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Articles

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

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

File types

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

Advertising

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

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

Full page ads cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be augranteed,

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the dropoff points (Barters Plant Centre or Acres (ylaguZ

Please note: no cash, no advert! Trade advertising

Please see information on the last page.

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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 1st

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10 - 12 noon – Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 6th

Warminster Area Board and Health Fair, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 8th

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

Sunday 9th

Remembrance Sunday

Thursday 13th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, 'The Animals at Longleat', Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Friday 14th

Quiz Night - Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 15th

Wine Tasting – Corsley Reading Rooms (sponsored by Waitrose)

Wednesday 19th

Corsley Gardening Club – talk on Bumblebees at Corsley Reading Room – 2.30pm

Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm – Reading Room

Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 26th

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

Thursday 27th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

Corsley Show Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 28th

Wine Tasting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th

Christmas Market – 10am - 12.30pm – Corsley Reading Room

December

Tuesday 2nd

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

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Christmas Coffee Morning and 50/50 Club Draw – 10.30am - noon, St Margaret's

Village Carol Evening – 7.00pm – Corsley Reading Room

Monday 8th

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

Wednesday 10th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 11th

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Corsley WI – Christmas Dinner

Saturday 13th

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

Sunday 14th

Corsley Festival Choir Christmas Concert – 7pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 18th

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

Friday 19th

Carol Singing in Corsley

Monday 22nd

Carol Singing in Chapmanslade

January

Tuesday 6th

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

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Thursday 8th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

February

Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th

Auction of Promises, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Calling all 'Silver Surfers'

"CRR IT 4U" is a series of sessions being run at Corsley Reading Rooms aimed at those who want to acquire a better level of skill or gain confidence in the use of computers, ask "dumb" questions etc. The first 3 topics being covered are "Basic Email and Browsers", "Security" and a series of 3 sessions on "Digital Photography". These are open (subject to session capacity) to anyone living in Corsley, Chapmanslade and surrounding areas, even as far as Warminster!

They are aimed at "Silver Surfers", will run during the daytime, and are charged at £3 per person per session paid on the day to cover the costs of hall hire (a cup of tea/ coffee and a biscuit is included). For more detailed information and to make a booking see the website which is hdwebsites.wix.com/crr-itt or use the QR

Code below if you know how!

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 8th September. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

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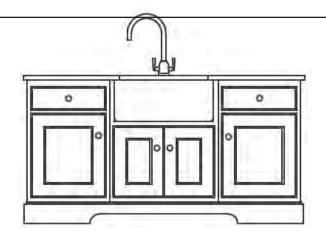


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Governor vacancies

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No previous experience required, but you will be keen to learn new skills and make a real difference to children's education!

We are also looking for a **new Chair of Governors** and welcome applications from candidates who can take on this critical leadership role

Being a school governor is a great way of making a contribution to the school, whilst developing new skills and finding out much more about the huge effort it takes to keep the school running well.

What's the commitment?

We meet as a full governing body once a term – we're a friendly team who work well together and enjoy what we do. All governors also serve on one of the subcommittees, which also meet once a term. Occasional ad hoc meetings and monitoring visits (about the individual subjects we're responsible for) make up the rest of the time we devote to the role.

What's the governor's role?

Governors provide strategic leadership and accountability, while the head teacher is responsible for the management and control of the school. We appoint the head teacher and hold main responsibility for finance, working with the head teacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources. We set the aims and objectives for the school and monitor and evaluate the

progress the school is making towards achievement of them. We sometimes ask awkward or challenging questions – but that's all part of the job and intended to encourage the continuous improvement which makes the school a success.

What's in it for me?

You'll find out much more about how the school is run and get a say in strategic decisions – you'll know that you're making a really positive contribution to your child's education. Governor meetings provide valuable experience of team-working, scrutiny of budgets and policies and free training courses are provided in the wide range of knowledge and skills needed. For many parents considering a return to work, volunteering as a governor provides a great opportunity to brush up (or develop) critical business skills.

How can I find out more?

Please contact one of the governors or the head teacher and we'll be delighted to talk about the role and your interest in more detail. Governors will be available after the Harvest Festival on 7th October, or please contact Mrs McCall to arrange to have a chat with one of us.

Governors who are parents are: Davina Lawrence, Rachel Thornton, Catherine Mitchell and Mark Foster – we're always happy to have a chat about the role if you catch us at school

Corsley Festival Choir

7pm, Sunday 14th December St Margaret's Church, Corsley

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The Corsley Show Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th November 7.30pm Corslev Reading Room

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Corsley Reading Room



Christmas Mini Market

Saturday 29th November

at Corsley Reading Room, 10am - 12.30pm

Presents, plants, cakes, cards, refreshments

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

Road Closure

Temporary Closure of: C274 Huntenhull Lane (Part), Chapmanslade (Ref: TTRO 3618)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: C274 Huntenhull Lane (Part), Chapmanslade; from its junction with Brimhill Rise to its junction with Southcroft

To enable Wessex Water to repair manhole frames and covers.

No alternative route is available however access will be maintained for residents and businesses and the closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 and it is anticipated that the work will take one day to complete between 9.30am - 3.30pm.

The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information please contact Wessex Water on 0845 600 4 600.

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Corsley Memorial

CORSLEY MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD



Playing Field update

The Apple Pressing, our first Health and Wellbeing (H&W) event was held at the playing field in October. It was well attended with many apples being pressed into delicious juice, some for drinking straight away, some destined to be made into cider. It was great to see some faces that do not usually come to our events, so thank you for supporting us. See the great pictures on our Facebook page, via The Bridge website! Those waiting to have a go planted daffodil bulbs in tubs to provide a display for next spring.

Our next H&W event will be the Family Quiz at the Reading Room on Friday 14th November at 7pm, with licensed bar. Please aet tickets in advance, £5 each, to include nibbles and sandwiches. Details and more information about the next four H&W events will be available at the auiz and in The Bridge.

Health and wellbeing is not just about physical activity but about the whole person, including mental health and issues such as loneliness or depression. Our Health and Wellbeing events will be an opportunity for the whole community to get together, play, learn, share or just chat, with a view to becoming and staying healthy and happy. We will provide refreshments at each event and a range of activities for all. We already have some activities, speakers and sharers planned, but if you have a skill that you would like to share, some experience to tell, pictures to show, or something else, please contact us and we will try to fit you in. We envisage there to be a variety of activities available at each session from which you

can pick and choose. Perhaps learn to knit, listen to a talk, play a game with someone new, or just have a cup of tea and chat; it's uov ot au

Whilst most of the events will be at the Playing Field, with the winter weather upon us we are having the next few elsewhere. The provisional programme for the next few events, to which all are welcome and are from 2 - 5pm, are:

Sunday 14th December

Mince pies here at Heathside with things to do for everyone and space to sit and chat in front of an open fire.

Sunday 18th January

Carpet bowls plus other activities and games at the Reading Rooms.

Sunday 15th February

Movie at the Reading Room (subject to permissions and availability)

Sunday 15th March

Short talks (10 - 15 minutes each) on a variety of subjects plus other activities and games at the Reading Rooms.

If you feel that you would like to come, but have no transport, please contact us and we will try to arrange. We are keen to see lots of new facest

For more details about any of the activities, please contact:

Marion: marion@nmc2.co.uk,

01373 832314, 07796 544565

Barbara: 01373 832273 or 01373 832059

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Bob's bafflers

- Who did Margaret Thatcher replace as leader of the Tory Party?
- In which African country is Timbuktu?
- Which is Britain's oldest cathedral?
- Against which King did the infamous Gunpowder Plot directed?
- How many squares are there on the board in a game of scrabble?
- Which newspaper is nicknamed 'The Thunderer'?
- In which month is St Patrick's Day?
- In the nursery rhyme, where did Mary's lamb follow her?
- Which short legged dog is named after the parson who bred them?
- 10 Where in the human body are the semicircular canals?
- 11 In which country did the word 'biscuit' originate?
- 12 Which elephant has the bigger ears Indian or African?

Answers on page 52

DUE TO PRINTER'S XMAS BREAK, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR JANUARY 2015 ISSUE OF THE BRIDGE IS THE 12TH DECEMBER

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our two villages raised £1,328 for Macmillan Cancer Support on the coffee mornings held at Sandhayes and BartersBonanza Saturdays. Many thanks to all helpers and supporters.

We now have 22 Macmillan nurses and professionals working in Wiltshire and our support line 08088 080000 helped 722 people in our area. Macmillan is helping people we know living with Cancer.

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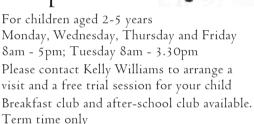


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James and the **Giant Peach**

Imogen Thorne from Oak class, Chapmanslade School, wrote a description of what was happening inside the giant peach as it rolled down the hill, from the point of view of James. Amazina similes!

Inside the Peach

It was a jolly good pace at the start! Just roll, roll, roll. But then two bumps came! It was Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker! But then it turned awful! I was flying about, hitting the ceiling, floor and then the left and right walls. I grabbed onto the Centipede's leas thinking they were bars! And he very rudely shrieked "Get off you IDIOT!" Then I hit the walls again and then I got tangled in Miss Spider's leas! It was like being a nit in a hair brush full of old, dry, knotted hair! Then back to that hitting walls match again. Then I flung into the Green Grasshopper's boney, scaly lap. Then hit, hit, hit. And the poor Earthworm was cracking like Indiana Jones's whip! And then he coiled his long, slimy body all round me and he wouldn't let go. I mean I was practically strangled! And also, through all this, the Glow-Worm just flickered, and then it was pitch black! Now that was an awful role to play! Aarah!

Voluntary Chairperson role available at Busy Bees Pre-School

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Health and Wellbeing in Corsley



Opportunities for the whole community to get together, play, learn, share and chat to help you become and stay healthy and happy.

We will be running events every month, providing refreshments and activities to involve all. If you have a skill you would like to share, some experience, pictures or anything else you would like to contribute, please contact us.

Forthcoming event:

14 November 7pm- Quiz night, Reading Room

FREE EVENTS all 2 - 5pm

14 December - Mince Pies at Heathside

At the Reading Rooms

18 January - Carpet Bowls and other activities

15 February - Movie and afternoon teas

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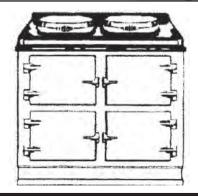
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Parish Council Briefing

The Chairman presents a report on the occasional meeting held on the 7th October

The meeting was held primarily to discuss three planning applications. but also to consider an update on the Steiner School (SAF) and the Len White Trust.

Planning Applications

14/08508/FUL

Demolition of an existing outbuilding at Gloworm Cottage, Corsley Heath, and erection of a self contained single storey extension in its place. No comments had been received from the public. The PC registered an objection to this application on the grounds that it was tantamount to establishment of a separate dwelling place and no justification had been provided in the application for the proposal.

14/08690/FUL

Change of use to provide temporary accommodation at the rear of Stalls Farm for 16 weeks from September 2014 – January 2015 for workmen engaged in erection of the Christmas Chinese Light Show, support staff and performers. The Parish Council support this application subject to clarification evidence of how Longleat intend to dispose of foul waste and grey water.

14/086967/PNCOU

This is a 'Prior Notice of Change of Use'

application under a section of Town and Country Planning regulations which does not require Parish Councils to be consulted, merely neighbours to the development. If the neighbours have no objection, approval is assumed

In this particular case the application is by Michael Aylesbury for change of use of agricultural buildings at Cross Kevs Farm to three dwelling properties. Residents and the Cross Kevs had been consulted and Malcolm Holley registered an objection with Corsley PC and Wiltshire. Whilst not being official consultees, the PC felt very strongly that this application should not pass by unchallenged both on its denial of local Parish governance and the inaccuracies in the supporting planning documentation concerning the claims that the buildings are 'semi-redundant' and eligible under Town and Country planning rules for this change of use. They have self evidently been used for active equestrian activities for some years. Two PC letters of protest were sent one to Wiltshire and one to our local MP.

Len White Trust

The PC has now taken legal advice on the terms of the Trust and the means by which its aims should be discharged. The Trustees have two choices; to establish a process by which its current terms can be met, for

"....the benefit of the children living in Corslev between the gaes of 5 and 11 for educational purposes as the full Corslev PC shall see fit", or regard the Trust as 'failed' in so far as this may no longer be possible. In the latter unlikely case the Trustees have the power to distribute the funds to other charitable institutions having similar objects. It is intended to make a decision at the December auarterly meeting after a period of consideration over the next two months.

Consultations

Myself and Mike Bird attended an interesting presentation on 8th October on the future of the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and have now responded to the consultation questionnaire addressed to PCs. We voted for amalgamation with the Dorset Fire & Rescue Service

Steiner School

This should be the last time that this topic appears in a monthly brief. They have now left the site, the Yurt and white whale have gone and all that is left is a skip and some old tyres which will also soon be gone. The boundary fence will be reinstated as will direct access to the OSPF from the car park and the play equipment has been offered to the Memorial Playing Field Committee. Does anyone have a use for a very tall May Pole... Guess what? The badgers appear to be back! We await a planning application from the new owners.

Rural Housing Needs Survey

We have now received the draft report which is both interesting and predictable. The PC has been invited to comment and we will

publish the final version as soon as it is available

Some snippets:

- There were 151 replies, which represents 43% of the numbers canvassed and is regarded as an excellent response
- 87% of the responders were owner occupiers, 6% in rented accommodation, 3% in social housing, 2% in tied and 2% 'others'
- 37% of respondents were over 65 years old, 64% over 45
- 78% were in support of some new housing, the most popular number being between 4 and 10 affordable homes for youngsters being the favourite
- 9 people completed Section 2 on the need for affordable housing

The recommendation was under two headings:

Subsidised rented housing (4 x two bedroom homes, 1 x bungalow and 1 x three bedroom home), and

Shared/low cost home ownership (1 x one bedroom home, 1 x two bedroom home and 1 x three bedroom home).

Many thanks to all who responded. The next stage should be publication of the final report followed by a public presentation of the findings to the village.

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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.

Little Cuckoos are embracing our 'Autumn' theme by learning all about hibernating animals. The children are having a wonderful time creating beautiful artwork of collages, rubbings and leaf prints with fallen leaves.

We were very lucky to have Zoolab visit with a spooky 'Meg and Mog' theme. The children really enjoyed meeting a variety of animals such as a snake, a tarantula, a rat and even a hermit crab

We had a very busy October, raising a fantastic £140.64 in our sponsored scoot/ cycle for Water Aid. £.126.62 for Macmillan after our Tea Party and some wonderful donations for Warminster Food Bank after our Harvest Swap. Thank you to all who came along and supported these events and donated to these wonderful charities

Little Cuckoos will be holding our very own Nearly New Sale 'Cuckoos Children's Market' at Chapmanslade Village Hall on Saturday 8th November 10am-12 noon. Please come along and support our fundraising event and perhaps pick up a bargain or two. If you are thinking of a pre-christmas clear out of baby or childrens items/ clothes, why not book a table with Rachel on 01373 832035

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 29th November at 2pm. Come and meet Father Christmas in his Grotto and bring along all the family for a lovely festive afternoon

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10am - 11.30am For more information, please contact Hayley on 01373 832298 www.littlecuckoos@hotmail.co.uk

Chapmanslade Loose Women

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th November at Chris Frowde's house, 1 Brimhill Rise at 7.30pm. It will be a Film Night – everyone welcome.

Christine Frowde 832556

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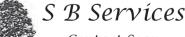


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The Rector writes:

By the time you read this letter it will be early November and a month since the wonderful service we had at St Margaret's, Corsley for my licensing. I was very moved by the service and by the wonderful welcome both Ian and I were given. Thank you so much to everyone who worked incredibly hard to make the evening such a special one; it will be a memory to treasure over the coming years.

As the nights draw in and the winter darkness deepens, our thoughts turn towards the great festivals of Advent and Christmas. But before we look forward, we must look back; we must remember. T.S .Elliot wrote 'Time present and time past/Are both perhaps present in time future/ And time future contained in time past' We cannot separate ourselves from our past however much we would like to; our experiences, both joyful and sad, make us the people we are. When we remember we re – member, we're put together and make present that which indelibly marked and held in our memory.

And so we come once again to Remembrance Sunday, and this year it will be particularly poignant it being the centenary of the beginning of the 1st World War. Of course it is vitally important that we hold a national day of remembrance for those who have lost their lives in the service of their country. But let's be honest, for the majority of us this remembering comes but once a year when we are jolted into awareness by programmes on the television or the poppy seller at the door. Spare a thought for those who remember every single day of their lives and whose remembering will never be done because they cannot forget. Give thanks yes, for those who have bravely and selflessly given their all for a better world. But pray, pray with all your heart for a future where young men and women are not maimed and broken by human sin and where families are not torn apart by the waste we call war.

I leave you with a poem by one of the great War Poets, Siegfried Sassoon...

Everybody sang. Everybody suddenly burst out singing; And I was filled with such delight, As prisoned birds must find in freedom, Winging wildly across the white, Orchards and dark-green fields; on – on - and out off sight. Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted; And beauty came like the setting sun: My heart was shaken with tears; and horror Drifted away ----- O, but Everyone Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will never be done.

Love and prayers

Pauline

November Church Diary

Sunday 2nd November: All Saints' Day 9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley – Eucharist Collection of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

3.30pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham - All Souls' Service



Monday 3rd November

10.30am at 4 Southcroft Drive, Chapmanslade Time to Think Home Group – contact Phil 832845



Tuesday 4th November

7.30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594



Wednesday 5th November

7.30pm at St Margaret's Parochial Church Council – contact Phil 832845



Sunday 9th November: Third Sunday before Advent 9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday

10.50am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Remembrance Service
The collections at both services will be donated to the Royal British Legion



Sunday 16th November: Second Sunday before Advent 9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley – 1662 BCP Holy Communion

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



Monday 17th November
10.30am at 116 High Street, Chapmanslade

Time to Think Home Group – contact Phil 832845

Tuesday 18th November

7.30pm at 129d Forest Walk, Chapmanslade After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594



Thursday 20th November

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade Church and Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 23rd November: Christ the King 9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade – Eucharist



Wednesday 26th November

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley Light Bites Soup and Bread Lunch Donations in aid of Samaritan's Purse



Sunday 30th November: Advent Sunday 8am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill Benefice Eucharist Service

10am to 12am at Chapmanslade School - Messy Church for Advent

4.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill From Darkness to Light A Special Benefice Candlelit Service for Advent



Saturday 6th December

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley Christmas Coffee Morning & 50/50 draw

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Sunday 7th December: Second Sunday of Advent 9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley – Eucharist

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Corsley WI October News



Members of Corsley WI met on the 9th October at Corsley Reading Room for a short meeting for members before a Talk & Tea Party which was open to everyone. The quest speaker for the afternoon was Sheila Sadler, accompanied by her dog Kerly. Sheila told us how a terrible car accident left her reliant on a wheelchair and help from other people, then she learnt about the charity, Canine Partners, which provides specially trained dogs to help people with disabilities. At first Sheila trained with her own dog, a Golden Retriever called Juno, to help her with everyday tasks. After he passed away, Sheila was matched with Kerly, who transformed her life and gave her confidence to go out in the wheelchair by herself, with much more independence. A fully trained dog from Canine Partners can greatly benefit even those with the most complex disabilities. When the dogs are puppies, they are taught to open and shut doors, unload washing machines, pick up dropped items, press buttons and switches and even get help in an emergency. Kerly showed us how well trained he is and how he responds to Sheila's commands. He is a big friendly dog and is even strong enough for Sheila to lean on him to enable her to stand up from the wheelchair. Judith Helliar

thanked Sheila for her very interesting talk. The proceeds from the Talk and Tea Party are being split between the Canine Partners charity and Corsley WI. After the talk everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea provided by WI members. Thank you to everyone who helped.

The competition for a photo of a doa was won by Eileen Hutchings, with Caroline Higham second and Hilary Vallis third.

Three of our members attended the Dilton Marsh Challenge Cup Quiz and against fierce competition came third.

Future events include a visit to learn about how our rubbish is recycled, and a talk by the puppeteer of the 'War Horse'. Details of all our future trips, meetings and workshops are available to members at our next meeting, which is on Thursday 13th November at 2.30pm when Liz Griggs will be talking about 'The Animals at Longleat'. The competition is for an animal ornament.

Would you like to join us at Corsley WI? New members are most welcome at any meeting but if you would like further information about us please contact Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

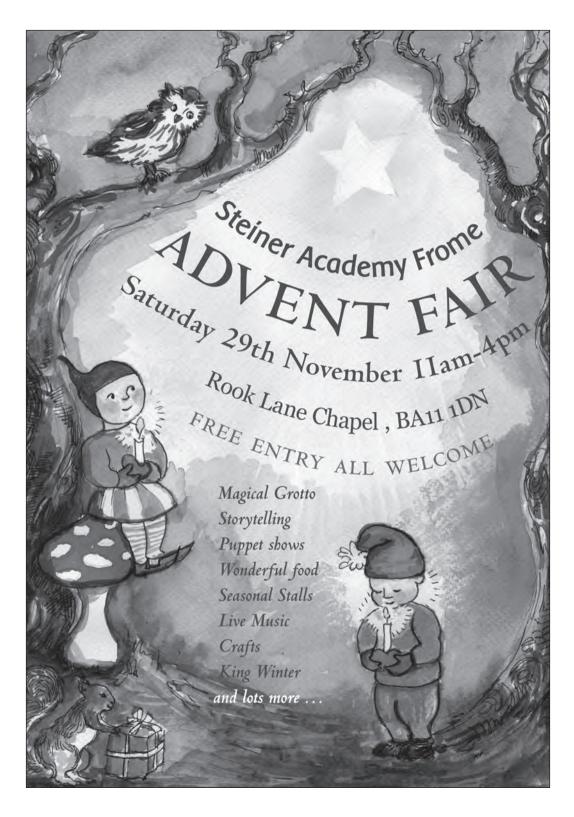
Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room Coffee Morning

Gardening Club Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme Lunch Club

Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

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



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Kelly says "I understand that our Priority Service Register is not fully up to date as the list is always changing, but I am looking at how I can ensure everyone who is in need of extra support/assistance during an outage is added to the register".

Kelly is based at the SSE Melksham Depot and can be contacted at kelly.murray-fagan@ sse.com. I you would like to be added to the list of vulnerable customers, or indeed know someone who really should be on the list – maybe your neighbour or a relative, please do contact Kelly. At the time of writing, Kelly doesn't yet have a mobile telephone number so you will need to contact her via email.



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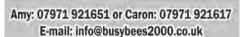


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There are lots of tips and tricks to taking a good cutting.

- When considering taking cuttings from a plant, the material should be in good condition and free from any damage.
- The cutting should be taken using a sharp knife to ensure a clean cut.
- The cutting should be taken above a leaf node on the parent plant, and should be cut just below a leaf node on the cutting.
- The final cutting should be about 10cm lona.
- All foliage should be stripped to leave the top 2 sets of leaves; if there is still a large surface area, large leaves should be cut in half.
- The end of the cutting should be dipped in rooting hormone.
- A mixed potting compost should be made with grit, sand or perlite mixed in to make an open, free draining potting media.

- Place the cuttings in 9cm pots and keep away from direct sunlight.
- Do not over water or allow to dry out completely as this can damage the
- Using heat mats or similar under the plant pot can promote faster rooting and quick establishment.

Good choices of plants from which cuttings can be taken at this time of year are:

- Hebe and Cotinus which can be taken in the usual way, as above.
- Cornus and Salix can be taken in the same way as above, but they should be about 30cm long and directly put into the ground to root.
- Ajuga reptans which sends plantlets out from the parent plant, once these have started to root these can be cut from the parent plants and placed into pots, the same can be done with strawberry runners.
- Saxifraga can be taken by removing one of the rosettes and placing it directly into the compost. Rob White

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports from Chapmanslade Parish Council

Chapmanslade Parish Council has met twice since my last report, on 9th and 27th October. Details of our meeting held on 27th October will appear in next month's Bridge.

Planning

It's been a busy month for planning applications. On 9th October we looked at two of them. There was a good attendance from village residents and others, who had come along to discuss the wind turbine application.

Thoulstone Wind Turbine

As you all now know, Clearwood Energy Ltd has submitted its planning application for the construction of a single 86.5m tip height wind turbine and associated infrastructure (ref 14/08778/FUL). This is despite the letters and emails they will have received from local residents, including the parish council, over the last few months, urgina them not to proceed with the application. We did not vote on the application at this meeting and we will have had a final look at it on 27th October. However, there was a useful exchange of information and residents appreciated the support given by Fleur, our Wiltshire councillor, who advised us on how the planning process works. Fleur confirmed that, if the planning officers recommend approval, she will call the application in,

which means that it will be considered by elected members. No doubt we will hear much more about this over the coming months.

The second application we considered was a revised application for outline planning permission for 158 High Street (ref 14/08466/OUT). The new proposal is for a 5/6 bedroomed detached house rather than a pair of semis. We agreed not to object to the proposal but we did have concerns about the proposed size of the building and we agreed to inform the planning authority that we do not wish the proposed building to have three storeys, should that be proposed at the next stage of the planning application.

Two further planning applications have also recently been submitted to Wiltshire Council. The new owners of **ThouIstone** Park golf course have resubmitted an outline application (ref 14/09146/OUT) to determine access to the site. Planning consent was agreed some years ago for a 54 bed hotel and it is proposed that the hotel will have associated public areas, bar, restaurant, spa, pool, gym treatment room and a function suite. We will consider this application at our next scheduled meeting. Again, this is a matter which we will no doubt be discussing at future meetings.

A further planning application concerning

Sienna's Valley in Huntenhull Lane has recently been submitted (ref 14/09500/ FUL). This application is one of a series of applications made by the owners in the last five years and concerns the siting of a mobile home for use as a rural workers' dwelling and alterations to the site's access. The mobile home arrived on site in August. so it is a retrospective application. The owners plan to keep alpacas, chickens, ducks and a small number of pigs on the site and state in their application that they intend to appeal against the decision not to arant permission to extend the recently constructed barn by 50%. The consultation deadline is 10th November so it is likely that we will have considered the application at our 27th October meeting. The metal storage containers which have been on site without planning permission for a long time have at last been removed.

Community Speedwatch

Our October sessions followed the usual pattern. By the end of the week motorists had got used to our presence and on the whole they were keeping to the speed limit. Those that didn't (as many as 10 or 12 each hour) will have received a letter from the police within two or three days. On one afternoon, between 4 and 5pm, 570 vehicles passed through the village. Contact Jill Willmot, 832464 or Jillwillmot@hotmail. com, for more details or if you would like to join the speedwatch team. A convoy of perhaps 12 heavy vehicles passing through the High Street late one night last month has been reported to me and passed to the police. Did anyone else notice this?

Highways

Wiltshire Highways are still working hard to repair the damage to our road surfaces caused in last winter's storms. Resurfacing

Southcroft is in the current financial year's schedule but I have been told that the job is now unlikely to go ghead before the end of next March. Please see the road closure notice on page 9 concerning Huntenhull Lane, which is due to be closed for repairs on 2nd December between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Contact Keith Muston, 832755 or themustons@btinternet.com if you wish to report any highways problems.

Public Footpaths

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Thoulstone Park activities

A meeting between Wiltshire Council officers, the police and the organisers of the events which took place over the summer was held last month. I sent a written representation on behalf of the parish council which was considered at the meeting. There are issues concerning noise abatement, particularly affecting residents who live in the immediate vicinity of Thoulstone Park and these are to be the subject of further discussions.

November meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday 13th November, 7.30pm at the school. All our meetings are open to the public so do come along to listen or to speak.

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Infrasound – the next health epidemic?

If you have been reading the letters and articles appearing on the subject of wind turbines in the press recently, you may have noticed low frequency noise problems mentioned in many of them. This noise, also called Infrasound, is outside the range of sounds which most people can actually hear, but has the potential to cause serious health effects, and the majority of us will have no idea it is damaging us until it is too late.

Infrasound tends to be detected as vibrations. These vibrations can travel considerable distances, both though the air and underground. Infrasound can easily travel into your home, either through the floor or walls. Double glazing will not stop it. Certain rooms can actually concentrate these sounds and make them even worse. In the case of Infrasound you do not have to see or be close to a wind turbine to risk being affected by it. Various studies have reported illnesses such as deafness, mental problems, disturbed sleep and high blood pressure amongst others. This is caused by parts of your body vibrating at the same frequency as the infrasound, especially your head and parts of your ear.

There are other possible sources of infrasound typically from heavy rotating machinery similar to wind turbines. In the course of my work in the 1990's, I met an Infrasound sufferer from Melksham on a number of occasions, and it was clear that she spent most of her life in total despair as she described her house being an instrument of torture constantly vibrating with an audible humming sound. She also described the response of the environmental protection department as giving her the impression she was some kind of freak, because she was not 'a normal person'. More recent studies indicate she was far from being abnormal.

So you might ask what our government is doing about it if it is so serious? Actually the government are doing something, but nothing to do with your health. Earthquake sensors can detect infrasound from wind turbines many miles away. The Government has a ban on any being within 6 miles of our seismology station in Scotland, because they can affect the detection of earthquakes and nuclear explosions. The situation is considered so potentially serious that this distance will probably be increased to 9 miles very shortly! There is no such separation distance for our homes. Wiltshire Council have tried to include a specified separation distance in their planning policy, but have been forced by a government inspector to remove it. The Danish Government, the country who created the modern industrial wind turbine, have introduced a minimum distance of 11/4 miles in order to protect people in their homes. Other enlightened countries have also made similar decisions. Why are we in the UK not entitled to be protected in a similar way?

It is a bit ironic that we have a areen movement who have made a huge fuss about possible pollution and earth tremors from fracking. but promote wind turbines, which have the potential to deliver even more damaging and insidious environmental noise pollution.

Why does the wind turbine industry not mention Infrasound in their literature? Quite simply they do not need to do so! There is an international standard measurement for Infrasound. but the UK government have failed to adopt it. Instead all the industry has to do is measure noise with a method unable to detect Infrasound. It is a bit like timina a 100 metre sprint race with a sundial, basically not fit for purpose!

With one planning application already made and others in the pipeline, we all have only a short time to write to the council and make our views known before the floodgates possibly open. Wiltshire Council made a sensible and considered attempt to protect us from this possible new health epidemic. It will not be the wind industry picking up the NHS bill, we as taxpayers will be doing that. We can only hope that our council take a courageous step and insist that their original wish for a minimum distance between homes and wind turbines is imposed and stop the government and developers from riding roughshod over our basic right to a healthy life. Ian Buick

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Harvest

We enjoyed a happy service of thanking God for all His goodness to us. We were challenged to share our benefits with others. "What shall I do with what I've got?" Many members of the congregation took part.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Pray for South Sudan

About a third of South Sudan's children are malnourished and the problem has increased daily since fighting erupted in the country last December. This already poor nation is now struggling with over a million homeless people, violence, cholera and the loss of this year's harvest. The chapel congregation has just sent a substantial donation, specifically for the mercy work in the refugee camps.

Operation Mobilisation

Did you come along to Corsley Show this year? Yes, I know it rained, but does that matter? The gazebo stayed up and the food stalls were all working – what more could anyone want on a Bank Holiday Monday?! This year, the Chapel was fortunate enough

to have special visitors, Trevor Brain from Operation Mobilisation and his nephew Jonathan Brain, who is an evangelist; Jonathan was at Avebury stone circles for the summer solstice this year.

Trevor Brain is one of our regular preachers. He's been talking to us about the OM ship. 'Logos Hope', which is due in Singapore soon. It's going into dry dock there, so both the ships' generators can be replaced. There are 400 people living on the vessel and they all need to be found lodgings and so on while the work is done.

Between now and Christmas all the engineering staff will be changing jobs, so a Chief Engineer and four other engineers are needed from January 2015.

Trevor asked us to pray that those needing to vacate the ship will find suitable lodgings and to pray that new engineers will be found soon.

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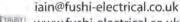




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Tales from the passenger seat



One of the things I like to establish when teaching pupils is to find out what subjects they are taking, or what job they do, or what hobbies they have. Apart from getting to know a pupil and establishing a rapport. I find it very useful as an aid in teachina. I often use analogies when I feel that it can be useful.

I was teaching a pupil to 'reverse left', and progress was slow. I could sense a degree of frustration creeping in, and I knew that she was a very good flute player. So I asked her that when she started playing the flute, could she play scales and arpegaios as fluidly and accurately as she could nowadays? No, was the obvious response. I got her to realise that her personal determination in practising the flute simply had to be carried over into her driving, and in this instance, her reverse lefts. I explained that there was a finite number of reverse lefts that we had to do, at which point she would be consistent in her ability to do them. Therefore each one that we did, simply brought her nearer to whatever that number was. This analogy allowed her to relax in the knowledge that she would achieve good reversing ability, but, like her flute playing, it simply required appropriate practise.

Once a pupil has mastered the car control skills, conversation can be usefully used as a means of relaxing someone, or indeed

enaineered to establish how much driving is actually muscle memory, and how much still requires full-on concentration. It also allows a pupil to start to consider themselves more of a 'driver', rather than a 'learner'. They can take a quiet pride in their progress to date

Sometimes of course I have a pupil who is in the bottom ten percent of learning to drive ability. I may well know that they are extremely good at maths or art for example, and I can reassure them by askina "Why on earth does society expect everyone to be good at learning to drive? Not everyone is good at maths or art, so whilst [you] will take more lessons than [vour] friend I taught. once you have a licence, you will have the same driving status and rights as your friend[s], but none of them will ever be as good at maths or art as you are...". Such a tactic really helps the struggling learner who had been feeling somewhat depressed about their slow progress.

Conversation can have amusing moments though; one pupil was boasting happily about having been appointed the factory first aider. Moments later we came across an accident with a moped rider lying in the road. She immediately let go of the wheel, buried her head in her lap and screamed "Oh no, I can't stand the sight of blood!" Steve Dayman-Johns

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A Special Message to Children

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Don't let your grown-ups build a bonfire in advance Bonfire Night, as there may be hedgehogs sleeping at the bottom of the pile: make sure they move everything to a new site just before setting the bonfire alight.

All you children can be relied on to remember the animals and still enjoy the fireworks: it's the grown-ups who forget!

A Special Message to Adults

It's the time of colourful sheep in the fields! During the autumn months the rams (also known as tupps) are serving the ewes so that lambs will be born next spring. To help the farmer know which ram has served each ewe, the ram has a marker filled with coloured paste strapped to his chest. As he is serving a ewe some of the paste rubs off, leaving the coloured mark. The shepherd

will change the marker to another colour after three weeks, so that he will know the approximate date of the arrival of the lambs next spring.

This is also the season for local shoots: there are very strict rules of safety for shoots, but children and dogs walking in the countryside may not understand what is happening. If you are fortunate enough to know the local gamekeeper, he will tell you the official shoot days and areas, so that you can avoid them on your walks.

As the weather turns cooler birds begin to flock, so you will see more Blue and Great Tits and, if you are lucky the family flocks of Long-tailed Tits. Our winter visitors have started to arrive, so look out for Fieldfares, Redwings, and Golden Plovers. Numbers of Blackbirds, Lapwings, Chaffinches others are boosted as birds migrate south in search of food. Your garden will probably contain at least one Robin: they are unusual amonast birds in that at this time of year both males and females sing to protect their winter food territories.

Our countryside is interesting to all age groups, but do remember that it is the farmers' workplace: safety and care of the countryside is the responsibility of us all.

Judith Helliar



Taboos

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

There are some subjects that seem just too difficult. shameful or embarrassina to discuss.

Sexuality is an obvious one. Death is another. And we're often really awkward around money and normal bodily functions. Of course, these subjects are deeply personal but they're also pretty much universal. Their status as taboos perpetuates our difficulties with talking about them so it's very hard to dare to break the rules.

And why would you want to, anyway? Well, what about when things go wrong - maybe you have financial worries, for example, or perhaps your physical relationship with your partner or spouse isn't as you would like it to be; or maybe you want to make plans for your funeral or how you are cared for during your dying days. It can be hard even to imagine finding the right words never mind actually say them aloud to another person. And if you don't? If you suffer in silence? Is this of benefit? Well, yes, it saves you the embarrassment of raising a tricky subject which may result in someone else feeling equally embarrassed or leaping to judgement. But, if you pick your listener wisely - someone you sincerely trust - it may well go much better than you anticipate.

People are surprising and often, I think, much more generous and understanding than we assume. You might choose to confide in a close friend about the sensitive thing on your mind before tackling the person to whom you really need to speak

- a practise run, if you like. Whether you practise first or take a deep breath and go straight in to the main event, it's my guess that you will feel very relieved once you've taken that courageous step. Bottling things up isn't good for us, we all know that. We feel isolated, anxious and burdened. In speaking up, we appeal to the humanity in the other person because we reveal our own. And we give ourselves the chance to explore the matter, to find a way through we hadn't considered before, whether simply through the process of hearing ourselves articulate it or because our listener is able to offer an insight which had eluded us.

Apart from feeling better ourselves simply for having shared our problem, another really amazing thing can happen: you give the other person the opportunity to share their own experiences or thoughts which they, too, have been hiding for shame. You free two people for the small price of a bit of initial awkwardness. Better than any supermarket deal, I reckon!

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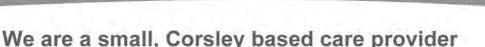
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