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The Bridge

monthly magazine for the villages of Corsley and Chapmanslade

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 Barbers 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 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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

Larger ads are subject to space availability and by arrangement with the Editor who will advise on the price.

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 (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

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 November**

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

November

Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 4th

Road repairs to A362 begin at 7pm...

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 7th

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

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30pm, at Sue Waterman's home

Saturday 9th

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

Thursday 14th

Warminster mobile library (see page 4 for times)

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'Suffragettes & Munitions Girls'

Eye Opener evening on the Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School – 7pm for 7.30pm at St Francis Church, Salisbury

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Tuesday 19th

Community First Oil Buying Scheme deadline

Wednesday 20th

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room – A talk on Tynings Allotments

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30pm, Reading Room (Lower Room)

Thursday 21st

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

Saturday 23rd

Friends of Warminster Hospital Christmas Bazaar – 10am - 12 noon, Civic Centre, Warminster

An evening of entertainment with Prunella Scales and Timothy West – 6.30pm, Minster St Deny's, Warminster

Tuesday 26th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School



please note new time!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 28th

Warminster mobile library see page 4 for times)

Corsley Show AGM – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Loose Women – ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ at Bath’s Theatre Royal

Saturday 30th

Christmas Market – 10am - 1.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

December

Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Village Carol Evening – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 8th

Corsley Festival Choir – An English Christmas – 7.30pm, St Margaret’s Church, Corsley

Monday 9th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 11th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 12th

Warminster mobile library see page 4 for times)

Corsley WI Christmas Dinner – 6.30 for 7.00pm

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Tuesday 17th December

Coffee Morning – 10.30am - 12 noon, Sandhayes, Corsley

Thursday 19th

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

Monday 23rd December

Carol Singing in and around Corsley and Chapmanslade – times to be confirmed

New advertising rates

Trade advertising

We have kept our trade advertising rates unchanged for nearly two years now but our printing costs have increased, largely due to our colour cover (which has been well received) and more pages of content thanks to our contributors. Our new rates are shown on the last page and will be applied to invoices presented from January 2014 onward. We would like to thank all our advertisers for their continued support.

Small ads

We have slightly increased the 'for sale' and 'wanted' advertisements from 80p per item to £1 per item.

All other advertisements

There are no changes to the fees for other adverts.

**Corsley
Reading Room
Annual General Meeting**
Wednesday 20th November
7.30pm at Corsley Reading Room
(Lower Room)
All welcome

The mobile library service visits next on:

Thursday 14th November

10:10 - 10:30

Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

28th November and 12th December

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on **Saturday 9th 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
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Corsley litter pickers

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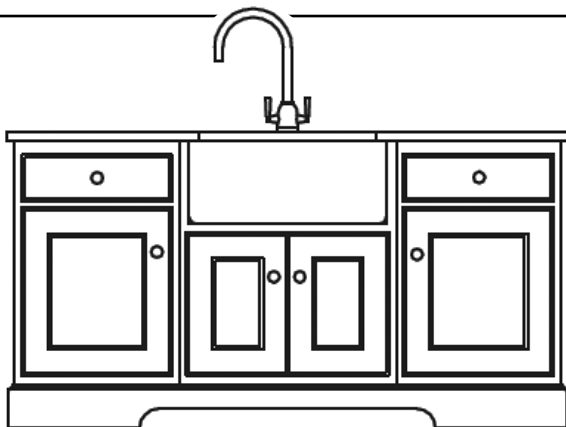


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Rainbows, googlies and campfires...

In the Summer the Brownies and Rainbows and Guides all went to Brokerswood. We did a lot of fun things. We made homes for the Googly, but I think my favourite activity was making campfires out of sweets and breadsticks! Mine didn't look much like a campfire but it was still delicious. I had a really nice time, made snakes that grew grass and we went on a long muddy walk and saw lots of ducks.

Lily



In 2014 the Brownies are 100 and the Chapmanslade and Corsley pack is 25 years old.

Corsley Show – lost and found

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Corsley Reading Room



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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which gas shares its name with Superman's home planet?
- 2 Which English town is an anagram of ancestral?
- 3 What is the correct name for 'laughing gas'?
- 4 Which river runs through the Grand Canyon??
- 5 Which George Orwell novel showed the dangers of excessive State control??
- 6 Riyadh is the capital of which country?
- 7 In a poem by Edward Lear, what was peculiar about the "Pobble"?
- 8 Back, blanket and buttonhole are all types of what?
- 9 Name the geological fault which runs the length of California
- 10 Which word can go after soap and before house?
- 11 Which is the largest of the Greek Islands?
- 12 Who were Andy Pandy's two best friends?

Answers on page 35

Light Bites

We would like to invite you to come and join us for a

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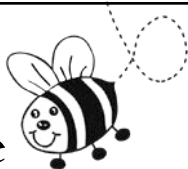
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The Government recognises the value of communities with green spaces – parks, orchards, allotments, gardens, etc – and, as part of the localism and de-centralisation agenda, has committed to measures that will enable individuals and communities to gain access to the land they need. Creating or conserving a community orchard is one such example.

An orchard is a collection of fruit, and sometimes nut trees, planted amongst grass full of wild flowers. Just as traditional orchards were often the centre of village life and a cornerstone of the rural economy, community orchards are excellent places for people to come together to plant and cultivate local and unusual varieties of fruit trees and to use them as a focal point for community activities such as Apple Days, open-air plays, picnics, story-telling events, festivals or as a green haven in which to relax and wind down.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust has received a Lottery grant to establish over 20 Community Orchards in Wiltshire; if you visit their website you can see where these orchards will be. During the year, the Trust have been running courses to teach those who will be planting the orchards how to care for and maintain them.

Having grafted 100 Wiltshire apple trees for the 2012 Marlborough Apple Day, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust asked Barthers to graft

650 apple trees for these new community orchards. Legh set about collecting the grafting wood from local apple trees and Nick was busy grafting in January. The varieties are Bedwyn Beauty, Burns Seedling, Celt, Chorister Boy, Corsley Pippin, Dreeges Fame, Julia's Late Golden, Mary Barnett, Roundway Magnum and Wiltshire Monster. The trees are currently growing at Barthers Plant Centre.

On Saturday 23rd November The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be having an Open Day at Barthers and the apple trees will be distributed. If you are interested in ordering a Wiltshire Apple Tree, which Barthers will graft for you this winter, come along to the Open Day.

*Diana Walker
Barthers Farm Nurseries Ltd*

For further details look up the following links online

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Watch out, watch out, there's thieves about...

Neighbourhood Watch

There has recently been another break-in to a garage in Corsley, resulting in the theft of a substantial quantity of garden machinery.

Two locks were cut and the intruders gained access to the garage. I am the first to admit it is difficult to prevent a determined thief from gaining access to your garage or shed. It's a timely reminder to us all to make it as difficult as possible for thieves to get access to your possessions. Don't leave your garden equipment on view inside your shed or garage when in your garden or washing your car. You'll never know whether someone has decided to break in until it's too late.



If you have a petrol driven lawn mower, leaf blower, strimmer, chain saw, etc., mark it in such a way that it has no value to the thief because it is easily identifiable. If you are not going to sell your garden equipment in the near future, have you considered painting your equipment in a vibrant colour so that the thief cannot sell it on easily without spending time and money on it cleaning it up before moving it on?

If you have a ride-on mower have you thought about fitting a tracker to your machine or disconnecting and taking the battery away to be stored somewhere else other than your garage or shed? How about fitting a portable alarm in your shed or

extending your house alarm to your garage. Some of the portable alarms are very loud (110 decibels or louder) and cost around £10- £15. The noise alone is loud enough to alert you or your neighbour to a problem with the thief knowing he does not have long to get away. They are easy to install and operate. Of course there is a cost, but it's probably less than the combined cost of the replacement machinery, policy excess and an alteration to your premium for your home insurance policy for loss of any No Claims bonus when you next renew your home insurance policy.

Mike Bird
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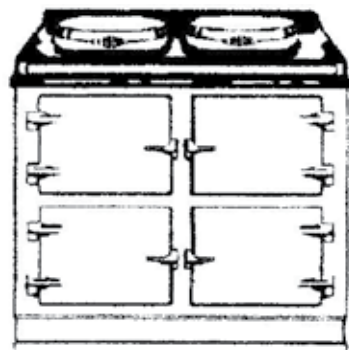


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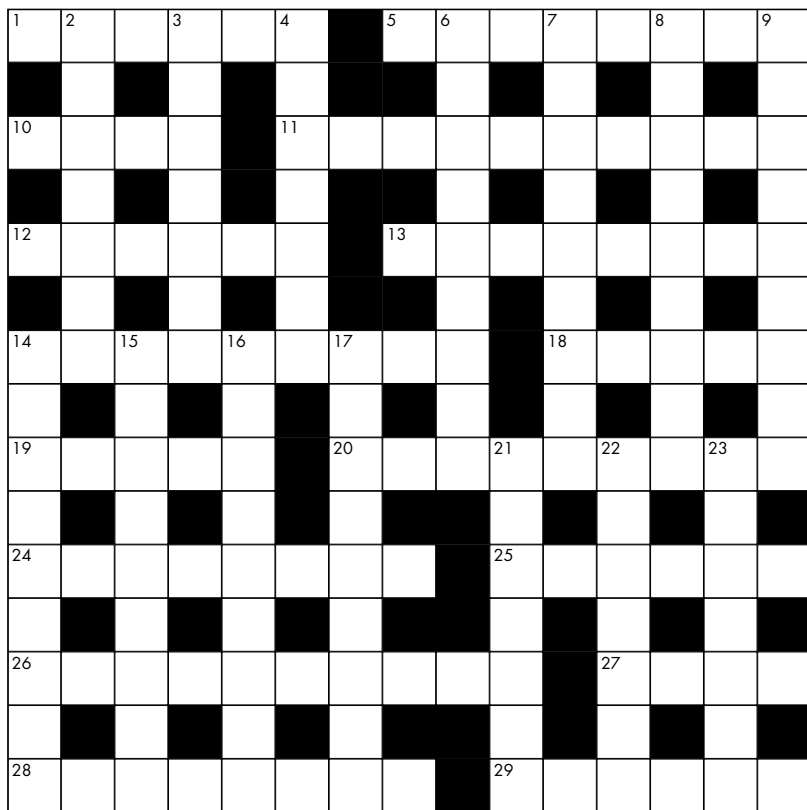
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Clues across

- 1 Seed that follows command to open? (6)
- 5 Takes a break, having a day in France surrounded by rolling sand (8)
- 10 Made a phone call and spoke (4)
- 11 Enrage a repeat sex pervert (10)
- 12 Grain, and what to do with it, we hear? (6)
- 13 Gave someone a ring and made a suggestion (8)
- 14 Recent recruit finally deserts to fight in irregular army - becoming this? (9)
- 18 Secured return of silver money... (5)
- 19 ...money that gives difficulty to the French (5)
- 20 Experienced peacekeepers found west of the river (9)
- 24 Steps taken by those who get their skates on? (3,5)
- 25 Drink some Schweppes with liqueur (6)
- 26 External cell tissue in nerve-ending to trap gas (10)
- 27 I happen to kiss a goat! (4)
- 28 Government department makes attempt to conceal a ruse that's gone wrong (8)
- 29 Neat drives (6)

Clues down

- 2 Learned English and Italian in an uncultured environment (7)
- 3 This does not describe a posh girl who is in prison endlessly (7)
- 4 Merseyside? (7)
- 6 As was Troy by Greeks, ultimately, in action (9)
- 7 Maiden perhaps might get the upper hand (9)
- 8 Drove, we hear, with good judgement - showing this (4-5)
- 9 Firm has to rearrange dates quickly (9)
- 14 In 1999, make a mistake over English books - causing hilarity (9)
- 15 Upstanding father wears short protective coat with elastic material (9)
- 16 They're discovered by pupils (9)
- 17 Describes a Dutchman giving rebuke kindly? (9)
- 21 Their properties should be permanently frozen (7)
- 22 Martial law upheld without resistance by Eisenhower (7)
- 23 Fallout can be expected from this type of family? (7)



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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the October meeting of Chapmanslade Parish Council and on other parish matters

Planning applications

We learned that Wiltshire Council has approved The Three Horseshoe's planning application to demolish the derelict building at the rear of the building and to erect an eight-bedroom extension. The parish council would have preferred a six-bedroom block and we have concerns about parking but we do acknowledge that Toby and Ben have done a great job in breathing new life into our pub and we wish them every success with their new venture.

Traffic

Our Speed Indicator Device (SID), which we share with a number of villages, did an excellent job and will back in the High Street in due course. During one of last month's speedwatch sessions 488 vehicles passed through the High Street in just one hour. At our meeting we discussed whether we need to ask for more speed-calming measures. What about speed humps? Do you have any suggestions that you would like us to consider?

Highway Maintenance

Overgrown hedges in Huntenhull Lane and blocked gullies are on the list of concerns we have passed on to Wiltshire Council. The poor state of the road surface in Southcroft is another area of concern.

War Memorial

We are currently looking into the possibility of adding to the war memorial the names of two village residents who died in the Second World War. They are commemorated on a plaque inside the church but not on the war memorial itself. Next year marks the centenary of the start of the First World War and we feel this would be an appropriate time to add the names.

Chapmanslade Public Footpaths

Chapmanslade has many footpaths, bridleways and byways. They give us access to the beautiful countryside as well as providing easy and direct routes through our Parish. We want to know if there are any issues or problems with any of the paths, Please contact Adam Oakley adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk or 01373 832437. We are hoping to help with some of the work required on the paths, and we are looking for volunteers who may be able to help. If you have some spare time at the weekends, contact Adam for more details.

Village Hall Floor

The Village Hall Committee has submitted an application to Wiltshire Council's Warminster Area Board for a £5,000 grant towards the cost of replacing the worn-out hall floor. The total cost of the job is likely

to be in the region of £16,000 so a grant from the council would be a real boost. The Village Hall Committee is doing a great job to bring the hall up to standard and parish councillors will be at the Area Board meeting to lend their support.

Mains gas for Chapmanslade?

At the November meeting of the parish council we will be looking at the possibility of bringing mains gas into the village. The meeting is at Chapmanslade School, starting at 7.30 pm, on **Thursday 14th November**. We will have the facts and figures to help you decide whether you are interested in signing up. Do come along and help us reach a decision.

The Corsley Show Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28th November

7.30pm

Corsley Reading Room

For more information ring
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Corsley Tennis Club News

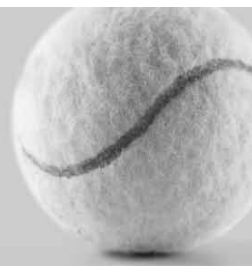
Junior tournaments

On Sunday, 6th October, we held the 'Girls under 16' and the 'Mixed under 13' tournaments. We were lucky to be able to enjoy probably one of the last warm sunny afternoons. Unfortunately, the start was rather late as vandals had thrown stones onto the single court from behind the Boules area, rendering it unsafe for the children to play on. Thanks to a number of parents who 'set to' with brooms, there wasn't too long a delay before the junior girls tournament was under way. The winner was Natasha Kozlowski. The 'Under

13's' was enthusiastically competed for with Amy Lloyd emerging as the victor. Each year a shield is awarded to the junior who has shown the most improvement and enthusiasm. This year it will be awarded to Tommy Wootton.

The awards will take place on the **15th November** when the club will be holding the **Annual Presentation and Social Evening**. Details will be circulated to members.

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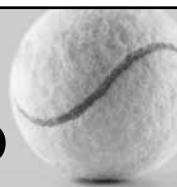
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The Rector writes:

At this time of year, the leaves fall from the trees and the weather grows colder. For the ancients Celts, the first day of November marked the end of summer and the beginning of winter. In sympathy with the changing seasons the churches calendar moves into a new period of reflection and remembrance.

All Saints Sunday heralds this season of remembrance in our churches at the beginning of November, as The Church celebrates the lives of the saints and martyrs, known and unknown through Christian history. St Columba is one of the many Celtic saints whose name has inspired, and continues to inspire, Christian pilgrims from across the world to make the long journey to visit the small Island of Iona in the Inner Hebrides off the Ross of Mull on the western coast of Scotland.

Neil and I have just returned from a pilgrimage to this small and beautiful island, known to some as a thin place, a place where it is said, 'heaven and earth come together'.

Here, we have not only enjoyed the company of other pilgrims, but have had the opportunity to take time, to stop and to reflect, and to marvel, at the vision of those early saints who set out (in coracles), in faith, with the sole purpose of spreading the gospel message, creating Christian communities and sharing God's love in faith and action. Their legacy has developed and grown with each generation, through the rhythm and discipline of a prayerful of life, which is still adopted by the Iona community of today.

Iona gives the people time to really think about things, to go off walking, to sit by a beach, to look at the beauty and just reflect on who and what they are in God's creation.

On the last day, we walked down to St. Columba's Bay, on the southern tip of the island, where the saint and his monks are said to have landed. It is on this beach that pilgrims are encouraged to choose two stones. The first they throw into the waves, to symbolise something they wish to leave behind; the other they take with them, to represent a new beginning.

The Saints we will celebrate in our services are not only those whose names are to be found on the plaques of cathedral walls and churches but are also ordinary people who have inspired and continue to inspire those who come after them - those men and women of faith who put risk aside as they step out into the world in the name of Jesus Christ. Those who aren't afraid to cross vast oceans in coracles!

Di Britten
Associate Priest

November Church Diary

Sunday 3rd November: All Saints Day

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

Tuesday 5th November

After Alpha Tuesday Night Group

7.30pm at 129d Forest Walk – Details from Richard on 832594

Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Family Parish Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday

10.50am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Remembrance Service

The collections from both services will be donated to the Royal British Legion

Tuesday 12th November

Time to Think home group

10.30am at 4 Southcroft – details from Phil on 832845

Thursday 14th November

Eye Opener evening on the Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School

7pm for 7.30pm at St Francis Church, Salisbury

Contact Rosalyn Dean on 823594 for details

Sunday 17th November: Second Sunday before Advent

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

Tuesday 19th November

After Alpha Tuesday Night Group

7.30pm – details from Richard on 832594

Thursday 21st November

Church & Community Coffee Morning

from 10am to 12pm at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Sunday 24th November: Christ the King

9am at St Mary's, Temple

Holy Communion 1662

10.30pm at St. Margaret's, Corsley

Family Parish Service

Operation Christmas Child. Collection of the shoe boxes for this year's appeal

Tuesday 26th November

Time to Think home group

10.30am at 93 Lyes Green – details from Phil on 832845

Wednesday 27th November

Light Bites Bread & Soup Lunch

From 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms



December Church Diary

Sunday 1st December: Advent Sunday

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

Sunday 8th December: Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins

Wednesday 11th December

Light Bites Christmas Luncheon

From 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Please ring either Pat on 832650 or Dot on 832059 to reserve your place

All donations to the Children's Society

Sunday 15th December: Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Eucharist

Tuesday 17th December
Coffee Morning
Bring & Buy 50/50 Club draw
10.30am to 12pm at Sandhayes, Corsley

Sunday 22nd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent
9am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion 1662
6pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Carol Service

Monday 23rd December
Carol singing in and around Corsley and Chapmanslade

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve
3pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Crib Service
11.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Midnight Eucharist

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day
9am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion 1662
10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Christmas Eucharist

Sunday 29th December: First Sunday after Christmas
10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Benefice Eucharist

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Corsley WI October News



The President, Carol Seward, rounds up the October meeting and announces some forthcoming events

The President welcomed everyone and thanked Di Dowling for the flowers. Several WI events had been held recently, including a visit to the Malaby Biogas Digester in Warminster to see how they process food waste. On a visit to Winterbourne Earls, Steve Leonard a TV Vet was one of the speakers and we also learnt about Medi-Pets, dogs who can alert their owners to impending diabetic comas or epileptic fits. At the Dilton Marsh Challenge Cup Quiz, Corsley WI were beaten into second place by Bratton WI on the final picture round, after a close match in which Corsley had led all the way through. Caroline Higham had very much enjoyed her stay at Denman College to learn about cryptic crosswords and urged us all to go on one of the many courses available. Details are given at each monthly meeting of future trips and visits available for members.

Our expected speaker for October was unable to come but instead had arranged for Alan Sandall, who is President of the Frome & District Scouts Association, to give us a fascinating talk about Scouting during World War II. Alan joined the Scouts aged 11 and, as scouts were supposed to know all the local streets, days before war

was declared found himself helping the Mayor of Reading at the local evacuation centre, giving directions as the children were taken to their new homes. Later he volunteered at the war-time fire station and helped firefighters with the after-effects of the bombing. Boys had much more freedom then but it was coupled with the horrors of seeing towns and cities bombed and people killed. Scouts were also used as messengers for the Local Defence Volunteers service and he learnt how to handle a rifle and strip and refit a Lewis machine gun. This knowledge came in useful when D-Day was approaching, as he joined the Royal Navy and the Deep Sea Scouts. Alan has also written articles and books about his scouting memories. Alan was warmly thanked by Fiona Johnston.

The competition for a Far-Eastern Object was won by Jean White, with Charlotte Beswick second and Jenny Candy third.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 November** at 2.30pm, the speaker will be Claire Williams talking about Suffragettes, Munitions Girls and her Great Grandmother, who was killed by a horse at the Derby. The competition is for a coloured bottle.

Do you have a morning or an afternoon free? Why not join us in the Reading Room in Corsley for any of the following activities:

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| Coffee Morning | First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon |
| Gardening Club | Third Wednesday each month, 2.30pm, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb |
| Bridge Club | First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm |

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760

Corsley Festival Choir

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Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm
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Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Stanford
Christmas Day – Holst
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In Terra Pax – Finzi
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Coffee Morning

Tuesday 17th December,
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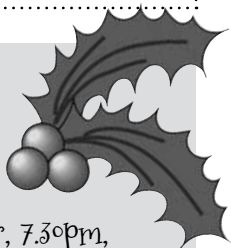
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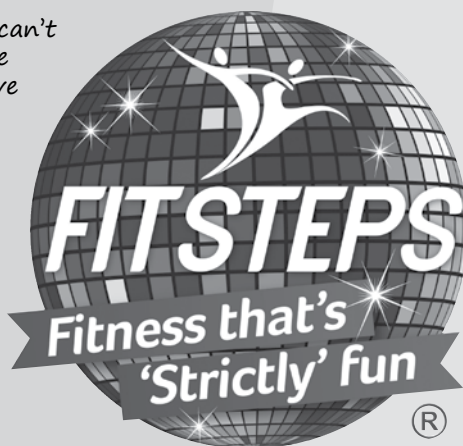
It's time to put on your dancing shoes, even if you can't dance. Chapmanslade is about to go 'Strictly' mad! If you want to get fit fast, lose those unwanted pounds and have more fun than you can believe doing it, here's some great news for you.

'Strictly Come Dancing' dance stars Natalie Lowe and Ian Waite have teamed up with six time world champion swimmer Mark Foster, a former Strictly contestant and an expert in fitness and conditioning, to produce a unique dance and fitness programme – 'FitSteps'.

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And the best news of all is that FitSteps has hit Chapmanslade every Thursday at 7-8pm. So, if you're ready to take to the floor and FitStep your way to a new you, all you need to do is be at Chapmanslade Village Hall on Thursdays at 7pm where Odele will be waiting to put you through your FitSteps paces!



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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

The Chairman gives us a précis of the Occasional Meeting held on 23rd September

This occasional meeting was held to primarily consider a planning application, but also included discussions on the maintenance of the Old School Playing Field and, briefly, the growing interest in celebrations of the centenary of the start of the First World War.

The planning application was a composite one concerning 120 Lyes Green. It included application for retrospective approval of a previously erected single storey glazed extension to the garage and a past small extension of the property curtilage to incorporate agricultural land, plus a proposed link extension between garage/outbuilding and main house. No public comments had been received and the PC had no objections.

As I am sure readers are generally aware that, under Malcolm Holley's Chairmanship, the PC secured a long lease of the Old School Playing field for the benefit of the Village. In addition, as part of the Jubilee celebrations and national initiatives, a plantation of young trees was established on the north side of the field. It was anticipated that this area would, in time, become a place of peaceful recreation and offer the potential for individual trees to be 'adopted'. In the meantime grass cutting is shared between Little Cuckoos and the Steiner School, with the PC looking after the

plantation. This had become overgrown, but has now been substantially cleared of the offending thistles and other growth with plans afoot to apply control measures next spring and to deal with the overgrown 'hedge' on the north side.

In the October briefing, I mentioned the possibility of the Village taking part in WW1 centenary celebrations next year, and that this would be on the December quarterly meeting agenda. Views expressed at the 23rd September PC meeting were fairly ambivalent and I have received no feedback from any Village sources in the last few weeks. If there are any of you who do have a view and would be prepared to take a lead part in such an enterprise, please let me know.

Just to remind you, the A362 repairs are planned for the period 4th – 28th November, with accompanying overnight road closures from Picket Post to the top of Deep Lane (the latter will remain open). The details were in the October Bridge and if you have any concerns or uncertainties, then please contact Simon Jasper.

The long-heralded meeting between the PC, Longleat, Wiltshire Council officials and Fleur de Rhé-Philippe, to discuss the impact of Longleat traffic on Corsley, took place on 19th September and the full minutes can be

viewed on the Bridge website. It was a good meeting and the major agreed actions were:

Longleat to:

- Look at alternative routes to achieve a one way flow for Caravan Park traffic on Geys Hill.
- Look at replacing hedges with fences to improve line of sight on blind bends on Geys hill.
- Update their initiative with satnav companies.
- With Wiltshire Council, consider options for completing the Traffic Management Plan.

Wiltshire Council to:

- Assess the road conditions and opportunities for additional passing places on Geys Hill.
- Review and improve the signs for Longleat and the Caravan Park on the A362, particularly at Lane End.

Another meeting will be held in November to review these actions.

Neil Britten

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Money-saving opportunity

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Anyone who is interested in joining a local group of the Community First oil buying scheme can contact me. There is an annual membership fee of £20 but significant savings on central heating oil bills.

Once a month members are contacted by the village organiser. The ordering deadline for December deliveries is **Tuesday 19th November 2013**. Community First negotiators then obtain the best possible price. Members pay the oil supplier directly after receiving an invoice.

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Now it can be told...

Corsley and the downfall of Hitler

Part 1 of an occasional series: a footnote in the annals of this great conflict.

With the passing of 60 years the Public Records Office (PRO) have finally released the papers (serial PRO/ADM/XXX) relating to one of the least known but extremely secret activities focused against the Axis forces. Based in the quite environs of Corsley- this was Station IX. It wasn't a single location as such, its activities and personnel spread across the buildings and land of Corsley House, Sandhayes and Manor Farm and other locations across Corsley, depending on what was afoot.

Station IX's brief was simple – consider anything that will weaken, demoralise or hamper the axis forces in their execution of the war. Not things that go bang, fizz and pop, but things we would now term thinking outside the box, unconventional warfare in all its guises.

The station was a sub division of the Naval Intelligence Department (NID) coming under the control of Department of Miscellaneous Weapons and Development (DMWD) who's other major establishment in the area was HMS Birnbeck (aka Birnbeck Pier in Weston super Mare).

One idea, coming later in the war as the tide turned was to parachute drop vast quantities of top shelf literature to frontline axis troops shortly before a major offensive by the allied troops. It was hoped that the

resulting outbreak of self-abuse amongst the German troops would weaken their eyesight to such an extent that their aim would also suffer. Although it was another scheme that was never implemented – production of the material did go ahead.

An unnamed officer was sent to London to recruit street walkers and bring them down to Corsley for various photo-shoots. It was later reported that he had little problem in getting volunteers as "...they all had hearts of gold and wanted to do their bit for King & Country." But he was later reprimanded for being a tad overzealous in personally checking out their war attributes before inviting them down to Corsley. In order to make things as authentic as possible, Teutonic looking blondes with a physique being a cross between a Valkyrie and Amazon were chosen. The cat was very nearly let out of the bag when a suspicious Warminster postmaster intercepted a broken wicker basket, the contents of which included a large quantity of lederhosen & Tyrolean milk-maids outfits. Fearing a pocket of Nazi sympathizers were located in the area he alerted the Security services, who took a lot of time persuading the postmaster to forget all about it. This was certainly one project that never suffered from lack of volunteers, the pay books of the time reveal that on one photo-shoot alone, the principle

photographer was ably assisted by 32 (very) willing other ranks.

Barn fulls of this material were burnt shortly after D-Day, however some discerning villagers must have saved a few dozen copies, as even now, every so often a copy of one of these "Nature photo essays" appears in a second hand shops or card markets, no doubt resulting from a house clearance from someone with a Corsley connection.

Max Senlac – PhD & bar.

Next – Jasper Maskelyne, smoke & mirrors, cowpats and defeating Doenitz's U-Boats.

Chapmanslade Loose Women

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th November** at 7.30 at Sue Waterman's house, 51 High Street, Chapmanslade (opposite the telephone box). We will be talking about the book "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. But don't be put off if you haven't read the book – just come anyway!

Later in the month, on **28th November**, we are going to see Fiddler on the Roof at Bath Theatre Royal. At the time of writing all the tickets are spoken for, but if you would like to register your interest in any last minute returns, please ring Sheila Daniell on 832052.

There's no meeting in December but there will be a meal out in **January on the 9th**.

Sue Waterman
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Jennifer Louise Deverill

With thanks to all who attended Jennifer Deverill's Funeral at St Margaret's last month. The love and support from the Church and the village has been a great comfort to all the family.

Your generosity has also meant we could give Cancer Research and CLIC Sargent almost £1,000 and hopefully make a small difference to others.

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Going, going, gone!

De-cluttering my house prior to its sale, I recently sent a lot of stuff to an auction in Devizes. This included nearly 600, boxed, mint condition model cars collected by my late husband, Brian.

What an experience the auction was! Excitement, confusion and disappointment. Amongst all the other lots were button-back chairs, paintings, china, an umbrella repair kit – and those model cars. At the end, my arithmetic was wrong and I didn't realise as much as I'd hoped.

At least my goods were inanimate objects; they didn't know they hadn't been sold, or worry that they'd have to go through the whole rigmarole again. Animals sold at livestock auctions must find it confusing and frightening. How much worse when men, women and children were sold at auction into slavery. How grateful we should be to the social reformers of the nineteenth century, most of whom were active Christians, for the abolition of slavery. What a shame to our modern world that there's still widespread human trafficking.

Weather – some Bible meteorological questions...

- 1 This, mingled with fire, was among the ten plagues in Egypt when the Israelites were being oppressed. *Exodus 9.24*
- 2 These cannot drown love. *Song of Solomon 8.7*

3 This tempestuous wind hindered St Paul's voyage to Rome. *Acts 27.14*

Thinking of the weather...

My November Guest

My Sorrow, when she's here with me,
Thinks these dark days of autumn rain
Are beautiful as days can be;
She loves the bare, the withered tree;
She walked the sodden pasture lane.

Robert Frost, American Poet, 1874-1963

ABC of God's promises:

O for "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us..." *Daniel 3.17*

The confidence in God shown by three men who were facing certain death: they were saved.

Prayer

From Psalm 43: "Send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me."

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Tales from the passenger seat



About 25% of pupils find the skills needed to drive a car do not come easily. That's fine, that's why I am there. However, spare a thought for the totally deaf pupil. Over the years I have taught many profoundly deaf people to drive. One of the main problems is that for a hearing person, a difficult situation can be encountered and explained whilst the moment is happening; for a deaf person, verbal explanation at the time of the incident is useless – one does not want lip reading going on whilst the pupil is driving. An explanation has to be given at the next opportunity, but a place to park is not always immediate and then the moment is lost. Forward planning – diagrams, notes, flash cards and email communication are all necessary to try to get in the repetition and normal communication that a hearing pupil takes for granted.

Normally, the visual skill and use of the mirrors of a deaf pupil are virtually at 'test standard' the first moment they sit in the car. There is no way they are going to move off without checking over their shoulder, mirrors, double checking and so on. They would not have survived had they not learned such survival skills. Interestingly, Becca, who recently passed, was an exception. When she started, and for some time after, she was hopeless at checking it was safe to move off, or pull out of a junction, etc. I really have no idea how she managed just walking around town without that instinct. She was excellent at 'feeling' how much pressure to put on the accelerator when moving off - another skill that a hearing pupil takes for granted. She

got very good at knowing when to change gear, but her observational skills were, initially, useless.

Consider this difficulty, and then compare it with Adam. Adam was almost blind. Blind and wanting to learn to drive? When he stumbled out of his house, I did have a suspicion that there might be a problem, but after he correctly read a number plate, I put it down to clumsiness. Now, whilst many pupils will pull out in front of traffic, it's because they are learning - their judgement/spatial skills and co-ordination of feet on pedals is not yet refined. Yet Adam seemed to drive as though he really was not seeing things. His second lesson was in the evening when the amber-coloured street lamps were on. From time to time he would attempt to stop the car, mutter something, then carry on: it was almost like he couldn't see... Time for a recheck methinks.

"Adam, read that number plate"

"I can't"

"You squint, you lean forwards, you have a go, because the examiner will ask you"

"Can't"

So, we moved forwards, and forwards, until we were within 9 feet of the number plate.

Still no joy

"Adam, you need glasses"

"Oh I've got glasses, I just don't like wearing them"

He had learned the original number plate, and as he drove up hills he was mistaking the street lamps to be traffic lights on amber; only when the street lamp did not turn to red did he realise that it was not traffic lights.

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Calving at this time of year takes place in straw-covered yards so that farm staff can oversee it 24 hours a day. Once the calves have had the rich milk, called colostrum, from their mothers, they will be put into small groups and fed outside (in sheltered fields) with cows' whole milk twice a day.

As soon as the early crops of maize have been harvested, the field hedges will be trimmed to keep them stockproof and tidy, then either a winter wheat crop or grass ley is sown while the soil is still warm.

During the autumn months the markets will be busy with their special sheep sales, a time for farmers and shepherds to sell breeding stock and buy in replacements of ewes, yearling lambs and rams to improve the breeding lines on the farm. Some lowland farms will over-winter sheep from areas such as Exmoor, Wales and the North of England for three or four months. This allows the sheep to graze clean grass (not infected by grass- or soil-borne diseases) and to enjoy the benefits of better climatic conditions during the winter months.

Our winter birds are well and truly here now, with Fieldfares, Redwings and migrant Blackbirds and Song Thrushes moving along hedges and into gardens in search of food. Watch out as well for Mistle Thrushes, if they find a berry-laden bush will defend it from all comers. An increasing number of our summer birds are choosing to stay with us; look out for Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps finishing off the blackberries and even visiting bird tables.

As November 5th draws near may I remind those who plan a fireworks party to let neighbours who own pets or other animals, especially horses, just when and where the party will take place; this will allow them to put their pets and other livestock in a safe and secure place. Remember to move your bonfire just before setting it alight; otherwise you might roast a hedgehog! These native mammals are in decline due to habitat loss, but are the gardeners' friend, eating plenty of those annoying slugs and snails.

Judith Helliar

Corsley And Chapmanslade Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the Helpers and Supporters, it was certainly one of our best ever – we made £825!

Thank you again, Judith, Dot and Bella



Change and loss

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

There are some people who love the prospect of change; they say it excites them and they seem comfortable

with the unfamiliarity of what comes next, preferring that to a routine. Many of us, though, find it trying at best and some are truly terrified by the new. Why might this be?

Change involves loss and, even when we face losing things, people or circumstances we don't like, loss can feel very destabilising and even debilitating. We knew where we were and what to expect during unchanging times; with change, we have to readjust and this requires energy and time. If the change involves an obvious loss such as bereavement, there are many painful feelings to be processed – not just grief; anger, terror, loneliness and many others can also be involved.

We tend to like – or at least accept - what we know. The unknown isn't something we can see or plan for easily and most of us want to know what's coming our way. Change almost inevitably involves some element of the unknown and the need to absorb a new set of rules, ideas or feelings.

So if we're anticipating great pain, fear, uncertainty or frustration when change is in the the air, we fight it. We prefer to retain the familiar. The problem is that, as we all know, change is inescapable: we grow up, we grow old; we are born, we die; we fall in and out of love; we change or lose jobs; we move house; we become ill; we move school or go to college; the kids leave home; we retire and so on. Accepting and

going with the process of change is difficult for most of us, no doubt about it. But maybe if we can just be that little bit more prepared for it, enjoying the moment as best we can without attempting to preserve it forever and trying to allow for the possibility that new situations might be valuable and/or positive, we might alleviate some of the discomfort and we might even find that we can derive some pleasure from an altogether new experience.

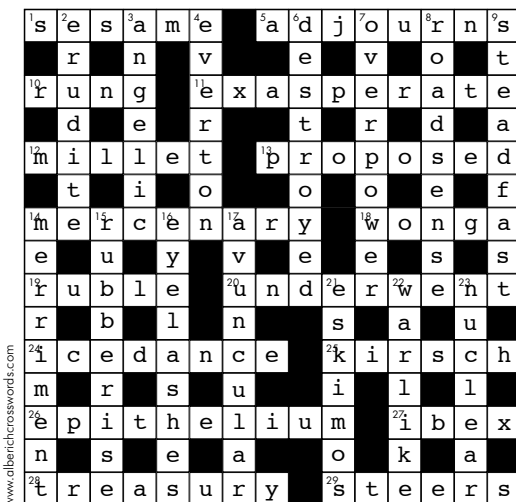
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