

The Bridge

November 2015

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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Articles

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

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

File types

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

Advertising

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

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(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 guaranteed,

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

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th November**

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



November

Tuesday 3rd

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

Wednesday 4th

Wiltshire MoViola – Far from the Madding Crowd – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 5th

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Civic Centre, Warminster

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Wednesday 11th

Warminster mobile library (see page 7 for times)

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Annual General Meeting – 6.30 pm, Cross Keys (back room)

Corsley Cricket Club Annual General Meeting – 8 pm, Cross Keys (back room)

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Gardens and Flowers' – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Sunday 15th

Deadline for Corsley Broadband Survey (see page 13)

Wednesday 18th

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

Chapmanslade

Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, in the lower room

Thursday 19th

Parochial Church Council

Friday 20th

Wine and Fondue Night – 7 pm, The Royal Oak, Corsley Heath

Saturday 21st

Chapmanslade Village Hall Quiz (with supper) – 7.30 pm, at the hall

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Warminster mobile library (see page 7 for times)

Thursday 26th

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

please note new
day and time!

Diary Dates

Friday 27th

Quiz Night for victims of Syrian War (with supper) – 7 pm start, Royal Oak

Saturday 28th

Christmas Mini Market – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 29th

Messy Church - Advent and Christmas Workshop – 10 am - 12.30 pm, Chapmanslade School Hall

December

Tuesday 1st

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

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Village Carol Evening (with supper) – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 7th

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

Wednesday 9th

Warminster mobile library (see page 7 for times)

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI Christmas Tea – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

‘Light Up A Life’ – 6 pm, Rook Lane Arts - a chance to remember loved ones who are no longer with us

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

DUE TO THE PRINTER’S XMAS BREAK, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY 2015 ISSUE OF THE BRIDGE IS THE 11TH DECEMBER

Saturday 12th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am – 12 noon, Godswell Grove Farm

Sunday 13th

Corsley Festival Choir ‘Gloria at Christmas’ – 7.30 pm, St Margaret’s Church

Wednesday 16th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

continued...

Chapmanslade defibrillator 'buddy' system

The good turnout for the defibrillator training at the village hall suggests that there is considerable community interest in our new facility. Many of us who attended discussed how we could ensure that in the event of a cardiac arrest situation the defibrillator could be brought to the scene especially given that we all live in such a dispersed village.

The answer is a Defibrillator Buddy System, which I am happy to coordinate. If we split the village into four clusters: Central and Wood; Central and Huntenhull; East and Cleyhill; West and Forest and provide phone numbers of those who are willing to be called in an emergency to act as 'runners' to collect the defibrillator and bring it to the scene and provide whatever assistance they can, we can all support one another. The reason for the clusters is based on the village's slightly complex house numbering system, and a need to know where people live in order to provide assistance as quickly as possible; they are deliberately not too

prescriptive to allow for overlap and to increase options.

If you are willing to be in the call-out system please email me at phil.holihead@gmail.com with;

- your name
- your home phone number and mobile number
- which cluster you wish to be in.

This should ensure that anyone who is alone dealing with a cardiac arrest incident can call on assistance from a neighbour after the emergency services have been alerted via a 999 call. The more numbers we get the better able we are to cover absences, etc.

Philip Holihead

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 7th November – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor



Corsley Reading Room



Christmas
Mini Market

Saturday 28th November
Corsley Reading Room
10 am - 12 noon

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Corsley

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Wednesday 4th November
Wednesday 18th November

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Friday 6th November
Friday 20th November

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Thursday 12th November
Thursday 26th November

Black bin

Friday 13th November
Friday 27th November

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Friday 13th November
Friday 27th November

Black bin

Wednesday 11th November
Wednesday 25th November

Please note that green bin collections are now a CHARGEABLE service.

If you have not signed up to and paid for this service, your green bin will **not** be emptied.

Mobile library has changed!

Wiltshire Council's mobile library service has changed and the 27th October saw the start of their new timetable. Please note that there doesn't appear to be a stop in Corsley any more and there's only one stop in Chapmanslade, at the school. The days have changed to Wednesday and the time slot is 1.30 – 2.30 pm. The service is still runs fortnightly and these are the dates right through to early April next year, as published on the council's website.

Mobile library service

Chapmanslade, by the school

1.30 – 2.30 pm

Future dates for this round are:

WEDNESDAYS

11th and 25th November

9th and 23rd December

2016

6th and 20th January

3rd and 17th February

2nd, 16th and 30th March

13th April

<http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/>

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which author created the mythical land of Narnia?
- 2 In which century did Isaac Newton discover gravity?
- 3 Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
- 4 Which city did London replace as England's Capital?
- 5 In which month is Thanksgiving Day celebrated in the USA?
- 6 In 2004, after 43 years, who acquired a new boyfriend called Blaine, an Australian surfer?
- 7 What is the symbol of the National Trust?
- 8 What is the name of Israel's parliament?
- 9 Which chemical element was named after the second largest state of the USA?
- 10 'Per ardua ad astra' is the motto of which branch of the armed forces?
- 11 Where would a troglodyte live?
- 12 Who composed the fairy tale opera 'Hansel and Gretel' around 1893?

Answers on page 52

Corsley Show Annual General Meeting

**7.30 pm, Thursday 26th
November**

Corsley Reading Room

All welcome!

To download a pdf of the 2015
accounts, please visit the
www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk

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Biology: changing the world

Homeopathy – what is it and does it work?

Professor Nigel Brown, President of the Society for General Microbiology writes about this once-deadly virus

The principle of homeopathy is that 'like is treated with like'. The symptoms are treated with high dilutions of a material that would cause those symptoms in large amounts. For example, treatment with magnesium carbonate, known by homeopaths as Magnesia Carbonica, can be used for digestive disorders.

A homeopathic medicine is made by diluting the material 1 in 100 in water or an alcohol-water mixture and shaking violently, then diluting this material a further 1 in 100 and shaking violently, then repeating this typically 30 times. This is known as a 30C extract. This is where I have a problem as a scientist.

A spoonful of magnesium carbonate weighs about 5 grams and would contain about 2×10^{22} molecules. This means that after 12 dilutions of the compound 1 in 100, there would only be a 1 in 50 chance that a single molecule of magnesium carbonate remained. There are still a further 18 dilutions to make a 30C extract! The extract will certainly contain no active ingredient and will be simply water or alcohol-water mixture, depending on what was used for dilution.

Homeopaths claim that water retains a memory of what has been dissolved in it, so the magnesium carbonate affects the structure of the water and this is what provides the activity. This is arrant nonsense. If this were the case, then the water we drink should also retain the memory of everything in our rivers and streams – and even our sewage if the water is recycled.

So, does homeopathy work? Many people swear by it. One explanation is the placebo effect - if you think it will do you good, then it does. This is a well-known and proven



phenomenon. Another explanation is that a homeopathic consultation is usually longer and more engaging than a typical consultation with your GP. Again, that makes you feel better. In both cases the effect is psychological and not medicinal.

While as a scientist I am content that 'sugar pills', as homeopathic medicines are sometimes called, can help people psychologically as a complement to conventional medicine, there is no scientific evidence that they work. However, I strongly object to those advocates of solely homeopathic treatment for serious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, cancer or Ebola, or of homeopathic replacement of antimalarial medicines. That is not only misguided, it is dangerous and potentially life-threatening.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapman'slade. If there is a biological topic that you would like him to write about, or if you have questions about this article, please contact him at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

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Notice of Hearing Highways Act 1980 Section 119

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine: Wiltshire Council Highways Act 1980 & Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 Chapman'slade 12 (Part) Diversion Order and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2014, and will attend at:

Chapman'slade Village Hall, BA13 4AP on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 10 am
To hold a hearing into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to divert that length of public footpath no. 12 Chapman'slade leading from point A at OS grid reference ST 8309-4742, at its junction with the U/C 9002 road, in a north-westerly direction for approximately 35 metres, then leading west-north-west for approximately 24 metres, then leading west-south-west for approximately 56 metres and then generally south-west for approximately 75 metres to point B at OS grid reference ST 8292-744 **to a new route** commencing from point C at OS grid reference ST 8308-4739, at its junction with the U/C 9002 road, in a west-north-westerly direction for approximately 165 metres to point B at OS grid reference ST 8292-4744, having a width of 2 metres as shown on the order map.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at the offices of the Rights of Way and Countryside Team, Waste and Environment, Wiltshire Council, Unit 9, Ascot Court, White Horse Business Park, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 0XA from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. To make an appointment to view, please contact Ms Janice Green on 01225 713345.

**Planning Inspectorate reference:
FPS/Y3940/4/12**

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Clive Richards, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. t. 0303 4445502 e. clive.richards@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Corsley Broadband Survey

Corsley has been left out of the Wiltshire rural broadband improvement process despite villages such as Chapmanslade, Horningsham and Upton Scudamore now having access to high-speed internet. High speed internet access brings major benefits to rural communities including creating rural businesses, increasing job prospects and quality of life. In support of the Parish Council, we are trying to understand whether the residents of Corsley desire to have improved internet speeds; we can then look at the options for achieving this in a cost-effective way.

Which hamlet do you live in?

Do you have internet access? Yes No

If yes, what do you use it for? Personal Business Both

When do you use your internet? Morning Afternoon Evening

Can you...

access websites, etc? Yes No Don't know

do your grocery shopping on line? Yes No Don't know

update computer/phone/tablet software? Yes No Don't know

listen to radio online? Yes No Don't know

watch video such as Youtube or iPlayer? Yes No Don't know

play games? Yes No Don't know

watch on-demand TV? Yes No Don't know

other

Do you know speed of your internet? DownloadMB UploadMB

Try speedof.me to find your speed. You may need to convert your result from Mbps to MB as they are not the same (tip: type "convert megabits to megabytes" into Google, type in your Mbps and note the newly converted MB figure)

Do you know what speed you are paying for? Yes No
(The maximum speed in the village is 5.5MB)

What is the speed you are paying for?

Does the speed vary during the day? Yes No Don't know

Would you like to have faster internet speed? Yes No

Would you be willing to pay more for high-speed internet? Yes No

Would you consider other services such as TV on-demand or sports? Yes No Don't know

To ensure your questionnaire counts towards the survey, please return this form by **Sunday 15th November** to Acres Supply Garden Centre.

You can download a form at www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk, complete it and return by email to neil@nmc2.co.uk by the deadline of **Sunday 15th November**.

Plea to save hub of the community

The Cross Keys is for sale...

As some of you may know, Wadworth's Brewery have decided to put the Cross Keys on the market. Whilst they are trying to sell it as a pub, there is a distinct likelihood that it may end up not being a pub at all.

The Cross Keys is a vital part of the community. It is a key centre of village life for many people in Corsley, being used by clubs and activities with four skittles teams as well as quiz and cribbage clubs using it as their venue. During the summer, it is also used by the cricket club to meet post-match and sometimes before! It is used by many other village organisations such as the church, cricket and tennis club and the Playing Field for gatherings and committee meetings. It has also been used for fund-raisers such as the highly successful St George play put on last year on St George's day. It is regularly used for family gatherings

and sadly wakes when villagers are lost. It also employs its staff from the village.

The Cross Keys is also the only public house in Corsley not owned by Longleat and therefore subject to the commercial desires of the Longleat Estate. The desire for the Estate to increase its income at the expense of its tenants has already caused the White Hart to close permanently, for Nigel to leave the Royal Oak after many years as the Landlord, and for the pub to close for several months, leaving significant uncertainty about its long-term future.



However, under new government rules designed to stop valuable parts of community life disappearing, there is a chance that we, as a community, will be able to have time to find a way of keeping the pub open by registering the pub as a community asset.

It is proposed that a community-based business of interested locals be formed, with the objective of buying this friendly local establishment and moving it into community ownership. This would be as a limited company structure.

Community pubs are springing up and being successful all over the country. Villagers, free from paying brewery prices, which are often double what you can buy at the supermarket for the same product, are able to use the pub as a hub for lots of community activities such as village shops, cafes and even libraries (the possibilities are endless).

Under this government scheme a community asset can be registered and this gives the community six months to find a solution to moving into community ownership rather than having it sold to a developer, for example. There have already been several meetings of interested people and significant investments pledges, large and small. A community business, even as a limited company, can be part of a government scheme that allows tax back for investors.

We firstly need as many people as possible to sign a petition supporting keeping the pub open and it becoming a community asset. A paper will be available to sign at the Cross Keys or alternatively email Neil Carpenter at: neil@nmc2.co.uk. Please do this as soon as possible as it needs to be back with the council in **early November**.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Quiz Night for Victims of the Syrian War

27th November 2015, starts 7pm
at the Royal Oak, Corsley

£10 to include supper

Call Kerry on 01373 832238 at the pub to book your team

The local Shelter Support Group are supporting those fleeing the conflict in Syria. We are helping them to temporarily relocate in the camps that have been set up on the Syrian borders until the conflict is over and they can return home. They desperately need tents and warmth and so we are supporting them via the well-established charity Shelter Box who are already on the ground.



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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from
Corsley Cuckoo's PreSchool in Lyes Green, Corsley.

Our first term back has been full of fun and we've enjoyed meeting new children attending the preschool for the first time. This term's theme is 'Ourselves and Our World' and the children made fabulous keepsake drawings of their families.

Each child has the opportunity to take home Bruno the Bear, upon his return the child/parents fill in Bruno's diary detailing his adventures with the child, their family and home. This is an important way of developing a child's personal, social and emotional development.

Our annual Macmillan fundraiser held on Friday 25th September made a fantastic £150 for the charity A big 'thank you' to everyone who supplied cakes or supported us.

After the half-term break the children will be learning about autumn; collecting various autumnal objects and having a harvest swap.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm

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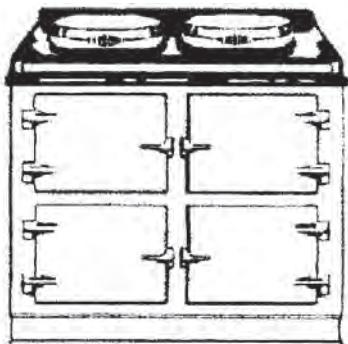


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Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, brings us his November briefing

This is a very short brief as there have been no Parish Council meetings since the last edition of the Bridge. I have included some feedback on a couple of recent planning applications and an update on broadband and the Bay Tree site. However, by the time the Bridge magazine is published, there will have been an occasional meeting to consider one planning application and to receive a briefing on the proposals for new social housing on the Bay Tree site.

Planning applications

Feedback on previous applications...

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111, The Hollow. The PC registered an objection to this application, having taken the view that it constituted over development of the site, with a design illogically separated from the main house, seemingly more intended to allow for a future separation of the buildings into separate dwellings than a sensible layout for 'living'. Notwithstanding this objection, Wiltshire have passed the application, with little more than standard conditions imposed, except for one which states "*The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the main dwelling*".

The Planning Officer considered that, although the development was large in comparison with the existing house, it was compatible with the size of the plot and the new buildings would be shielded by the lie of the land and natural vegetation.

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Squires Coal Yard. The PC supported this application for two detached houses, with reservations primarily relating to the lack of detail of the sewerage drainage scheme. Wiltshire have now approved the application, conditional on presentation of details of the schemes for both the surface water and sewerage drainage schemes.

New planning applications

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Chipp's Farm. Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling. This is a proposal for a three-bedroom house, adjacent to the farm access road off the lane to Cley Hill Farm. The application is made under the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework for situations where building in a rural setting is assessed as essential for workers to live at or very close to the site of their work. The application includes a detailed presentation of the case and will be considered by the PC on the 26th October.

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Broadband

We have now received the disappointing confirmation that Corsley is not included in Wiltshire On Line's Plans for spending taxpayers' money on upgrade to superfast status. I have received two emails from the team responsible and have extracted the key details below.

The rollout plans do not attempt to look at one village's needs over another and use a 'modelling' procedure (called the BT Chief Engineer's Model or CEM for short) which claims to provide best value, i.e. to achieve maximum coverage for the available money. We are told that BT's infrastructure does not sit neatly with village boundaries or postcodes and this gives rise to anomalies in the relative costs and benefits.

The modelling takes into consideration many factors including number of premises. The example quoted was 500 homes served by existing infrastructure so far away that no premises would receive an upgrade without significant investment to change the infrastructure, against a village of 300 premises with less complex infrastructure would cost less, and fulfil the value-for-money criteria.

In technical terms, the solution deployed as part of the rollout contract is stated as FTTC (Fibre to the Cabinet). Currently Corsley receives its broadband via a copper wire from the telephone exchange to either one of two copper cabinets and then from the cabinet via individual copper lines to each premise. To provide an FTTC solution BT build a new fibre cabinet next to the existing copper cabinets and then connect them. The user then receives a fibre broadband service via a fibre line from the main fibre spine to the fibre cabinet, then from the copper cabinet along the existing copper lines to each premise.

The length of the copper lines to individual premises is all-important and can be detrimental to speeds even when attached to the fibre cabinet. We are told that the footprint of Corsley by upgrading either of the two copper cabinets to FTTC would have little impact on speeds as the premises are too far away with very long copper lines.

Without any additional funding being available, the direction in which we are being pushed is to consider self-funded opportunities and are being encouraged to talk to BT Openreach to find out more.

The PC's position right now is to ensure that we fully understand the situation in which we find ourselves in Corsley with respect to getting improved broadband, the reasons why and whether there is a case to support efforts to try and do more for the village. I am grateful for the offers of help from various sources in the village and these will certainly be followed up with view to helping the PC to make its mind up on how best to proceed at the December quarterly meeting.

Social housing – Bay Tree Close

The PC has now received two potential layout plans for development of six two-bedroom bungalows for the Wiltshire Council land on Baytree Close, plus two bungalow plans. These will be discussed at the PC meeting on 26th October and comments forwarded to Wiltshire. They have also gone to Wiltshire Rural Housing Association for comment.

These comments will go back to the Architects and the plan is then to arrange a public consultation, probably before the Quarterly meeting on 7th December. This will be confirmed in the December edition of The Bridge and on The Bridge website.

continued...

Recent break-ins in the area

I have received the following email from Michael Birnie, Longleat Land Agent, with a request to publicise it in the village:

"We have been made aware of a number of attempted break-ins in the immediate locality of Longleat over recent weeks, which have been reported to the Police. Longleat Security has increased patrols in the area and I thought perhaps you may wish to make the residents of Corsley aware".

Footpaths

Gill Parkinson, PC footpath rep, has provided a few words on footpaths...

She cautions that now that autumn is here, it is hedge-cutting time and footpath maintenance may not be such a priority as other times of the year. She has also spent time this summer checking our footpaths for giant hog weed, after a Corsley resident suffered serious burns which were attributed to this very harmful plant. She hasn't found

any so far, but if anyone finds a suspicious plant please email Gill (corsleyfootpaths@btinternet.com).

She also puts in plea for dog walkers to keep their dogs under control in fields of cows and asks that people do not use ball sticks around cattle. They do disturb cattle, especially if they have calves, if dogs run in their direction chasing the balls. Cows are naturally very protective of their young.

Quarterly meeting

7.30 pm, Monday 7th December at Corsley Reading Room (lower room).

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village notice-boards and The Bridge website for these.

Neil Britten

Chairman, Corsley Parish Council

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Dear Friends,

In the life of a vicar the time from late August until Christmas is a busy one with lots of remembering. We remember and give thanks to God for all the good things we enjoy at Harvest, we remember those with whom we have shared love at All Souls and those who give, and continue to give their lives in the service of their country, on Remembrance Sunday. In a few weeks time it will be my very favourite season of the Church's year, Advent, when we look back to the great prophets who spoke of a future that for most of them was centuries in its fulfilment. And of course at Christmas we look back at that moment more than 2000 years ago when God chose to be born as a vulnerable baby to share at the deepest level the vulnerability of what it means to be human.

Some might ask what the point is in looking back, in remembering events that cannot change: footfalls echo in the memory/down the passage which we did not take/towards the door we never opened. (T.S.Elliot) But often, it's when we take the time to remember and reflect that we discern patterns and meaning that in the maelstrom of day to day life, elude us. I came across a lovely description of this the other day, Susan Philips writes: The Christian faith is familiar to me, the Bible my daily bread, and I have witnessed diverse manifestations of God's grace in human life ----- I lean towards the flutter of the numinous, and I am filled with wonder when I see it, however briefly and incompletely.

This image of the flutter of the numinous is an extraordinary one; like coming upon the delicate beauty of a butterfly. Sometimes we glimpse something of God and recognise it instantly, but often it is only when we allow ourselves the time and space to reflect and remember, that those glimpses are able to seep into our souls to colour and ultimately transform our view of the world. Every single human being on this earth is made in the image of God and as such holds within themselves a spark of the divine. Every single human being is passionately loved by God who comes to each of us in a myriad of different ways.

So as we immerse ourselves in these weeks of remembering, I hope you can find the space to look back and wonder at the mystery of it all, and I pray that you too might recognise the flutter of the numinous in the story of your life.

Love and prayers,
Pauline

November Church Diary

Sunday 1st November: All Saints' Day

- 8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship
4.30pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham Benefice All Souls' service



Monday 2nd November

- Time to Think Home Group – details from Phil on 832845
10.30am at 116 High Street, Chapmanslade



Tuesday 3rd November

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



Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Remembrance Family Eucharist
10.50am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Service of Remembrance
10.50am at St Margaret's, Corsley Service of Remembrance
10.50am at Horningsham War Memorial Service of Remembrance



Tuesday 10th November

- After Alpha Home Group – please contact Richard 832594 for details
7.30pm at The Anchorage, Corsley

Saturday 14th November

- Children's Book Library – Church open
10am to 12pm at St Margaret's, Corsley



Sunday 15th November: Second Sunday before Advent

- 9am at St Mary's, Temple: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship
10.30am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

Monday 16th November

Time to Think Home Group – please contact Phil 832845 for details
10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade



Thursday 19th November

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



Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist
10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist



Tuesday 24th November

After Alpha Home Group – please contact Richard 832594 for details
7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley

Meeting of the Corsley & Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley



Wednesday 25th November

Light Bites Bread & Soup Lunch

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley



Saturday 28th November

Messy Church Advent Workshop

10.30am to 12.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley



Sunday 29th November: First Sunday of Advent

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Benefice Eucharist

From Darkness to Light service

5pm at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 6th December: Second Sunday of Advent

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

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

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Welcome and Congratulations

We welcome into our church family Anya May O'Mahony baptized at St Mary's, Temple on September 27th; and Anna Jessica Stratton baptized at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill on October 11th.

Congratulations to Taddeus and Leanne Ballam who were married at St Philip & St James', Chapmanlade on October 10th.

Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and special thoughts are with Robert and the family of Trish Shuler whose funeral was held on 26th October at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill.

Fundraising Matters

Our Christmas Coffee Morning this year will be at Godswell Grove Farm, Black Dog, Chapmanlade on Saturday 12th December. The 'Bring and Buy' stall will have a Christmas theme and there will be several other stalls. We would appreciate donations of produce and cakes, etc. We shall also hold the Christmas draw for the 50/50 Club – top prize of £200 in cash. You cannot win if you do not enter!!

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Corsley WI October News

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

The October meeting of Corsley WI was well attended when we welcomed Luke Hodgson from Action Through Enterprise (ATE), to give us a talk about being a volunteer in upper west Ghana, where living conditions are very poor.

Luke first visited the area with his parents, involving a 6-hour flight to Accra, then an 18-hour bus journey north across difficult terrain to a place called Lawra, where there was no electricity or running water. He then joined ATE, a charity that has three aims: EDUCATE assists with the education of children and provides a feeding programme at Karbo primary and junior schools. BIZATE is a business development programme, training, mentoring, supporting and setting up new businesses. SNAP is the Special Needs Awareness Programme, providing workshops and mobility equipment, working to change attitudes towards those with special needs. People with disabilities find life extremely hard in Ghana, as they are left to fend for themselves and not helped in any way.

Luke said that the charity was started just over two years ago and has already helped over 6,000 people. Attendance at school has greatly increased – the children are



now happier, healthier and many now move on to higher levels of education. 49 new businesses have been set up, all of which are successful and 100 families have been helped by SNAP. Judith Helliar gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for a teddy bear was won by Carol Seward, with Caroline Higham second and Val Benbow third. Wiltshire Federation events coming up include a sing-a-long workshop, a talk on how to make marmalade and a Christmas Concert. Our scrabble and skittles teams are already making preparations ahead of the new season of league matches, and our craft-makers are urged to start making their pictures, in any medium, for the Hilda Guy Arts and Crafts Cup competition in February.

The next meeting is at 2.30 pm on Thursday 12th November, when David Moon will be giving an audio-visual presentation of gardens and flowers. The competition is for a flowery card.

We would love some new members to join us. If you would like further information about our WI, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

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

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Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
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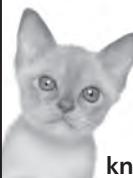
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in October

A quieter month for a change! We met once, on 8th October, when we were joined by about 15 residents.

Barters Farm proposed development

Following last month's meeting, when the parish council gave its blessing in principle to the proposal to build 26 houses on the Barters Farm site, we have heard from Lochailort that they are preparing the finishing touches to their pre-application submission to the Wiltshire planning authority. The next step will be for the planners to review the submission and then report back to Lochailort. As soon as this happens, Lochailort will keep us informed by attending the next parish council meeting. We will let you know when this will be as soon as we hear from them.

Some residents feel that 26 houses are too many in the proposed development and consider that 15 to 18 would be more acceptable. At our meeting we stressed that the figure of 26 houses had been suggested by Lochailort, and not by the parish council, in response to the views expressed by residents in the recent questionnaire. The parish council had, in its view, acted in a fair-handed way in trying to balance the views of residents against the commercial viability of the development proposal.

Fracking

The Government's proposal to grant licences for oil and gas exploration at a large number of locations across the country, including our area, was mentioned briefly. We reported that Wiltshire Council has stated that it is unlikely to permit fracking in the county and has expressed the view that exploration would cause unnecessary distress to residents. Wiltshire Council also believes that insufficient consideration has been given to specially protected areas and has suggested that they should be removed from the Government's list. They also hold the view that, in any case, there isn't enough fuel in the ground locally to make exploration worthwhile. We will let you know if any proposals to carry out such explorations are proposed at any time in the future.

Planning Applications

A planning application concerning 26 Southcroft (15/08907/FUL) was considered. The new owners propose to build an extension at the rear of the property and to change the access. No objection was raised to the proposal. We reported that the minor alterations to 68A (15/07259/LBC) and 82/84 High Street (15/07092/FUL), which were discussed at our last meeting,

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have been approved by Wiltshire Council.

We also reported that the owner of Siennas Valley in Huntenhull Lane has appealed against Wiltshire Council's refusal to grant planning permission (**14/09400/FUL**) concerning the siting of a mobile home for use as a rural worker's dwelling. The owner has also appealed against the enforcement notice requiring the removal of the mobile home and restoring the land back to its original condition. These matters will now be considered by a Government planning inspector at a public hearing to be held at some time in the coming months.

Public Footpaths

A government planning inspector will consider Wiltshire Council's proposal to alter the route of **Footpath 12** in our parish at a public hearing on Tuesday 10th November. The hearing will take place in our village hall, commencing at 10 am. Footpath 12 leads from the fields at the rear of Southcroft to Dye House Farm and the proposed route has been in use for some time now and is proving very popular with walkers. The parish council supports the proposed diversion. We are very fortunate in Chapmanslade to have so many footpaths to enjoy: footpath 12 is an important part of the network and you are most welcome to come along to the hearing to find out how the issue will be resolved. I understand the format of the meeting will be informal and that residents will have the opportunity to let the inspector know their views.

We noted that some of our footpaths are overgrown and almost impassable. Adam Oakley will continue to liaise with Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire's footpath budget has been severely cut in recent years, meaning that it is much less able to carry out the necessary maintenance work.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator awareness event held in the village hall last month was well attended, with over 90 people, from Chapmanslade, Corsley, Standerwick and Trudoxhill, attending. Visitors were shown how the defibrillator works but the important message is that, whilst awareness is important, anyone can use it. Our thanks go to the Friends of Frome Hospital for making it possible for us to acquire the defibrillator, our Loose Women who provided the refreshments, including the bacon butties, and to all who donated money towards the maintenance of the machine. In this respect, particular thanks to Toby Brett, owner of The Three Horseshoes, for the support he has given the project and for allowing us to place the defibrillator on the wall of the pub. Many thanks, too, to the history group for lending us the display about our famous bridge builder, James Dredge, which was appreciated by visitors to the event.

Community Speedwatch and Neighbourhood Watch

The Speedwatch team carried out checks on seven occasions last month, at the beginning and end of the school day. As a consequence, about 30 motorists will have received letters from the police advising them about their excessive speed. Some were driving into strong early morning sunlight at 42 mph towards the centre of the village! One day the message will sink in that Chapmanslade High Street is not a place for speeding. Debbie, our Police Community Support Officer joined us on two of the mornings and gave "appropriate advice" to a motorist who was not wearing a seat belt.

continued...

There are ten of us in the team at the moment but we still have room for more volunteers. Could you spare an hour or so each month to help us and do your bit for the community? Training is provided by the police. We also need someone with a little spare time to act as our coordinator. And we still need a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. If you think you could help in any of these roles please get in touch with me.

And finally...

What's in a name? Staff at Wiltshire Council seem quite concerned that there are two Mill Lanes in the BA12 7 postal area, one in Corsley and one in Chapmanslade. Not long ago we were informed by the Highways Department that Huntenhull Green is in Corsley (which it was until Chapmanslade parish was established in 1934) so maybe it's just that their maps are out of date! Wiltshire's officers have suggested that we

might like to consider an alternative name for the Mill Lane in our parish. They believe that the existence of the two Mill Lanes in the same postal area may cause confusion if the emergency services are called out. Your help in resolving this issue will be greatly appreciated and we will consider any comments or suggestions at our next meeting.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November, 7.30 pm at the school. The agenda will include consideration of a planning application to build a new house in the grounds of 52 High Street (**15/09596/FUL** and **15/09682/FUL**). Do come along and join us, to listen or to speak.

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Playing Field update

2015 has been a very busy year for the Playing Field. Our monthly events, as part of our grant funded 'Health and Wellbeing' initiative have been a great success with activities as diverse as short talks, a treasure hunt and apple pressing.

Our last activity of the year will be the halloween 'Spooky Doo' at the field. By the time The Bridge is published this will be over but I am sure it will have been a great success for all those children and parents who attended. The Health and Wellbeing initiatives have brought visitors who would not normally have visited the playing field and all have been impressed.

We also hosted four Wiltshire Council 'Fun in the Sun' free sports for children sessions in the summer holidays which, after a shaky start due to a publishing delay, postcode error and flyers being sent to Corsley School, were well attended. We would like to thank all those who came along as well as those who helped to make all of our events such as success.

We must also thank Diana and Legh at Barters Plant Centre for letting us run the refreshments at one of their open days. The money donated in return for supplies of tea and excellent cake was put towards moving the Old School wooden play equipment up to the field.

Our last event of this year will be our AGM, to which all are welcome, at the Cross Keys, **Wednesday 11th November, 6.30 pm.**

Finally, some of you may have noticed that there is building work going on at the pavilion. We are building a veranda, funded

in part by the Lottery. It will be called the Fred Latchem Veranda, in memory of Fred who sadly died recently who, with Marlene, was a great supporter of the playing field, cricket and tennis clubs. We would like to thank all those who are helping with the build including Roy, Chris, Tony, Simon and Andy. We should also mention Gordie who comes and inspects our work over a cup of tea every Sunday. There will be an opening ceremony in due course.

Next year we hope to win a Green Flag Award from the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

Our next event will be on 15th April next year – our Fashion Show at M&Co in Warminster.



A decorative poster for a 'Village Carol Evening'. The title 'Village Carol Evening' is written in a stylized font, with 'Village' and 'Evening' on one line and 'Carol' on the next. To the right of the text is a graphic of a holly leaf with three berries. Below the title, the text '7 pm, Saturday 5th December, Corsley Reading Room' is written. Underneath that, 'Licensed Bar' is mentioned. At the bottom, 'Tickets £7 (light supper included)' is followed by 'From Dick & Rosemary Collins' and the phone number '01373 832789 & Committee Members'.

Wiltshire Link Scheme

Neighbours helping neighbours

Wiltshire Link Schemes are the envy of other counties. They began in 1979 and there are now 45 schemes covering more than 95 per cent of Wiltshire. Last year Link volunteers across the county drove almost one million miles!

This valuable community service provides crucial support for anyone who is unable to access public transport and is all about people helping people.

Over the past two years Westbury and District Link volunteers have driven more than 80,000 miles, transporting elderly and disabled people who are unable to use public transport, or have no other options available to them.

This very high mileage included 650 journeys to Bath's RUH and more than 400 trips to other outlying hospitals and clinics including Salisbury, Bristol and Swindon.

Since the White Horse Health Centre located out-of-town Link journeys to the surgery have increased by more than a hundred percent, averaging around 1,000 patient visits each year.

Westbury scheme's high annual mileage puts it in the top three or four Link schemes across the whole of Wiltshire which is quite an achievement compared to bigger towns like Trowbridge, Chippenham and Melksham. If the time spent each year

by Westbury Link volunteers helping their neighbours is multiplied by the minimum wage it comes to more than £40,000 worth of economic activity.

The scheme includes Chapmanslade and we are fortunate to have had several excellent volunteers from the village, including our former Chairman Phil Jefferson who is still a trustee of Link.

The Link Scheme always needs more volunteers to take on regular tasks such as helping with weekly shopping, or taking people for doctors' or hospital appointments.

If you don't drive but are able to use a computer the scheme also needs volunteers to act as telephone coordinators - people who answer clients' calls.

Volunteers give as little or as much time as they wish to give and Link pays a mileage allowance to cover driving costs.

If you would like to volunteer for Link then please contact Julia Rhodes on: 01373 823279 to discuss how you can be part of Westbury's largest volunteer network.

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If you don't drive but can use a computer we also need volunteers to act as telephone coordinators, people who answer clients' calls – training and ongoing support is given.

All we ask is for just a little of your time; as much as you feel you can give. We pay out of pocket expenses and a mileage allowance to cover driving costs.

Please contact Julia Rhodes on **01373 823279** to discuss how you can be part of Westbury's largest volunteer network.

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Chance meeting with Reverend William Hughes

Staying with friends in Petersfield for the weekend of 16-18 October, we were taken on a tour of that delightful town including St Peter's Church. "There's the vicar" announced our host and immediately I recognised our ex curate, affectionately known as Will. We exchanged warm greetings and had a lovely chat. He moved to Petersfield as vicar from Blackdown five years ago. He is Rural Dean and has just

been appointed Honorary Canon. It is clear he has a thriving church and is regarded with as much affection as he was here. I remember his first child being born; she is 15 and Will now has three more children!

What a lovely surprise it was to bump into Will – it added to the pleasure of our weekend.

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Whitbourne Chapel

“Come ye thankful people, come”

I love Harvest Sunday at Whitbourne Chapel, because the celebration lasts all day. This year's event, held recently, began with tea, coffee and biscuits before the Morning Service at 11am. Chapel Secretary Ray Mead had invited Clive Williams along for the day. Clive works with the Open Air Mission, touring seaside resorts in the summer and visiting many local fairs and events; he was preparing for Bridgwater Fair when he visited us.

Clive told us harvest reminds us of God's Creation, of His faithfulness to us and of our need of Him. It also reminds us that time is passing and that one day, Jesus will return and gather the human harvest. As in the harvest hymn, the wheat and chaff shall be sorted; "Everyone of us shall give account of himself to God."

After the Service, the congregation moved into the school room at the back of the Chapel, where tables had been set up for a 'family' lunch. We had jacket potatoes, a variety of cold meats and different salads to choose from. The food was prepared by the Chapel ladies, Ray's wife Jenny, their daughter Rachel Carr and Wendy Wilson. Those who needed desserts found there was a tasty choice, including filled meringue nests and cheesecake (my favourite!).

After lunch we had tea and coffee, with soft drinks for the youngsters. For a while we discussed Chapel business, a mid-year update on matters discussed in Spring's AGM.

I'd previously been asked if I had a slideshow available, to entertain everyone in the afternoon. Of course I did! Unfortunately, my enthusiasm for Rome meant the slideshow over-ran its time! Well, I'd taken 1759 photos in five days there; it was difficult to weed them down to 50!

Afternoon tea was available from 4 o'clock with rolls, cakes, crisps, cheese straws, etc. At 5 o'clock we returned to the Chapel for our closing Service of the day, again led by Clive Williams, with Beth Hopwood playing the organ for both the morning and evening Services.

I was sad when it was time to pack up and go home, but at least I know we're all safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. Brrr!

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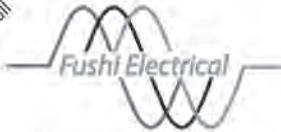
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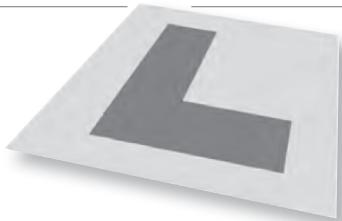
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Tales from the passenger seat

I don't know whether autism is on the increase, or whether it is more a case of better diagnosis and recognition of people within this spectrum, but over the last four or five years I have had an increasing number of pupils who are autistic. The severity varies, from some who one could never tell, through to the very obvious and except for one, they have all been able to pass the test. Understanding on my part and having strategies in place are necessary tools of the trade. The person who did not take his test had been finding changing gear, using the clutch and all at the same time as reading the road too much to process, and so I recommended he learn in an automatic car. This would at least alleviate part of the thinking process, and allow him to focus on the more dangerous 'what's happening outside the car' things. Very necessary, since his awareness of danger was extremely poor.

'Time out' from the required syllabus I have planned for a lesson is another factor that I have to allow for. It doesn't matter that, as a result, we do less than I might have planned – at least we continue to make progress and get the desired end result. There can be circumstances that ordinarily would not matter, but that I need to be alert to i.e. having a window open can often be a big 'no-no' since the sound of the passing wind can be too much of a distraction. Obviously

people vary, therefore I cannot, and do not, generalise but, being aware of various situations or triggers is important.

Sometimes the processing of changing situations for a certain level of autism can be difficult; I am bound to get all pupils to a standard whereby they have enough experience to be able to genuinely 'read' the road – perhaps to a higher degree for those with autism. The benefit of course is that the pupil may well end up much less vulnerable in their first few months of driving on their own since they have reached a higher level of experience.

Aspergers, if present in a pupil who really wants to learn to drive, does not necessarily present any problems, since the ability to focus and concentrate to a high degree on the task in hand, which is often a characteristic, is actually a good thing to be able to do. Indeed there are many pupils not diagnosed with any particular condition that have virtually no ability to concentrate or focus on anything. Perhaps there is an as-yet un-named characteristic for the fair number of people who have poor memory, no concentration and no ability to pay attention to the matter in hand...

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Countryside Matters

What a wonderful autumn we are enjoying and how fortunate we are that we live in such a beautiful part England.

Our churches have been full of autumn colours and crops from fields, gardens and hedgerow; the altar arrayed with bread, grapes and honey and a milk churn displaying all the lovely foods that are made from milk, flower arrangements incorporating fruit, vegetables, corn, maize, hops, berries from hedges and nuts – all gathered from our own village and then distributed to those no longer able to grow and pick their own. Thanks must also go to those who gave essential foodstuff at the Harvest Services for the food bank, for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Sadly our two villages have suffered from a spate of break-ins in the last few weeks. Now that the nights are drawing in, make sure that doors and windows are secure before dusk, and curtains pulled. Check locks on sheds and buildings, use timers on lighting so that the house looks occupied in your absence and only tell those who need to know if you are going away from home – even for a short time.

If you see anything that concerns you regarding strangers in your area – uninvited callers, unknown vehicles moving around slowly or parked up for any length of time, make a note of the registration number and report it to your community police officer.

Can I make my usual plea to those who intend enjoying a bonfire in the coming weeks to check that no hedgehogs have

decided to hibernate in the pile of wood that you intend to burn.

Also those enjoying a firework party on or around the 5th of November please let neighbours know who may have pets or horses, so that the animals can be made to feel safe and secure away from noise and danger.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Show 2016

The evenings are drawing in which will provide ample opportunities for creative handicraft activities. Watch out for the **2016 Pre-Schedule** in next month's edition of The Bridge, or collect one at the Corsley Show AGM on 26th November in the Reading Rooms.

After the success of this year's Flash Fiction competition, we'll do it again next year, so writers have advance warning and plenty of time to develop their plots. There are still a few copies of this year's anthology available from Fraser Mills (ifrasermills@aol.com) at a cost of £2.50 (+ 50p if you would like it posted). Email or call on 01373 832858 and leave a message.



Shoulds and oughts

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

We all, at times, think to ourselves something like, 'I shouldn't do this' or 'I ought to feel that' and generally we follow that inner voice because we want to do the right thing. It probably doesn't even occur to us to question it. Well, of course, I'm going to suggest that we do! I'm going to suggest that every single time we have the words 'should' or 'ought' in our minds, we are in danger of following a message which doesn't belong to us but which was put there by someone else.

Who could do this? We're free to make our own decisions, aren't we? We are, yes, but we've all been socialised in order to be able to make friends and co-operate generally. And, as children, we wanted our parents' and teachers' approval (mostly!). They taught us right from wrong and we did what we were told (again, mostly). In those teachings were messages containing all sorts of 'shoulds' and 'oughts', whether they were explicitly stated or silently implied.

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As adults, we still carry those messages and probably live by them. But are they right for us still? If you were taught as a child that answering back is wrong, does that apply when, as an adult, someone treats you poorly? If it was somehow assumed that, when you grew up and your parents became elderly, you would look after them? Do you have to do this unquestioningly, no matter what the state of your relationship with them and notwithstanding your other desires or commitments?

You know I'm going to invite you to reflect on your own inner 'shoulds' and 'oughts'. Are you really doing the things that are right for you or just following old edicts which no longer apply? They might be exactly the same but it's worth checking...

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