more details.

Refurbishment programme

We expect to start the work on the roof in March. Check the website for latest.

Next "Photographs of Corsley" competition – open for submissions

Submit your photos by end of January. See website for full details and how to submit your pictures. Get your 2022 Corsley photos sent in now!

Reading Room ovens

We are sorry for the problems that arose in December when one of the ovens in the RR failed. In early January we should have another oven installed to replace it. This failure was obviously beyond our control. The other oven was replaced earlier in 2022 so they should both work for a good few years!

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up to date information and more details about the Reading Room.

To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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Committee Members

David Carruthers, Hugh Deed, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett,
Caroline Hutton, Jackie Jasper, Gill Parkinson, Mark Richards

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Italy
- 2 2022
- 3 Hedgehog
- 4 Friday
- 5 Brussel sprouts (not me though – yuk!)
- 6 An estimated 30 members and associates of Clan MacDonald of Glencoe were killed by Scottish government forces, allegedly for failing to pledge allegiance to the new monarchs, William III and Mary II
- 7 British – he was born in Cheltenham in 1874
- 8 As You Like It – set in the Forest of Arden; Shakespeare's mother was Mary Arden before she married John Shakespeare. The English Forest of Arden stretched from Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire to Tamworth in Staffordshire, covering vast swathes of land including the present cities of Coventry and Birmingham
- 9 It was primarily used against tuberculosis
- 10 Moby Dick
- 11 42
- 12 Groucho Marx (Animal Crackers)

Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

1 space	(69mm wide x 33mm high)	£22.00
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£42.00
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£60.00
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£75.00
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£104.00

Trade advertisement material should be supplied in print-ready format,
to the chosen standard size and correct shape.

For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer) at either thebridge832@gmail.com or 01373 832443.

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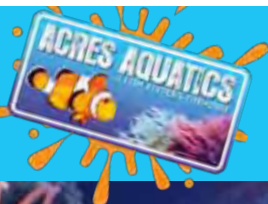
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