

The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

Crikey – another bumper issue this month! It's wonderful that you have so much to write to me about – keep up the good work.

Be safe on the 5th November if you're having a bonfire and fireworks – and remember that pets don't enjoy it as much as we do!

Viv Thomas
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or take them to either Barters Plant Centre, Chapman Slade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley.

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

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Deadline

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

Please note that no items will be accepted after this date

What's on

November

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 7th

PCC Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI Meeting – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

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

Saturday 10th

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

Wednesday 14th

Light Bites - Soup and Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 21st

Soup and Ploughman's Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Show AGM – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 22nd

Public meeting re Chapcap – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 24th

Christmas Market – 10am - 1pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 28th

Corsley Memorial Playing Field AGM – 6pm, Cross Keys back room

December

Saturday 1st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Coffee Morning and 50/50 Draw – 10.30am - noon, 4 Roddenbury View, Corsley

Community Carol Evening – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room



Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 8th

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

Saturday 9th

Corsley Festival Choir – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church (see ad for more information)

Wednesday 12th

Light Bites - Soup and Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI Christmas Dinner

Monday 17th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – Carol Singing in Chapmanslade (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 19th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – Carol Singing in Corsley (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes

January

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 10th November. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson
01373 832845

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 3rd November – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

Corsley Reading Room

Christmas Mini Market

Saturday 24th November

at Corsley Reading Room,
10.00am - 1.00pm

Presents, plants, cakes, cards, refreshments

Stalls available at £6 each: to book ring Rosemary Collins 01373 832789

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Chapcap revisited

Would you like to help shape the future of Chapmanslade? If so, please do come along to a special meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22nd November.

Back in 2002, when we first carried out our community planning exercise (Chapcap), 70% of village residents took part by completing questionnaires, attending meetings or working on various projects.

Now, as we reach the final months of 2012, it's time to revisit Chapcap and to work out how we can make our village an even better place in which to live. Once again, we want everyone to be involved.

Here's a few suggestions of the questions that might be raised at the meeting:-

- What still needs to be done about the volume and speed of traffic in the village, safety outside the school, parking on pavements and overweight lorries?
- Is the bus service adequate?
- Have we sufficient housing, including affordable housing, in the village for our needs?
- Is there still any hope that we can have a shop in the village?
- Do we need to provide more facilities for children and young people – and for adults?
- Is our village adequately policed?
- Why is there no gas supply in the village and can anything be done about this?
- How can we make Chapmanslade a 'greener' village?

We need your views, criticisms and ideas about Chapmanslade so do come along on the 22nd and please encourage others to do so, too. With your support we can achieve things.

Traffic Calming and Speedwatch

Wiltshire Council, with some financial support from the Parish Council, has recently improved the signage in the village with the aim of slowing traffic down. Hopefully this will have the desired effect. We aim to talk to Somerset County Council about similar measures at the western approach to the village. A white line is shortly due to be painted outside the school to encourage people not to park there at the times in the day when children are arriving or leaving.

We currently have 10 volunteers in the Speedwatch team, where we work on behalf of the Police and report speeding vehicles. We have the speed camera for one week each month and we usually do our work at the beginning and end of the school day. Our aim is not to catch speeding motorists but to make the High Street a safer place by encouraging drivers to slow down. Could you spare an hour or two a month to join the team? If so, please contact Jill Willmot on 832464.

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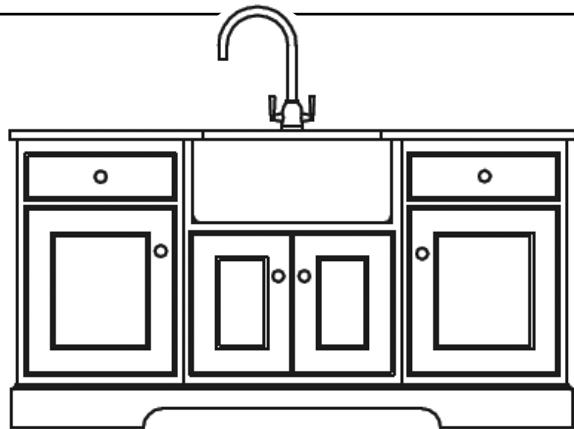


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Buzzing news from the hive

First of all Busy Bees Pre-school would like to thank all that have donated to our vegetable patch. The children have really enjoyed growing the tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries and pumpkins! The children all helped nurture the plants from seeds and talked about the changes happening as they grew. Although, their favourite part was eating them!

On the 8th October Busy Bees started their very own sponsored pyjama week! The children really enjoyed coming in wearing their pyjamas (and the staff!) and showing their friends what they wear to bed. We would like to thank all of the children, parents and their grandparents who came in wearing their pyjamas.

And a BIG "thank you" to all of you that have sponsored us, all proceeds will be going to the pre-school and after-school club.

As everyone is aware, Christmas will be here very shortly, so our Busy Bees have been making their very own personalised Christmas cards using the Cauliflower Card Company. We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and carers that have purchased them.

Busy Bees pre-school is a charity run pre-school based in Chapmanslade. If you would like to give us a visit then either give us a call or drop in. We are now also holding toddler groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1pm-3pm.



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T. 07749 257608 E. busybeespre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Bob's bafflers

- 1 What was the name of the Golden land imagined by the Spanish conquerors of America?
- 2 The songs "June is Bustin' Out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone" come from which musical?
- 3 Which two foods derive their name from the singer Dame Nellie Melba?
- 4 What was the first name of Mr Pontin of holiday camp fame?
- 5 What did David and Elizabeth Emanuel famously design in 1981?
- 6 After what fish is a sky of regular patterns of cirrocumulus cloud named?
- 7 Which children's novel opens with the lines "Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy"?
- 8 "Naughty but Nice" was a slogan used to advertise what?
- 9 The clavicle is the formal name for which bone in the body?
- 10 What would you do in a velodrome?
- 11 David Cameron is a Member of Parliament for which constituency?
- 12 On which motorway is the Watford Gap service station?

Answers on page 45

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st December
4 Roddenbury View, Corsley
from 10.30 am until noon
by kind permission of John and Judith Helliar

Christmas Gifts

50/50 Club Draw

All welcome – do come along,
we'd love to see you

Budgie's Big 'O' big thankyou!

Many thanks for all those who helped celebrate my Big 'O' birthday at Chapmanslade Village Hall on October 13th. Due to your generosity and heavy drinking (Village Hall bar profits exceeded £290!) I was able to donate over £600 to my three chosen charities; Dorothy House, Dilton Rover's under 8's football team and Chapmanslade Village Hall. Thanks also to The Cleyhill Stompers and Mojosonic for their rockin' music, and all those who helped to make it a birthday to remember.

Budgie Brewer

the three horseshoes

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Corsley Festival Choir

Sunday 9th December, 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church



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News from the Nest

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

"Thank You" to everyone who donated to Bag 2 School, we made a fantastic £235 from all your unwanted, but re-usable textiles - so thanks once again for all your efforts.

The children have all settled in very well and have been busy this term learning about themselves and each other. Some of the activities they enjoyed were making family trees with photographs, painting self-portraits and making clay handprints to take home.

We have also had two visits from Di Britten this term who came in to talk to the children about Harvest time and to read them stories. Thank you very much to Di, the children really enjoyed it.

We hope you all had a good half term holidays and are coming back fresh and excited to start the new term. Look out for Christmas events happening at Little Cuckoo's including a Christmas shopping evening on the 30th November and the Children's Christmas Fayre on 15th December.

Lucy Harnell

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm

Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10am - 11.30am

For more information, please contact 01373 832298 www.littlecuckoos.co.uk



Corsley Cricket Club AGM

This year's AGM will be held on 20th November 2012 at 7.30 pm at The Cross Keys

All members welcome

Elizabethan newsround

Wirth-making merriment and the many ways we liked it this year

We foolish few so soon bid farewell to one theatrical year, only for the start of the next to come rolling up faster than Cleopatra in an Axminster.

It was a decidedly damp celebration of our decade long homage to old Bill and his quill this year. But through the good offices of St Margaret's a damp disaster was averted. The quality and quantity of the naked gambolling was obviously below par this year and Hecate was suitably unimpressed so that her beneficence of dry weather was lacking. To appease the gods of fair weather for 2013 we need to declare a Village wide Friday festival of fecund, fresh air frivolity. Worry not about wobbly bits, or fear flabby parts or even being the victim of varicosities. Rotund, Rubenesque, flaxen, fair or Brazilian - buff is best.

Despite the weather we had enough patrons to fill the supper tables in the Barn and pack out the church to its rafters as well. The meal was without equal and the company was conviviality personified. Our new minstrels in their very own gallery went down a great treat.

With so many travails facing the business world and our own pockets it was a testament to our many loyal regulars and as many newcomers that we were still able to distribute £2500 to worthy causes in and around Corsley.

The committee lead by the ever youthful John Helliar and an extremely patient chair at that, is supported by a scurvy group of

village ne'er do wells who owe thanks to the equally patient Chris and Claire for letting us take over their house, this year even the dogs were whipped into service and the odd passing boy and girlfriends.

We bid farewell this year to Marion Liquorice who has retired from the committee to pursue activities elsewhere, possibly somewhere with a more reliable record of sunny weather. A key whipper-in of commercial sponsorship her dogged determination will be missed.

The Impresario of the Unimpressive is also stepping down from the role of warm-up act coordinator to be replaced by someone the Olympic Opening ceremony committee turned down as being too adventurous and avant-garde. So forget potatoes, lock up your daughters and look to the skies for elephants on roller skates and Blue Meanies as Lady Gaga goes Elizabethan.

So what do we have to start the next decade? A little number called the 'Comedy of Errors' – so book early!

Your obedient servant, etc
Enrico Long Body Espadrille

PS Iconic (read controversial) pieces of public art seem to be very much in vogue. It has been suggested by a local artist that we invest in a piece called 'The Corsley Mammary', 60 feet of pure white Carrerra marble to sit atop Cley Hill.



Peal appeal

ring the changes and join our bell ringing team!

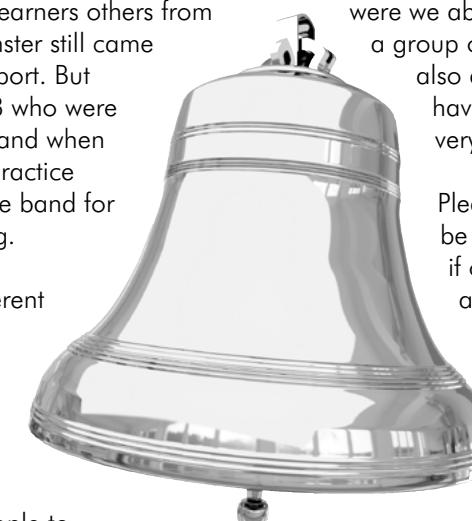
I wrote some time ago of my late discovery of the enjoyment to be had in bell ringing. Now, just when I have realised a long held ambition, due to lack of ringers, our Tower is in crisis.

When I started ringing in September at our practice nights on Friday there were regularly 8 to 10 people there. Some were visitors who, with immense patience and kindness, turned up to help us learners others from the Minster in Warminster still came to learn and give support. But there were also 6 to 8 who were Corsley Tower based and when they could, came to practice and formed part of the band for Sunday service ringing.

Sadly, for several different reasons, our numbers have dwindled such that on several practice nights and Sunday services we have only had 3 or 4 of us, not enough people to ring at all. It was therefore decided to adjourn for the month of August.

Our Tower Captain, Dick Collins, puts in a great deal of effort to keep our bells sounding out.

I attended (as a spectator) weeks of extra practice by a dedicated band on Wednesday evenings so that the Quarter Peal could be rung at our Tower for the Jubilee. It was amazing to witness the 47 minutes of continuous ringing on that day.



A group of us from the village gathered at St Margaret's Church at 08.12 to celebrate the opening of the Olympics. Thanks to some former ringers attending, not only were we able to ring the church bells but a group of villagers rang hand bells also despite several people never having rung them before. It was very special.

Please don't let our church bells be silenced! It would be very sad if our Tower no longer sang out across the village! Even if you cannot come every week or for the whole time, help us keep our Tower working.
Fridays 7.30 to 9.00 are the times we will be there.

I am now able to join in with other towers in their practices and Sunday service ringing and have even rung in the New Forest and the Cotswolds on the various ringing outings that are arranged. But I and others want to ring at Corsley!

For more information contact Dick Collins on 01373 832789.

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The evening will start with a short talk by William Jasper about the Newlife Disabled Centre in Katmandu and his fund raising bicycle trip to the Himalayas. Jackie Jasper will then lead you through a very relaxed yoga class suitable for all abilities. The yoga



The NDC was established in 1998 with the purpose of supporting physically challenged children in Nepal by providing them with accommodation and education and if needed helping them with corrective surgery.

Traditionally in Nepal, disability is considered a curse of God and there is widespread belief that disability is linked to 'bad karma'. Few believe that disabled people can be equally functional and can become productive members of society. As

session will be last about an hour and a half and we are suggesting a donation of £10.00 for the evening. All proceeds will go to the charity.

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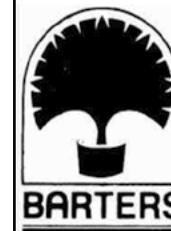
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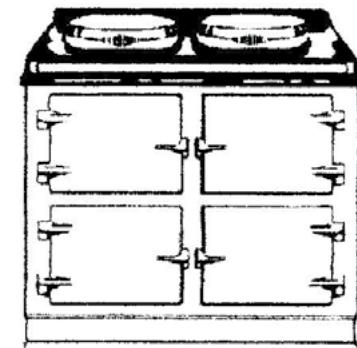
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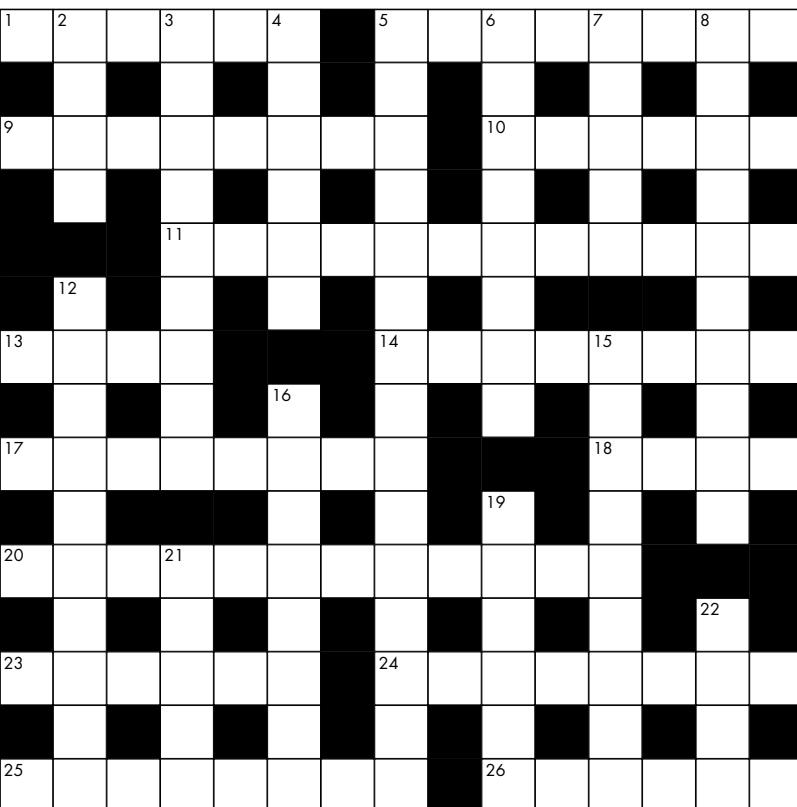
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Clues across

- 1 Siblings have degree overturned, yet take it all in (6)
- 5 Librates wildly as it launches the arrow? (8)
- 9 Pointless accretion dispensed to soothe (8)
- 10 At which one rambles on and on? (6)
- 11 Shocking transportation? (8,4)
- 13 Throw a fur? (4)
- 14 Seasonal blanket? (8)
- 17 Is it a rum? Could be – its sweet in Rome (8)
- 18 It's finished in the chess move, right? (4)
- 20 Abbreviated lap causing blackout, maybe? (5,7)
- 23 Banker's crossing (6)
- 24 Spoken about single spirit first (8)
- 25 Refuel? No way with gas! (8)
- 26 Proposal about hero in text, thank you (6)

Clues down

- 2 Support Ray? (4)
- 3 Harmonious collection of her actors? (9)
- 4 A drink, please, in Frankfurt, right? (6)
- 5 Ruined banquet? Are cooks to start again? (4,2,6,3)
- 6 Made to lick medication up in a circle (8)
- 7 Sound coins collection? (5)
- 8 Captivated by her, and tell about! (10)
- 12 Help repair assembly at the edge (10)
- 15 Exposure during a cold 14 ac? (9)
- 16 Separate, though prudent, I hear (8)
- 19 One may be barely healthy (6)
- 21 Heard within the microfarad ionosphere range (5)
- 22 Reportedly just the fruit for two (4)

Doodle pad

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Saying the unsayable

Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley

A lot of people think counselling is just the counsellor sitting, head sympathetically on one side, saying "Ahh" and "Mmm-hmm" every so often as the client talks. While this is partly what happens – the therapist wants to hear your story from you and will make plenty of space for you to tell it without interruption – counsellors aren't always so passive.

Sometimes we have to say the unsayable in order to promote the exploration which leads to change. Broadly, this means sharing with you how we experience you even if that means being very 'personal' or even potentially 'rude'! For example, if someone talks about money and the price of everything a great deal, friends will probably have noticed and are likely irritated to the point of discussing it amongst themselves but, such is the taboo around talking openly

about money compounded by a reluctance to seem rude or critical, that they are unlikely to say anything to the person's face.

A therapist hearing this theme will wonder what it is about and is likely to ask – gently and respectfully, of course, and only when the client has developed some trust in the therapist – what money means to them (is it security, perhaps, or power; does the client fear losing it or do they spend like there's no tomorrow? How does this behaviour benefit or damage them? and so on). This creates a deeper relationship between the two and enables the client to talk about what matters deeply to them because they have been really seen and accepted by another human being. And that in itself is an amazing feeling. I know – I've been a client!

If you've got something you'd like to explore a bit more deeply, get in touch or find me at www.carolinelevine.co.uk. I practice at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. 07817 192008; le_vine@sky.com

*** Found ***

Leather wallet/purse

Hanging in a yellow plastic bag on fence post by the Style at the top of the footpath between The Old Rectory and Rosebank House, Chapmanslade on Thursday Evening 20th September.

Mobile phone cover/sleeve

Soft, black with white cat and jewel centred red bow on pink spotted background with "Hello Kitty" motive on pink strip. Found by gate into Black Dog Wood across from top of Wood Lane, Chapmanslade on Sunday evening 30th September.

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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

I met up with some old friends recently. Our conversation ranged over many subjects. It was particularly important to catch up on news of our respective families. Then we found ourselves talking about friendship and about the people with whom we keep in touch. Some of our closest friends are people we met at school or university or the early days of employment. Others more recently met can feel just as close even though we have known them for much less time.

Losing contact with friends after many years can be a painful process. We cannot help but wonder what happened to them and sometimes it is impossible to know. But all of us are aware of the importance of our friends, those that stay around through thick and thin, those that know us almost as well as we know ourselves and accept us for who we are. They share our tears and our joys, our shared interests, our frustrations and our sorrows. These special friends shape who we are and how we are. When friends move away and we lose touch, something precious is lost. By contrast, it is wonderful to witness the support and affection friends and communities offer when difficulties arise.

In these days of amazing technological gizmos, keeping in touch should be so easy. However, like many aspects of our lives, relationships only work well when we make an effort. This is as true of our relationship with God as of our relationships with our friends. Only when we make the effort to maintain contact and enjoy spending time together, will our valued relationships survive.

May God bless your friendships whether recent or longstanding!

Norma Payne

All Souls-tide – 4th November 2012

This festival gives an opportunity to remember those whom we love but see no longer. If you would like to remember a loved-one at one of the All Souls Services in the Benefice, please contact the Rev N Payne (01985 841321) or Rev D Britten (01373 832515).

November Church Diary

Sunday 4th November: All Saints Day

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

4pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
All Souls Services



Tuesday 6th November

7.30pm After Alpha Tuesday Night Group
Details from Richard Dean 832590



Wednesday 7th November

7.30pm Parochial Church Council at Chapmanslade School



Sunday 11th November: Remembrance Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James',
Chapmanslade Remembrance Sunday Service

10.50am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Remembrance Sunday Service



Tuesday 13th November

10.30am Time to Think
Details from Phil Jefferson 832845



Thursday 15th November

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

Sunday 18st November: 2nd Sunday before Advent
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Eucharist



Tuesday 20th November

7.30pm After Alpha Tuesday Night Group
Details from Richard Dean 832590



Wednesday 21st November

12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms
Light Bites Soup and Bread Lunch
Donations in aid of the Church Housing Trust



Sunday 25th November: Sunday next before Advent

9.00am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Parish Family Worship



Tuesday 27th November

10.30am Time to Think
Details from Phil Jefferson 832845



Saturday 1st December

10.30am Coffee Morning and 50/50 Club Christmas Draw at
4 Roddenbury View, Corsley.



Sunday 2nd December: First Sunday of Advent

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Christmas Church Events for your diary

Sunday 23rd December – Carol Service
6pm at St Margaret's, Corsley

Monday 24th December – Crib Service
3pm at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Monday 24th December – Midnight Communion
11.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill

We welcome everyone to all our churches and services. You may want to come along and sing. You may just want some quiet contemplation. You may need to remember someone or celebrate a special time. Please come along and join in one of our services in any of our three wonderful churches. We especially welcome families and children.

Copy for 3 Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com subject 3ODs or phone 01373 832755.

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Wiltshire Good Neighbours are local people with the local knowledge and networks to connect with those most disadvantaged, vulnerable or isolated living in their community area. By visiting clients in their home and listening to what they have to say about their needs, a Wiltshire Good Neighbour can identify which organizations are best suited to deal with each individual clients needs and then refer or support the client to access that service. We will always follow up the referrals we make to ensure that our clients have received the service they needed. **Wiltshire Good Neighbours** work flexible hours, so they are available at a time that suits both their clients & their families.

Who is your Good Neighbour Coordinator?

Emma Curtis – Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, Warminster Community Area. Telephone 07557 922033 or email warminstergnc@communityfirst.org.uk

As employees of Community First, we are here to assist the older residents of our rural community access services in order for them to live safe, comfortable, fulfilling and independent lives.

We aim to be a friendly and familiar face in the community, to listen to your concerns and provide you with a range of information on services such as:

- Where to find financial advice about benefits
- Transport for health related journeys or shopping
- Healthcare needs
- Safety issues such as home security and fire safety
- Social activities and meetings in your area
- Keeping warm in the winter months
- Befriending services.

If you feel you or somebody you know may benefit from this service please feel free to contact us.

If you are a younger person who has health concerns or a disability that proves challenging, we may also be able to help you

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Corsley Tennis Club news

The Tennis Club can now report that the double court was re-surfaced during mid September and members are pleased with the way the courts are playing with a predictable even bounce. The courts will take some time for the surface to 'cure' before it can be painted with the special non-slip finish: if we try and paint too soon then the oils in the macadam will mix with the paint. Final painting of the surface will take place in spring as we need 10°C or above, dry and with little wind for a period of 5 days.

We apologise to residents for any inconvenience which may have been caused during this work but overall the contractors were very careful and efficient and some tennis club members 'policed' the area between 4pm and 6pm on the two days when the macadam was being laid to ensure the safety of children in the play area.

We were delighted to receive a grant from the Elizabethan Evening Committee towards the cost of funding this work and we are very grateful to them for helping us.

We will be playing tennis throughout the winter when the weather permits and would welcome new members of any age. Telephone Marlene Latchem 01373 832357 and come and have a go.



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Christmas Lunch

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Phone Pat 832650, Gay 832490 or Dot 832059



Countryside Matters

St. Mary's Church held its annual Harvest Service on Sunday 14th October. As usual the church was decorated with produce from the land. However, this year the harvest of crops, fruit and vegetables has been less than abundant. The maize is due for harvesting in October but this year the cobs are much smaller than usual. The grass grown in the fields during the summer was not of the best quality for cattle and other animals – farmers have been forced to supplement the feed for cattle to maintain the steady output of milk putting a strain on already stretched finances. Further afield, in America and Russia, where much of the grain is grown for export across the world, there has been a serious drought resulting in poor and, in some areas, no harvest. The drought will mean that the price of wheat worldwide will rise and the cost of our bread will follow.

The strain on farmers in particular was the subject of the sermon by Anthony Matthew at our service. He explained how, along with the usual strains of family life which we all experience at some time in our lives, farmers experience other pressures stemming from the vagaries in farming. They rely on nature to provide the rain and sunshine throughout the summer to grow an abundant and nourishing harvest for his animals which, in turn, provide the food for us humans. When there is a shortage of food for the animals, or other strains on the necessary farm management, the farmer will be stressed and may need help.

Anthony told us how he used to work as a herdsman looking after cattle in Wiltshire before he joined Farm Crisis Network (FCN) to support farmers at a time of need. FCN is a Christian-based charity working in the

farming community throughout the UK – Anthony is now a Wiltshire representative of FCN, hailing from Holt.

He told us that we all know that the income from the sale of milk is critical to a dairy farmer. The same will be true to the arable farmer producing the corn for our bread. The effect will be seen in the price of food in the shops. FCN asks everyone to help by supporting our farmers by buying products displaying the Union Flag.

Where there is a family or a farming problem, FCN is there to help any farmer. Today the effects of Bovine TB on a dairy farmer are the cause of a major farming problem. One seriously infected area is Somerset. There is a Helpline on 0845 367 9990. Farm Crisis Network asks for donations to support its work. Much more information is available to those with access to the Internet on its web site www.fcn.org.uk

Robin Chapman



Corsley WI

The miserable wet Autumn weather did not dampen the spirits of the ladies of Corsley WI when they met for their October meeting and were initiated into the energizing world of Zumba. Zumba is a programme of exercises for all, and Gina Fry, who runs the BODYbasics studio in Frome, encouraged everyone to take part. The chairs were pushed to the sides of the room, the music began and Gina showed us a simple warm-up and stretching exercise. This was followed by some more strenuous routines to the sounds of Rolling on a River and other songs, with sitting down versions of the movements so that everyone could join in. I'm sure that after all this activity the cups of tea were most welcome that afternoon!

In September, some of our ladies had been to visit Times Gone By at Dilton Marsh, with its numerous collections of articles of every description from radios and prams to old tools, tins and sewing threads, which brought back many memories of our own homes in bygone years. The visit to Camerton Court, with its beautiful gardens, clipped hedges, statuary, lakes and Italian and Japanese Gardens had been very much enjoyed by the Gardening Club members.



The President, Judith Helliar, gave out details of some new events, including a holiday to South Africa, an Abba vocal workshop and a Handsewn Patchwork workshop. Menus were given out for members to choose their Christmas meal, orders and payments should go to Carol Seward by 8th November. The **Friends of Warminster Hospital** will be holding their annual **Christmas Coffee Morning on Tuesday 13 November**.

The competition for a silk scarf was won by Hilary Vallis, with Val Sandoe second and Jean White third.

On **Thursday 8 November**, Phil Cary will give a talk with slides about **150 years of Frome Show**. This meeting is open to everyone and starts at **2.30pm**, so I hope you will come and enjoy this talk with us. The competition for members is for a china animal.

If you would like to join our WI, please contact Carol on 01373 832446 or come to any meeting.

Activities open to everyone

Coffee Morning

6th November, 10 - 12 noon – Corsley Reading Room in aid of SSAFFA

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From the potting shed

Autumn

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On a good day give wooden greenhouses and sheds a coat of preservative.

Mound five to six inches of soil around the bases of your hardy fuchsias and roses. Use soil from another part of the garden, rather than risking damage to the roots by digging around the base of the plant.

Cut Chrysanthemum stems to 2-3 inches from the soil once they have begun to die back.

You can continue to transplant your perennials throughout the Autumn and winter, as long as they remain dormant.

Tulip bulbs may still be planted in the early part of the month, Daffodils should be planted now as they take better than in the spring.

Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost.

Be sure that your tender plants are protected from frost. Mulching with bark, sawdust or straw will help create a blanket of protection over the root system. Should the weather get suddenly cold, place frostgard, cloth or dark plastic over your tender plants to give them some added protection from the cold. Be sure to remove this covering when the weather has stabilized!.

Cut the tops off your asparagus plants, and add a winter dressing of aged manure to the bed.

Cover strawberries two inches deep with hay or straw.

If you haven't already applied a Autumn or winter type of lawn fertilizer (20-9-9), now is the time to do it. This encourages good root development and helps improve the colour of the lawn. Lime can also be applied, if needed.

Give your lawn a good raking to lift away accumulations of debris. Keep leaves raked from the lawn – they should be composted. Alternatively, you can just mow over them, turning them to mulch, which adds important nutrients back to the lawn.

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Poet's Corner

Waiting for Jess

I wrote this in the car park behind McDonald's in Frome, while waiting for Jess to arrive back from bowling at Longwell Green. As for the reference to hymns, if I'm waiting in the car for any reason, I turn on the CD player, listen to hymns and join in.

What shall I do,
Waiting for the grand-daughter?
Twiddle my thumbs
Or write a silly verse?
I'd rather be home sleeping,
Before long I'll start weeping,
Or want the loo;
Oh, how can things get worse?
We now could have a violent cloudburst.

Daren't doze off to sleep
Or I might miss the girl,
Fresh from bowling tonight at Longwell Green.
This could be the slowest night there's ever been -
When she arrives, a flag I might unfurl.

I'm too old now,
To wait up for the offspring;
Went past all that
Many years ago.
But tonight it's her turn
And mine the candle to burn.
At Clink tomorrow there's a barbecue
And Jess my dear, for my warm bed I yearn.

"L.O. Grandma, we're
Going now through Norton St. P,
I'm sure I will be with you very soon."
When she gets here I think that I might swoon,
I've looked up and can't even see the moon.

McDonald's half empty,
Not surprised – it's late now;
Must be half-past
Eleven, at the least.
Oh, I must stop yawning,
Lie in tomorrow morning
And not get up until we reach high noon;
So tired I can't sing my hymns in tune..."

Gill Redman

The Corsley Show Society Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21st November
7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

For more information ring
Jenny Ratty
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Christmas Carol Evening

Saturday 1st December

Corsley Reading Room
Licensed Bar from 7.00pm

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(light supper included)

From Dick & Rosemary Collins
01373 832789
and Committee Members

Busy Bees Upcoming Events

Cooking week

From the 15th October 2012 we will be doing a cooking week at Busy Bees. Your children will learn how to create different types of treats, some of which will be put towards our cake sale and some the children get to eat!! We will be holding a 'healthiest lunch box' competition throughout the week.

The cake sale will be held on Friday 19th October from 3pm onwards.



Halloween Party

All staff, children and parents are looking forward to Busy Bees Halloween Party on the 5th of November.

We look forward to you all dressing up in your spooooky costumes! All proceeds will go towards the Busy Bees pre-school and after-school club.



Busy Bees & Chapmanslade School presents...

Masked Ball

The Masked Ball welcomes all mummies, daddies, grandparents, friends and the public (adults) to join in the fun on the 23rd November 2012, from 8pm until late at the White Horse Country Park

Live entertainment
Hog roast buffet
Grand draw
Auction
Chocolate fountain
plus lots more fun!

Tickets cost £35 per adult and can be purchased at Busy Bees or you can contact us via our details below.



Christmas Market

This year Busy Bees will be holding a Christmas Market on the 1st December at the Village Hall between 11am and 2pm.

We'll have stalls, teas and warm mince pies, Father Christmas, a colouring competition and a raffle.

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4th	Mr A Coxhead – landscape gardener
11th	Mr T Brain – SW rep for Operation Mobilisation
18th	Mr R Short – Frome businessman
25th	Mr J Coxhead – retired builder

Preacher feature

Our preacher for 25th November is John Coxhead from Westbury, who turned to God in his teens. The preacher was a Welsh evangelist, who spoke on Psalm 23, verse 1: "The Lord is MY shepherd, I shall not want." John left that meeting feeling uneasy about his future and pledged himself to God the very next day.

John was brought up on a farm, but helped a friend with a building project and became a builder himself, until he retired. He and wife Mary have been married for 49 years and have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. His son Andrew is a regular preacher at Whitbourne; he was our featured preacher last month.

John's favourite verse from the Bible is Isaiah 26, verse 3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee."

Why not come along on to our Service on the 25th and listen to John preach? His sermons often include some of his own experiences.

Further Rome-ing

I recently spent another five days in Rome with my granddaughter Jess. This time we visited the Capitoline Museum and found the building has a 16th century facade and a 13th century inside. Below that, we

found ourselves in a building dating back to 78BC, ancient Rome's Record Office or Tabularium. From a verandah there, Jess and I looked out over the ancient Roman Forum, seeing the remains of buildings in existence at the time of Saints Peter and Paul, who were martyred in Rome during the Emperor Nero's reign. We also saw part of the Mamertine Prison, where both saints were held prior to their deaths. Saint Peter converted two warders and 47 prisoners during his time here and struck the prison walls to obtain flowing water with which to baptise his converts.

Also visited was the catacomb of Domitilla, the niece of the Emperor Domitian (81-96AD). She professed the Christian faith and was exiled from Rome to the island of Ponza and later martyred there. Jess doesn't come from a Christian background (though her Mum attended Sunday School at Whitbourne) and she's finding the history of Christianity fascinating. I'm thrilled to have opportunities like this to tell her about my faith.

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Step back in time – November

2nd 1936 The world's first regular TV service was started by the British Broadcasting Corporation, an estimated 100 TV owners tuned in.

4th 1843 The 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London.

5th 1605 Guy Fawkes is arrested beneath the House of Parliament as a plot to blow up England's King James I is uncovered.

10th 1871 Henry Morton Stanley tracks down 'missing' Scottish explorer and missionary David Livingstone to the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

11th 1918 After four years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives lost with a further 27 million injured.

13th 1850 Birth of Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson whose classic tales include Treasure Island, Kidnapped and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

15th 1968 The largest passenger liner in the world, Cunard's flagship 'Queen Elizabeth', docked in Southampton at the end of her last transatlantic voyage.

16th 1724 Highwayman Jack Sheppard is hanged at Tyburn, London in front of an estimated crowd of 200,000.

18th 1852 A massive state funeral for the Duke of Wellington is held in London.

19th 1620 The 180-ton wine ship Mayflower arrives at Cape Cod, America, it's passengers, 87 members of a Protestant sect – The Pilgrim Fathers.

20th 1947 Princess Elizabeth (Queen Elizabeth II) married her cousin Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (Duke of Edinburgh) at Westminster Abbey.

22nd 1963 The world mourns at the news that President John F Kennedy has been shot and killed in Dallas, Texas.

24th 1859 Charles Darwin publishes his book 'Origin of Species'.

26th 1922 Archaeologist Howard Carter and his sponsor the Earl of Caernavon make a hole in the door and gaze into the tomb of Tutankhamun.

28th 1919 Nancy Astor is elected Member of Parliament for Plymouth, becoming Britain's first woman MP.

29th 1641 England's first newspaper is published.

30th 1936 One of London's best-loved landmarks, the Crystal Palace burned down. The huge glass building originally housed the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Did you know?

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end. If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song 'Happy Birthday'.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, which is why it's found in some medicines.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

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Ingredients

100g blanched hazelnuts
140g self-raising flour
175g butter, cut into small pieces
140g golden caster sugar
2 large eggs, beaten
5 small, ripe Conference pears
50g dark chocolate, chopped into small chunks
2 tbsp apricot jam

Method

Preheat the oven to fan 140C/ conventional 160C/gas mark 3. Butter and line the base of a 20cm round cake tin. Grind the

hazelnuts in a food processor until fairly fine, add the flour and mix briefly. Add the butter and pulse until it forms crumbs. Add the sugar and eggs and lightly mix. Peel, core and chop two of the pears. Stir the pears and chocolate lightly into the cake mixture.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Peel, core and slice the remaining pears and scatter over the top of the cake. Press down lightly and bake for 50-60 minutes, until firm to the touch. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out and cool on wire rack. Warm the jam and brush over the top. Serve warm or cold.

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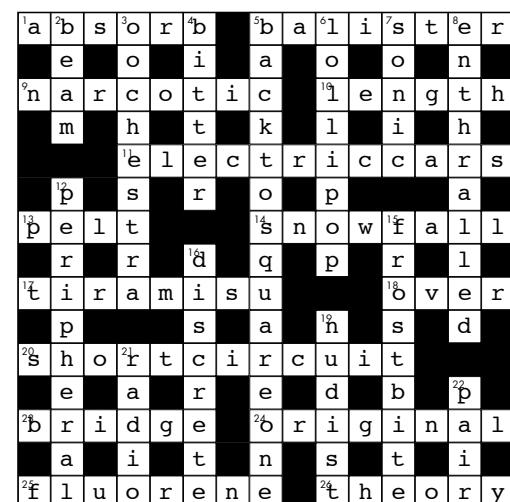
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Neighbourhood Watch

Caroline Wright, our PCSO, has sent this update on what has been happening in our area in the last few months, along with a piece regarding oil tank security. Please note the paragraph relating to the insurance cover of your tank.

There have been a spate of thefts from garden sheds, garden tools and bikes seem to be the target, it would be a good time to check security and ensure sheds and other outbuildings are kept secure and locked at all times. Items that are clearly marked are less likely to be stolen so consider marking mowers, chainsaws and hedge trimmers, etc., clearly with your name and postcode, (I use left-over gloss paint as it's difficult to remove once dry). Thieves cannot readily sell on these items and therefore are less likely to take them. For more expensive items such as ride-on mowers and quad bikes you may also want to consider a fairly inexpensive tracker that uses a sim card from a mobile phone to locate items.

There has also been a theft of lead from the roof of a Church. Please remain vigilant for any unusual activity and vehicles around churches and other buildings that may be subject to this type of theft: ring 101 to report it or 999 if you believe a crime is in progress.

It is the time of year when oil tanks will be filled for the winter. Oil prices remain high and it is possible that there will be attempts to steal heating oil.

If anyone would like security advice or a site visit from a member of the team please let me know and I will arrange it.

Oil Tank Security

Theft of heating and diesel oil has been a problem for some time and we notice an increase in all types of theft during austere times. Oil is an expensive commodity and a full tank of oil is worth many hundreds if not thousands of pounds, making it an attractive target for criminals.

Positioning

The position of the tank can have a significant effect on whether it will be targeted. If the tank is close to and visible from the house then this may be sufficient to deter the criminal but if it is close to a road or pathway it may become an easier target. If it is hidden behind an outbuilding this may give the criminal privacy while he steals the oil. Not many oil tanks are works of art so you probably do not want it in full view. Of course this will only be a major consideration when a new tank is to be installed. They do need to be sited within a reasonable distance of the road otherwise the oil supply company may not be able to refill it for you! Consider surrounding the area around your tank with a deep layer of gravel. It is impossible to walk quietly over gravel and the noise may alert you to intruders.

Locks

The tank should be locked at all access points including the filling hole. Good quality close shackle padlocks are the best as they offer most resistance to the most popular of burglar tools – the bolt cropper! Due to their design, close shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a

good grip. It is possible to buy a padlock that will alarm if it is moved or interfered with, this may deter thieves.

Alarms

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. These gauges are fitted in the tank and a reader unit can be located in the kitchen or perhaps a utility room to warn of any potential problem. There are two or three different versions on the market at the moment and cost between £70 and £150.

Lights

Security lights can have a very positive effect and make any property a much harder target for the thief. Lights with Passive Infra Red sensors which will activate if anyone gets close to the tank can be a deterrent as long as the light activation will alert you or your neighbours to any intruders. It is not a good idea to install lights in a remote location that will not alert anyone as this may only serve to provide light for the criminals to work under!

Defensive Planting

Nature's way of helping to reduce crime. Thieves will not wish to force their way through or over a prickly hedge. The smallest trace of blood or shred of ripped clothing could help the police identify the offender. These shrubs can, if planted around your tank, provide an effective and decorative thief proof barrier. Types that may deter criminals include Holly, Pyracantha (firethorn), Berberis and Blackthorn - any good garden centre will be able to advise you on this.

Fencing

Fences and walls can also make life difficult for the thief. A wooden or metal fence, trellis or wall can give significant protection to the tank and may protect it from being pierced to access the contents but remember that the oil tanker driver will need access to fill the tank! A metal grill or cage with a lockable access point across the top of this wall or fence can further improve security. It is also possible to purchase a sheet metal enclosure, which has lockable access doors to allow filling and maintenance and has internal anchorage points to fix it to the concrete base. This will cost less than one tank full of oil and will last for many years.

CCTV

The use of CCTV as crime prevention and a crime detection tool has become popular in recent years. However please bear in mind that while this may act as an aid to identifying a criminal it is unlikely to act as a deterrent. A good CCTV system that will work in all light conditions (most thefts occur in the night) will cost several hundred pounds, but often the picture quality from home systems is not good enough to identify offenders.

Finally please check if your tank and contents are covered on your household insurance and if so, see if there are conditions laid down by the insurers and see that these are adhered to.

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