

The Bridge

November 2016

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



*go to a movie, join the ladies for a social evening, go to a quiz night,
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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

File types

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

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

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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

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

November

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 5th

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

Tuesday 1st

Village Coffee Morning

10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting 'National Trust Ireland'

Ladies' Social Evening – 8 pm onwards, The Royal Oak, Corsley

Monday 14th

Deadline for applications for grants from Corsley Show

Tuesday 15th

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Committee Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Cross Keys back room

Corsley Cricket Club Annual General Meeting – 9 pm, Cross Keys back room

Wednesday 16th

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30pm

Thursday 17th

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

Traidcraft Sale – 3-4 pm, St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Cinema Corsley 'Love and Friendship' – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 19th

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

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 24th

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

Saturday 26th

Quiz Night – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall



Diary Dates

December

Saturday 3rd

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

Monday 5th

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

Parochial Church Council – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'Bring & Share' Christmas Tea

Cinema Corsley 'Absolutely Fabulous' (TBC) – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

DUE TO THE PRINTER'S XMAS BREAK, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY 2017 ISSUE OF THE BRIDGE IS FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Saturday 10th

Little Cuckoo's Christmas Fayre

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, Godswell Grove Farm, Chapmanslade

Sunday 11th

Corsley Festival Choir Concert – 'Magnificat' – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Wednesday 14th

Lite Bites Christmas lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 15th

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

Friday 16th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall (to be confirmed)

Monday 19th

Carol Singing in Chapmanslade High Street

Thursday 22nd

Frome Rotary and Lions Christmas Float visits Chapmanslade

continued...

January

Thursday 5th

Warminster Area Board – 7.00 pm,
Warminster Civic Centre

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30
pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 19th

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

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley
Reading Room

February

Saturday 4th

Auction – Corsley and Chapmanslade
Churches

Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Parish Council. 7.30 pm
Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 16th

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

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites lunch. 12.30 pm Corsley
Reading Room

Thank you!

To our hosts Legh and Di Walker
at Barters Plant Centre and the
wonderful team of helpers from
Corsley and Chapmanslade. We
raised over £1,200 for Macmillan
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Thank you all from
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We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am
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next 'pick' is on Saturday 5th November –
do come along and help keep our village
beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

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occasional parish council meetings,
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Campanology News

On 26th September we had the immense honour to ring with the bells half muffled in recognition of Gordon (Gordie) Ledbury who, on 3rd September at 88 years of age died of a heart attack. He and Jean were married for 58 years and Gordon was very well known and respected throughout the village for his wonderful attitude to all life's doings. He lived in the village all his life and was always there to help whenever any was needed.

Gordie rang the bells at Corsley for at least 55 or 60 years (too many for anyone who now rings to know exactly how many), taking on the roll of Steeplekeeper for the majority of that time and tending 'his bells and clock' with dedication. He was exemplary at ringing the tenor behind for all methods and loved ringing rounds and call changes. He took part in several quarter and full peal ringing and also took great pleasure in raising and lowering the bells which we do every time we ring. Whenever there was a Sunday service

at St Margaret's he would attend and even when there were not enough people to form a band, would chime the bells to welcome all to worship.

He had already given up ringing due to 'creaky knees' before I started, but came up to support us ringing for every Armistice Day and at the annual Carol Concerts, regularly cajoling Dick Collins, the then Tower Captain, for information about how things were going! I will always remember the encouragement he gave me when I began and the enjoyment he took from the Tower's continuing success.

The band consisted of Wendy Charlesworth, Heather and Paul McCombie, Rodney Cross, Graeme Byfield and Michael Attenborough some of whom remember Gordie during his time ringing. (Sadly I could not take part due to a pulled shoulder, but I was there!)

Marion Moldon

Ladies' Social Evening

8 pm onwards, Thursday 10th November

The Royal Oak, Corsley

It was lovely to meet new and old faces in September, so come and join us in November for the next friendly chat and drink and to escape the pre-Christmas mayhem for a couple of hours!

Really looking forward to seeing you all there – bring your friends and neighbours!

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Whose motto is 'Who dares wins'?
- 2 What is the collective name for a group of kittens?
- 3 What did Florence Nightingale habitually carry about in her pocket?
- 4 Who had a horse named Rosinante (Rocinante)?
- 5 What is dendrochronology?
- 6 Who founded the Body Shop?
- 7 For which sport is the Stanley Cup awarded?
- 8 In which US State is the old London Bridge now erected?
- 9 Who was described by Churchill as "a sheep in sheep's clothing"?
- 10 In connection with shipping, what does P&O stand for?
- 11 Which London store was the first to have an escalator installed?
- 12 'Cash lost in me' is an appropriate anagram for what? (two words)

Answers on page ?

Cinema Corsley

Love and Friendship

7.30 pm, Thursday 20th November (doors open 7 pm)

Adapted from a Jane Austen novella, the film starts with the widow, Lady Susan, leaving one aristocratic family in shocked disarray to join her sister-in-law's household, where she continues the search for a husband for her hapless daughter and herself. Enter the young, good looking, Reginald DeCourcy, the divinely handsome, though inconveniently married, Lord Manwaring and the fabulously rich and stupendously blockheaded Sir James Martin.

Lady Susan is the scandalous heroine of this razor sharp Austen story of love, marriage and adulterous games. It is much racier than we are used to with the normal young love replaced here with an older heroine of no wealth but enormous charm, beauty and devastating wit, who manages to spin the rest of the ensemble around her little finger with devious elegance. She behaves deliciously appallingly and when confronted with the wholly accurate evidence of her actions ruefully declares that "facts are horrid things".

Kate Beckinsale gives an enrapturing performance as the femme fatale, supported by a fantastic cast on sparkling form. It is full of zing and enough wit worthy of Oscar Wilde to blow any November chills away.

Tickets will be available from Acres Supply. Doors open at 7 pm so you can enjoy pre-show drinks, tea and coffee. See you there!

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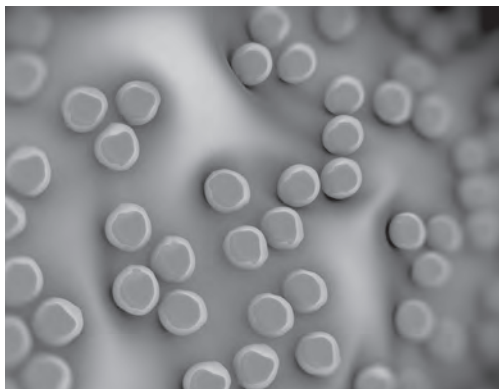
MRSA in supermarket pork...

Is it a problem?

At the beginning of October this year several newspapers announced that 3 of 97 UK-produced pork products from Asda and Sainsbury's supermarkets tested positive for a strain of MRSA found in livestock. The headlines suggested that this was a terrible risk and we should all be frightened, but were they correct?

MRSA - or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* – is a nasty bacterium, some strains of which can cause fatal infections in humans and which are resistant to most antibiotics. This caused great problems in hospitals over several years. MRSA is a very common bacterium, and many of us carry it in our noses and on other parts of our bodies, without any problem and with no symptoms. Different strains occur in livestock and other animals, and these are often known as livestock-associated MRSA, or LA-MRSA.

Strains of LA-MRSA have found in pork before, both in the USA and Europe. Some cases were detected in 2009 and the most recent strain, CC389, was identified in pigs imported from Denmark. It is thought to be due to the high incidence of MRSA on the pig farms. As many of the pigs are asymptomatic, it is difficult to screen for pigs carrying MRSA and they come into the UK food chain.



LA-MRSA is rare in British pig farms. However, even in Denmark, transmission of MRSA from pigs to humans is very rare and good hygiene practices in handling raw meat and cooking it properly will minimise any chance of infection. Even if infection does occur, it does not mean that the affected individual will become ill.

In my grandmother's time the advice was always to cook pork well because of infection by the pork tapeworm or fluke. These cases were rare, but illnesses caused by bacteria such as *Salmonella* were not. In principle, any foodstuff may be contaminated by food-poisoning organisms.

As I have said in these columns before, appropriate washing and cooking of foodstuffs is necessary in today's kitchen. My family and I will continue to cook and eat pork from our local supermarkets and butchers.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to nigelsbrown48@gmail.com



Corsley Show



Bank Holiday Monday
28th August 2017

Corsley Showground BA12 7QH

Please note that the pre-schedule may be subject to alteration. The main schedule will be available from June 2017



Pre-schedule
www.corsleyshow.org.uk

Division A

Vegetables and Fruit - Open

1	Runner beans	6 pods	
2	Aubergine	2	<i>New for 2017</i>
3	A basket of salad items	max size 20"/50cm	
4	Beetroots (globe)	3 roots, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
5	Cabbage	1, any type 3"/7cm of stalk	<i>New for 2017</i>
6	Carrots	3 long, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
7	Carrots	3 stump rooted, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk	
8	Leeks	2, with roots	
9	Container of mixed vegetables	a minimum of 4 kinds, max 24"/61cm square, height unlimited	
10	Parsnips	2, with 3"/7cm of stalk	
11	Onions	3, each to be 8oz/227 grams or over	
12	Onions	5, each to be under 8oz/227 grams	
13	Potatoes	5 white, any variety	
14	Potatoes	5 coloured, any variety	
15	Shallots	9 bulbs	
16	Tomatoes	5, with calyx other than cherry type	
17	Cherry tomatoes	6, with calyx	
18	Cucumbers	2	
19	Spinach	6 leaves, in a jar	
20	Swiss chard	6 leaves, any colour/s, in a jar	
21	Courgettes	3, max length 6"/15cm	
22	Peppers	2, with stalks	
23	Any other vegetable	not listed above	
24	Apples	5 culinary	
25	Apples	5 dessert	
26	Plums	5	
27	Plate of any other kind of fruit	in a single layer, max 12"/30cm	

Novelty section

- 28 Heaviest potato
- 29 Heaviest marrow
- 30 Longest stalk of rhubarb
- 31 Heaviest onion
- 32 Most grotesque vegetable/fruit
- 33 Longest runner bean

Division C

Vegetables and Flowers - Closed

62	Runner beans	6 pods
63	French beans	6 pods
64	Rhubarb	3 sticks, with heel and 1.5"/4cm of trimmed leaf
65	Onions	5
66	Potatoes	4, one variety
67	Tomatoes	4, other than Cherry type, with calyx
68	Cherry tomatoes	5, with calyx
69	Beetroots	3, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk
70	Shallots	6 bulbs
71	Carrots	3, with approx. 3"/7cm of stalk
72	Courgettes	3, max length 6"/15cm
73	Master gardener	collection of flowers, fruit and vegetables: 1 vase of flowers (7 stems), 2 types of fruit, 2 types of vegetable. Max 24"/61cm square, height unlimited <i>New for 2017</i>
74	Selection of grasses	10 stems max, in a vase
75	Gladiolus	1 specimen spike
76	Cut flowers	3 blooms of different varieties, in a vase
77	Rose	single bloom, in a vase
78	Roses	3 blooms, any variety or varieties, in a vase
79	Orchid	in a pot, max dia. 10"/25cm
80	Dahlias	3 blooms of same variety, in a vase
81	Sweet peas	6 stems, any variety or varieties, in a vase
82	Garden flowers	3 stems, one variety, in a vase
83	Begonia plant	max size of container 12"/30cm

Division G

Art - Open

121	Painting in oils	}	any subject, please state size if over A3
122	Painting in watercolours		
123	Pen and wash		
124	Painting in pastels		
125	Painting in acrylics		
126	Painting in mixed media		
127	Drawing in any media		

NB Any artwork that has won a prize at a previous Corsley Show may not be submitted

Division I

Handicrafts - Open

157	Decorated egg		
158	Hand embroidered item		
159	Item of crochet	state size if over 36"/92cm	
160	Hand or machine sewn item	not garment	
161	Hand or machine sewn garment		
162	Item of cross stitch	line stitches may be included	
163	Item of needle felt		
164	Best use of 2 fat quarters		<i>New for 2017</i>
165	Hand-knitted item for baby		<i>New for 2017</i>
166	Quilted item	please state size	<i>New for 2017</i>
167	Article of soft furnishing	lampshade, cushion, etc. State size if larger than 27"/69cm	
168	Glove puppet	in any medium	<i>New for 2017</i>
169	Greetings card		
170	Christmas decoration		<i>New for 2017</i>
171	Teddy bear or soft toy		
172	Scissor keeper		<i>New for 2017</i>
173	Item of jewellery		
174	Craft bag/organiser		<i>New for 2017</i>
175	Oven glove(s)		<i>New for 2017</i>
176	Something new from something old	the most innovative use of recycled materials, in the opinion of the judge. Please state materials used	
177	Decorated box	max size 12"/30cm	
178	Piece of decorated glass	max size 18"/46cm	
179	Decorated pebble	in any medium. Max size 8"/20cm (decoration only to be judged)	
180	Item of metalwork	state size if over 36"/92cm	
181	Item of woodwork	please state size on entry form	
182*	Bird house or table	any materials. Please state size on entry form	<i>New for 2017</i>
183	Item of any other craftwork	i.e. pottery, sculpture, etc. Please state size on entry form	

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Christmas Market

10 am - 2 pm, Saturday 19th November
Corsley Reading Room

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Chapmanslade School

The Governing Board of Chapmanslade CE VA Primary School invites comments from interested parties on our proposed admissions arrangements for 2018-19.

The arrangements can be viewed
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www.chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk/

Any comments should be submitted
to the Chair of the Governing Board,
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**DUE TO CHRISTMAS CLOSURE
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Corsley Cricket Club

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Annual General Meeting

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Corsley Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

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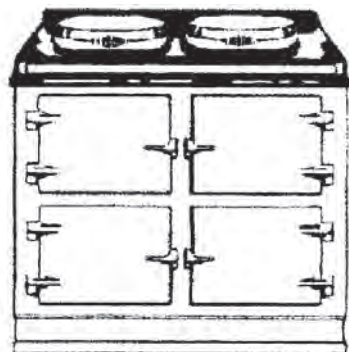


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Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PCs activities in October

There were no normal Parish Council (PC) meetings in the last month, but there was a key public meeting on 28th September, sponsored by the PC, for BT Openreach to present the broadband upgrade plans for Corsley. The meeting was set up to allow BT to be questioned about the details of the plans, to hear villagers' views and agree a way forward for the areas of Corsley which, at present, remain unfunded. The meeting was well attended, with the upper Reading Room full, and the results were very positive. The major conclusions and the ongoing PC intentions are summarised below and there is a separate article covering the wider aspects of the broadband project elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge.

Broadband

The area of Corsley now covered by the national Government scheme to provide superfast broadband has been increased to about two thirds of the village, leaving an area of about 74 households and a number of businesses in the unfunded area. A scheme has been developed with BT Openreach to cover this area (details in the accompanying article) which requires a sum of about £19k to be raised in the village or by other means.

A number of funding avenues for this project were discussed, ranging over individual household contributions, donations from businesses, from village organisations, charities and from the Parish Council. It was very clear that the feeling of the meeting was that the project should be vigorously pursued and that, as far as possible, any shortfall in the fund raising should be spread across the whole village and not simply fall on those who were disadvantaged. Since the meeting the response has been good and pledges have been received from households and businesses and a generous donation has also been promised from the Elizabethan Evening Committee.

The Parish Council has taken legal advice, from which was clear that under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it "...may incur expenditure..." where it is "...satisfied that there is direct benefit to the area or part of the area, or to some or all of the inhabitants." On this basis, and in the interest of spreading the cost across the village, an occasional meeting was held on 27th October to discuss how this power may be used to allow the PC to assist the fundraising for the shortfall in the Corsley broadband plans. Under the 1972 Act any decision could only be challenged

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on the grounds that "...it was wholly unreasonable".

In addition, the PC are trustees of a charity set up in 1992 in memory of Len White. This was set up to be used to help Corsley's primary-school-aged children or, in the event of Corsley Primary School closing, "...then for the benefit of the children living in Corsley between the ages of five and eleven years for educational purposes as the full Corsley Parish Council shall see fit." The survey of Corsley's broadband needs, at the end of last year, revealed that children's education nowadays relies heavily on IT and access to fast broadband for both educational material and assignment work. This need fits well within the Len White aims and the PC also, on 27th October, considered use of this fund to add to the funds being raised for the broadband gap. The results of this meeting will be reported in the minutes (link via The Bridge website) and in the December edition of The Bridge.

It should also be noted that Hugh Deed has set up an excellent web site (see accompanying article) which has a plethora of information on the funded schemes, the plans to fill the gap and technical information. This should answer any detailed questions, but please contact myself or Hugh if you wish to contribute to the gap funding or have any other queries.

Planning Applications

Feedback on Wiltshire decisions on applications considered recently by the PC.

16/07827/FUL - Proposed two storey rear extension at 72b Lane End, Corsley.

This was approved subject to standard conditions and approval of the materials to be used for the cladding. The position and height of the proposed extension was considered to have no effect on the setting of the Grade 2 listed Wesleyan Chapel in

Lane End or impact on the neighbourhood amenity.

16/06891/FUL - Erection of three-bay detached garage at the Old School

This was a change from the originally approved two-bay garage and was approved, with standard conditions and a caveat that the windows should use 'restoration/heritage' glass in the outer panes.

Future meetings

Quarterly Meeting 5th December

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 web site for these.

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MAINS

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Honey Roasted Belly Pork, Herb Crushed Potatoes with Bramley Apple Sauce

Pan Roasted Fillet of Scottish Salmon served with a Tomato and Herb Crust,
Mashed Potato and a White Wine Cream Sauce

Wild Mushroom and Nut Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Thyme Gravy (V)

Slow Cooked Shoulder of Lamb served with Dauphinoise Potato,
Seasonal Vegetables and a Rosemary Sauce

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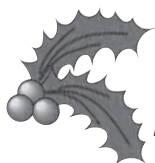
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Wonderful workshop...

Dementia Friends

Community-owned Cross Keys in Corsley holds inspirational Dementia Friends Information Session

The workshop, held on Thursday 13th October, was run by Dementia Friend's Champion from Warminster, Andrea Pearce, who is also a volunteer and staff member at Alzheimer's Support.

Alzheimer's Support have been working with Wiltshire Council to train all their staff, (approximately 5,000) about dementia, as well as running workshops in the community on how to improve the lives of people living with dementia and provide support to their carers.

There are very few places that are dementia friendly and where people can socialise. The team at the Cross Keys wanted to make sure that their pub was welcoming to all members of the community including those living with dementia themselves and their friends and family.

Dementia affects 1 in 14 people over 65 and one in three people over 80 and can last many years. We all know people living with dementia in our community. Whilst everyone knows that dementia causes memory loss as well as some physical control, it is not that well known that their emotions are often not affected. This can mean that when you get frustrated at being asked the same question ten times and become annoyed, this can cause upset to the person living with dementia and, although they may not remember why they feel upset, the feeling of upset remains.

It also means that whilst they may not recognise you they can still have a strong emotional attachment to you e.g. they will still feel close to you even though they may not recognise you or remember your name, they know that yours is the hand they want to hold.

The workshop, held with good humour and lots of real-life stories to make you smile and sad at the same time was really useful and we learnt a lot from the workshop about the way dementia affects people and how they see the world.

One of the most common effects of dementia is that people tend to become isolated and stuck in their homes as many environments are not dementia friendly. They also fear stigma of the diagnosis and embarrassment if they meet a friend but cannot remember their name. People's perceptions can be distorted by dementia for e.g. a black entrance mat can appear to be a hole in the ground and therefore a person living with dementia with perception issues, would not want to step on it.

We want to make the pub a dementia friendly environment where everyone will feel welcome and comfortable and they and their carers and friends can come and eat food they remember and enjoy.

What we learnt at the workshop is that it will be easy for us to make the pub dementia

friendly and all the team are keen to get involved.

We hope that those living with dementia will be as excited as we are that there is now a place that they can come to.

To find out more about dementia, where you can attend a Dementia Friends Information Session or to find support if you are supporting someone living with dementia, please contact Claire Thomas at Alzheimers Support on 01225 776481.

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Corsley Playing Field Update



It has been a very busy summer and autumn at the playing field. The weather has been a little strange but certainly helped the grass and weeds grow! The mowing team were out every week, sometimes twice, keeping the field looking wonderful. Special thanks go to Tony and Roy (Ped).

For those who have been to the field this year you will have seen our new veranda. It has been absolutely fantastic and proved a perfect venue in the event of the odd shower or too much sun. I also wanted to send a special thank you to Andy Joynt for the superb flower display around the veranda which is stunning and has been remarked on by everyone who has used the pavilion.

The summer holidays were filled with Fun in the Sun – free sports for under 12's run with Wiltshire Council. This is the third year we have run the programme and it's

an excellent way of getting the kids doing exercise and, importantly for all those stretched budgets, it's absolutely free!

This year's Corsley Show was also a success thanks to the sunshine and both the beer tent and our skittle alley were busy all day with the playing field raising around £130 from the skittles.

We also organised a free treasure hunt at the playing field with Andy Joynt putting together a list of 20 questions ranging from simple to fiendish, but suitable for all ages. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Finally, we held our annual apple pressing. Every year millions of tonnes of apples are wasted as they rot on gardens and for the last few years we have held an apple pressing day where everyone can bring their apples and turn them into juice or, with a bit of help and advice, cider.

This year's event featured our new apple chopper, an electric beast that munches bags of apples as fast as you can pour them in! Special thanks to Steve and Adella at SA Group for helping us with the purchase of the new chopper. We were busy from the 11 am start until 4 pm chopping and pressing with everyone tasting the juices from the different varieties of apples and taking home lots of freshly squeezed apple juice. We think we went through about 400-500 kg of apples on the day, so Steve's pigs will be very happy with the pressed apple pomace that was left.

Finally, just a reminder that the playing field AGM is on Tuesday 15th November, at 7.30 pm, Cross Keys, with the cricket club AGM to follow at 9 pm. Everybody welcome – especially new volunteers who could help keep the playing field such a great resource for the village.

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As I write I have just driven to Horningsham to deliver my meringues, pears and cream to the Luncheon Club and what a beautiful drive it was with the leaves on the trees turning ever more golden each passing day and the light shifting across the downs as the clouds moved across the sky.

Here we are once again in that season of remembering. On November 13th we remember and honour those who have given their lives for their country so that we can live in peace, and in the world context we find ourselves in today where for so many people peace must seem an elusive dream, we should be truly grateful for their sacrifice. Personally, I feel very privileged and humbled to be able to lead our Remembrance Day services here in the Cley Hill Parishes, as I am acutely aware that a very high percentage of my congregation will be retired military personnel who have experienced the realities of armed conflict first hand.

At the end of November we enter another season of remembering, Advent. You might think it's a bit strange that I class Advent in this way; actually you might just be thinking 'what's Advent?' Or wondering which chocolate Advent calendar to choose. And anyway, isn't Advent about looking forward and counting down to Christmas rather than looking backwards and remembering? Well yes and no. I love my Advent calendar and really enjoy opening the windows each day; but I also do something else in Advent. I have a Jesse tree (some tastefully arranged twigs in a jug!) and everyday I read a bit of the bible and hang a symbol on the tree telling the story of creation right through to the birth of Jesus, and then on Christmas Day I put fairy lights on it. So during Advent I'm remembering how God's love is the golden thread that weaves through everything; through the created order and through those wonderful people whom he used many centuries before that first Christmas to tell the story of his love, culminating in Jesus born on Christmas day as Emmanuel, God with us. And there is something so wonderful and special about it all; as the earth turns and we enter ever deeper darkness, to be looking back to the dawn of all time and to remember that God was, and is, and shall be for eternity. It's a shame if we see these four weeks before Christmas merely as precursor to the big day, they are so much richer than that. There is, no doubt, an element of sombreness about it all; I'll probably be rushing around like everyone else, but the readings and prayers in this season call us to prepare at a much deeper level, to remember who we are, to look at our lives and to ask ourselves, are we ready, not for a big blow out, but to meet Jesus when he comes.

Love and prayers,

Pauline

November Church Diary

Tuesday 1st November

7.30 pm After Alpha Home Group



Sunday 6th November: Third Sunday before Advent

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

9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Monday 7th November

10.30 am Time to Think Home Group



Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Sunday

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

10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

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



Tuesday 15th November

7.30 pm After Alpha Home Group



Thursday 17th November

Church & Community Coffee Morning

10 am to 12 noon at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



Sunday 20th November: Christ the King

9 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship



Monday 21st November

10.30 am Time to Think Home Group



Wednesday 23rd November

Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Sunday 27th November: First Sunday of Advent

9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Church Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Family Eucharist



Tuesday 29th November

7.30 pm After Alpha Home Group



Sunday 4th December: Second Sunday of Advent

8 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP H Communion

9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Christingle

Baptisms, Wedding Congratulations and Farewells

On 1st October at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley Oliver Hares married Katie Vincent. Also on the same day at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade, Jeremy Green married Laura Venables. Our warmest congratulations to both couples.

On October 16th Mia Williams was baptised at Longbridge Deverill and on the following Sunday, 23rd October, Toby James Gray was baptised at the same church. We welcome Mia and Toby into our church family.

Funeral services were held for Roy Mengham on 12th October at West Wilts Crematorium; for Derrick West on 19th October at St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade; for Phyllis Harbord on 20th October at West Wilts Crematorium and for Dorothy Skinner on 25th October at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill. Our prayers and sympathy to the families of these parishioners.

Fundraising

Our Christmas Coffee Morning this year will be on Saturday 10th December from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and we will be returning to Godswell Grove Farm. The Coffee Morning was a great success last year and we hope that you will come and join us for a cup of coffee and be tempted to buy something! At the Christmas Coffee Morning we will have the Christmas Draw for the 50/50 club. There will be ten prizes ranging from £200 to £25 in cash. Membership costs £24 per year and if you want to be included in the Christmas draw please contact either Neil Britten or Keith Muston as soon as possible. If you are already a member you are not limited to a single membership – you can enter as many times as you wish!! The more members the bigger the prize pot!!

We are holding another auction on February 4th at Chapmanslade Village Hall. This year some of the auctions will be silent, but some will be auctioned by the irrepressible Dennis Barnard. Please start thinking about what you might be able to offer to go into the auction. There will be a hot meal and soft drinks available but please bring your own beers or wine. Full details available from any PCC member or member of the Fundraising Committee.

Last Month we celebrated Harvest at both Chapmanslade and Temple. At Chapmanslade we held a Messy Church Harvest Eucharist and the verdict afterwards was that it was brilliant. It was led by Marian Curtis assisted by many other people and attracted about sixty people including children. The service began with activities and then became the more formal Eucharist but we used a version for young people which suited the occasion extremely well. It really was a great success.

Our next Messy Church will be on Advent Sunday, 9.30 am 27th November, at St Philip and St James'. We welcome people of all ages. Do come along and join us.

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Chapmanslade Plan Progress

Twenty five residents met in the Village Hall on 29th September to discuss the Chapmanslade Plan with others sending apologies as well as ideas for discussion. After a short presentation we separated into teams to identify the issues and opportunities that are important to Chapmanslade. Everything was considered with no topic too trivial and no suggestion dismissed even if it seemed impossible. A total 110 topics were noted and, after duplicates were removed, 78 topics were left for analysis.

Seventy eight topics for discussion may only be the tip of the iceberg, we will never know without the input of as many residents as possible. Eight residents have come forward to create a steering group and have already met to discuss ways of enabling all residents to have their say as the plan takes shape and to get involved as much or as little as they wish. Details of the steering group's activities will be released as it evolves.

Meanwhile anyone who would like to contact us can email or call me on the number below. If you would like to help take a topic forward please let us know.

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Chairman, Hugh Deed, brings us some exciting news about Corsley's 'village hall'

This month's feature about CRR updates the village on further improvements to the hall.

The replacement of all the old fuse boxes in the main hall and related works all went to plan. The fuses are now all circuit-breakers and are all labelled so everyone knows which is in control of what! The failure of the electrical system before the broadband meeting, coincidentally the day prior to the electricians arriving, proved to be due to a damaged PIR on the carpark light which was full of water and, as a result, fused the circuit!

The dishwasher is now installed and we ask that people wanting to use it for events at the hall first get some instruction from one of the committee members. It is a little different to a domestic dishwasher and it is in everyone's interest that it is used properly. Whilst washes are very fast once it is fully working, it does take about 20-25 minutes from switching on to being completely ready to do the first wash, so sometimes it may still be quicker to wash up by hand!

The wall-mounted boiler, which replaces the urns, also takes about 10 minutes or so to heat up, so the kettle remains available for smaller quantities of boiling water.

Thanks to the Warminster Area Board and the Elizabethan Evening for financial support to these improvements.

The building licence allows up to 100 capacity in the main hall if it is a seated and/or standing event. However this reduces to 80 for an event with seats and tables, e.g. a dinner event, this number must include any 'staff' in the hall. We are ensuring there is at least adequate cutlery, crockery and glasses to cater for those numbers.

There is a continuing problem with the amount of dog fouling on the grass around the building despite having a notice on the wall about it. We are in discussion with the PC about putting up further signs to remind people that it is an offence and subject to a maximum £1,000 fine to allow a dog to foul on any such land/verge/footpath.

The Corsley Reading Room AGM is at 7:30 on Wednesday 16th November, open to all, please let Jenny Ruty know if you plan to attend.

Committee

Hugh Deed (Chairman), Jenny Ruty (Secretary), Vanessa Hyde (Treasurer), Gill Parkinson (Bookings), Liz Garrett, Jackie Jasper, David Carruthers, Pat Mizen and Sue Kerfoot.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more information/booking process.

*Hugh Deed
Chairman of Management Committee*

CORSLEY SHOW 2016

Donations

By way of a 'thank-you' to local organisations and people who supported our successful show this year, the out-going Show Committee is happy to consider making modest donations at the annual general meeting.

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or preferably by email at jrtty@aol.com
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Corsley WI

October News



At the meeting of Corsley WI in October, a warm welcome by members and visitors was given to our speaker Andy Fussell, who talked about the history of Fussell's Rapeseed Oil.

Andy is a very hands-on third generation local farmer from Rode, near Frome and he explained that he grew rapeseed originally as a rotation crop between wheat, to use for bio-diesel fuel. However, this was uneconomical due to heavy taxation and other costs so he changed to growing the rapeseed for culinary purposes, which no one else was doing in this part of the country at the time.

In their recently completed new premises, Fussells now do a single cold pressing, producing Extra Virgin Rapeseed Oil, which has half the saturated fat and ten times the amount of Omega 3 of olive oil. The versatility of rapeseed oil means it can be used for frying eggs or roasting potatoes, making cakes and pastries, mayonnaise or chocolate. Fussells have developed a range of products, such as rapeseed oil vinaigrettes and mayonnaises, which they sell online and at various outlets throughout the country. Charlotte Beswick gave the vote of thanks for Andy's very entertaining talk about his work and his struggles with the big supermarkets.

The competition for members for a gold item was won by Anne Carruthers, with Hilary Vallis second and Carol Seward third.

Recent events included a walk round Mells, ending with coffee at the Walled Garden in a thunderstorm! Future outings include a visit to the Poppy Factory and an afternoon of comedy, poetry and song. Why not come and join us? We welcome any new members, so just come and visit us at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month, in the Corsley Reading Room. The exact times are mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report, in The Bridge Diary Dates, or you can ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

The skittles and scrabble teams have had a summer break and now wait to find out which WI teams they will be playing against this winter. We also have a Gardening Club and a Lunch Club, open to non-members.

If you would like to learn bridge, beginners are very welcome and anyone over 18 can come along. If you are interested in the bridge, gardening or lunch clubs, please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215760 for further details as the venues vary each month.

Corsley WI have an 'open' meeting on Thursday 10th November, beginning at 7.30pm in the Corsley Reading Room, when Philip Walker will talk about the National Trust in Ireland. All visitors are very welcome and we hope to see you there. The competition for members is for something green.

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

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
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

Super speedy, superfast!

Corsley broadband update

Hugh Deed and Neil Britten update Corsley villagers on progress with superfast broadband

As those at the public meeting will know the majority of the parish will now get the possibility of access to high speed broadband provided by the national subsidised scheme (BDUK). Unfortunately, at the time of the meeting this was not the same for the residents and businesses in Lyes Green and Deep Lane and by St Margaret's church.

Options have been and continue to be investigated but it is known that the costs of providing connection to these properties is about £38,000 of which half can be provided by a grant, leaving £19,000 to find.

A website (hdwebsites.wix.com/broadband) has been established to give full information about the schemes covering Corsley and allow those residents in the partially funded area to register their interest and learn more. You can also submit questions via the site.

All funding solutions are being investigated but it is fairly certain that it will be necessary for residents and businesses to self-fund, at least in part, if this service is to be available in 2017.

The website will be more up to date than this article as things continue to develop quite quickly. You may have seen the BT Openreach vans, in early October, laying the ducting to take the optical fibre.

As you may have read in the parish council briefing, by the time of publication of this edition of *The Bridge* the parish council will have met to discuss use of both the precept (i.e. your taxes) and a parish council-controlled charity to help fund the gap. It is also intended to talk, in mid/late November, to residents in the unfunded area and businesses across all of Corsley, the ones likely to benefit most of all. This will be on a one-to-one basis with the aim of soliciting pledges and one of us will be contacting you soon. However, if you can't wait and want to make a pledge now, wherever in Corsley you live, please contact either of us directly or go on to the website where you can do so online.

A company, Corsley Broadband Project Ltd, has been established to receive funds and contract with BT Openreach should that be required. Setting up this company quickly has enabled an application to the Prince's Countryside Fund for a grant towards the costs.

Hugh Deed and Neil Britten

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Winter advice

Looking after your pond during cold weather

Keep your precious fish and other pond wildlife safe during the winter

As the weather gets colder your pond will need to be cared for in a slightly different way to ensure your fish stay healthy and the pond is able to thrive next year.

Hopefully, over the summer your fish received a high protein food to build up fat reserves for the colder months. At this time of year, your fish need to be fed a wheat germ food, as a lower metabolism caused by cooler temperatures makes digestion more difficult. It's best to introduce a wheat germ feed now, so that your fish can become more familiar with the change and will have already transitioned before water temperatures drop below 10 degrees.

Your pond still needs light in the winter as it's the plants that release oxygen, through photosynthesis, keeping levels in the pond replenished. Do ensure that any plant debris or leaves are cleared from the pond, or prevent them from falling into the pond by covering it with a net. Debris that remains in the pond will start to decompose, releasing undesirable chemicals into the water. With food supplies getting short, installing a net is also a good idea to prevent herons from taking your fish. Decoy herons are also proving more popular, but if using one, remember to keep moving it around!



It's best to keep your pond filter running over the colder months. If you turn it off, the filter will be starved of oxygen, consequently all of the 'good' bacteria built up inside will die off.

Pond water freezing over is always a concern, so with running water from the filter and a ball floating on the surface the water shouldn't freeze over as easily. If the water does freeze over, do not smash the ice as this will create shock waves that will upset the fish – instead, melt it. Smashing the ice also poses a risk of damaging your pond liner – another reason to treat ice with caution. It's also worth considering the use of a pond heater to keep the water at an appropriate temperature.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

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

The parish council met on 13th October. Once again, Dennis Barnard chaired the meeting. Eight members of the public were present.

A new plan for Chapmanslade – Chapcap2

Adam reported that the meeting held on 29th September had been well attended, with lots of positive ideas and suggestions being put forward about how to make Chapmanslade an even better place to live in. You can see a copy of Adam's presentation to that meeting on the village website. By the time you read this, a further meeting will have taken place with the aim of establishing a steering committee to move the planning process forward. See Adam's report elsewhere in this edition of *The Bridge*; if you would like to be involved in future meetings or in any other way please call him on 01373 832437 or email at plan@chapmanslade.org.uk

Planning applications.

16/06626/FUL The Old Kennels 164 Short Street

Change of use of land for the siting of three safari tents (tourism business use)

We reported that this decision had been turned down by Wiltshire's planners, citing

Highways grounds. We, and numerous residents, had objected on similar grounds. The refusal letter reads as follows "Short Street, by reason of its restricted width, poor alignment and sub-standard junction with the A3098, is considered unsuitable to serve as a means of access to the proposed development. The traffic generated from this proposal would use a road which, by virtue of its function in the highway network and its inadequate width, alignment and junctions, is considered unsuitable to accommodate the increase in traffic from this development. The proposed development is likely to generate an increase in pedestrian traffic on a highway lacking adequate footways with consequent additional hazards to all users of the road and which would be contrary to Core Policy 39 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy, as adopted 2015".

16/08350/FUL Sienna's Valley, Huntenhull Lane

Temporary rural workers dwelling and alterations to access (resubmission of 14/09500/FUL and subsequent appeal)

This application follows a string of planning applications for the site in Huntenhull Lane dating back seven years. Last March, a Government planning inspector considered appeals concerning the static caravan

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at Sienna's Valley at a hearing held in Trowbridge. He announced his decision on 6th April and turned down the appeals. He based his decision largely on the detrimental effect the mobile home and its paraphernalia has on an important part of our village landscape – a Special Landscape Area. The inspector gave the owner twelve months to remove the building and all that goes with it and to restore the land to its original profile.

In the parish council's view the latest application is broadly similar to the earlier one except that the static caravan would be replaced by a temporary construction attached to the barn. We saw no reason why planning permission should be granted, particularly in the light of the planning inspector's March decision and lodged our objection accordingly. We expect a decision from Wiltshire's planners by the beginning of this month.

Highways

Keith reported that he was due to meet the Parish Steward in the next few days to help plan street scene maintenance tasks. The Parish Steward visits Chapmanslade monthly to carry out these tasks. If you spot a Highways issue that is not being dealt with, please contact Keith on 832755 or themustons@btinternet.com

Traffic in the High Street

We noted that overweight lorries still find their way into the High Street on a regular basis, often causing mayhem. You can read an account on the village website of the disruption an Asda lorry caused one morning last month.

Wiltshire Council have given us a quote to carry out a topographical survey of the part of the High Street which is in the vicinity of the school. This would be the first stage

in planning improvements in that area to reduce congestion and to make the area safer for young people and their families. The parish council would have to bear 25% of the cost of this survey. We decided to put the matter in the pending tray for the time being in the expectation that new ideas to improve the area around the school would come forward through Chapcap2.

Phil Holihead reported that our Speedwatch volunteers continue to do a sterling job educating drivers not to use the High Street as a race-track. Three new volunteers are about to join the team and will receive their training from the police in the near future. If you've been thinking about offering some time to help – an hour or two a month is all that is needed – please contact Phil on 467288 or email phil.holihead@gmail.com

Broadband speeds

Most of us in Chapmanslade are fortunate that we have access to high-speed broadband either through Virgin cable or BT Infinity. However, that doesn't apply to everyone living in the parish. A resident living in the far extremity of Chapmanslade has asked us if we can help lobby for faster speeds for her property. We discussed this at our meeting and we would like you to write to me telling me your experiences, good and bad, of broadband speeds. In particular, if you would check what your broadband speeds are, either via My BT, www.broadband.co.uk/ or other similar websites, and relay this to me, we could build up a picture of the pattern in the parish. Please do help by contacting me by email at phil.jefferson@virgin.net and we will return to the matter at our next meeting.

And finally...

You may have noticed that White Horse News, the free newspaper covering the Westbury area, has not been delivered to

our homes in recent weeks. I've spoken to Ian Drew, the paper's editor. He tells me that they are experiencing difficulty in finding someone to deliver the paper to households in the village. If you are interested in a small part-time job, or know someone who is, and this looks attractive to you, please contact him at news@whitehorsenews.co.uk Mr Drew also publishes the Frome Times: I suggested to him that we might appreciate that paper being delivered in Chapmanslade.

Our next scheduled **parish council meeting** is due to be held in the village hall at **7.30 pm on Thursday 17th November**. We will be welcoming Bob Montgomery, CEO of Longleat Estates, who will brief us on future developments at Longleat. Do come along to the meeting if you can, to speak or maybe just to listen.

We do not normally meet in December but if there is any urgent business there will be a meeting on the 15th.

And do remember that if you want to keep in touch with what is going on in Chapmanslade visit our website at www.chapmanslade.org.uk. Terry Rose is doing a great job keeping us up to date with news and details of coming events so do keep on visiting the site. As you may know, too, I often circulate an email around the village with news of events: if you are not on my circulation list and would like to be, please drop me an email.

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News from the Nest

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

This term at the nest we have been focusing on learning all about autumn. We have made mini apple crumbles, opened our own 'farm shop' allowing the children to interact via play with various autumnal produce and to provide an opportunity for discussing and learning about where our food comes from. We have also made our very own scarecrows!

Outdoor learning is an important part of the Little Cuckoo's learning ethos, the fine weather has meant we have been able to enjoy the recently refurbished field. We also enjoyed our annual trip to Longleat's Heaven's Gate, with over 20 siblings and adults enjoying the fresh air. The walk provides a brilliant opportunity to learn about our local environment as well as the autumnal flora and fauna. Continuing the harvest theme, we have also donated food boxes to Warminster Food Bank.



Thank you to everyone who attended and baked for the cake sale as part of the Macmillan Coffee morning. We are delighted to report that we raised over £60 which has been donated to the cause.

Our next fundraising event will be the Christmas Fayre on December 10th – join us for refreshments, Christmas produce and to meet our very special guest!

Recently, the nest has been visited out of hours by some unwelcome visitors; toys have been played with and some items have disappeared. Could we kindly ask that passers-by, locals and villagers could keep an eye out for intruders for us? If you see anything suspicious, please do get in contact with us.

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The programme's run by volunteers, who go into schools once a week and use story-telling techniques – drama and mime, for example – to engage the children in Bible stories. In our largely-secular world, many youngsters are missing out on a library of fantastic stories and indeed, on the 'library' that is the Bible itself. Costumes and props are provided for the sessions and children are encouraged to be PART of the stories they're told.

Do you know of any local schools using this marvellous resource to provide their pupils with Bible stories? This is no dry-as-dust-programme; these sessions are engaging, informative and, most important of all, they're FUN!

If you think 'Open the Door' is a service your school could use, go to the Bible Society website and look at the information there.

Gideon News

What do you know about the Gideons? You might well answer with 'they're the people who leave Bibles in hotel rooms' and you'd be right. The first thing I do when I get to my hotel room is check the drawers and see if there's a Bible for me to use. I can't carry my suitcase easily, at the best of times, so the extra weight of a Bible, big enough for me to see the print, isn't an option! Besides which, a Bible in the drawer makes the room feel less like a foreign place and more like home! Even in Rome, at the time of the double-beatifications in April 2014, I had a Gideon New Testament in my room; it was a four-language edition, too!

Gideon Bibles are regularly placed in schools; I understand Kingdown School students recently received copies of the Word.

HM prisoners also have access to God's teachings, thanks to the Gideons. Jim Short, from Clink Evangelical Church (in the grounds of Frome Valley Cleaners), visits prisons as part of his evangelism, including Guy's Marsh at Shaftesbury. He meets prisoners, hands out Gideon Bibles and has seen many prisoners turn to God in his years as preacher and evangelist.

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Tales from the passenger seat



I was reminded the other day when I met a pupil who had learned with me some years ago, how an accident an illness, or an event can seriously affect a persons ability to learn to drive.

I recall a girl who had suffered a serious bout of glandular fever, which eventually kept her out of work for almost a year. When she started learning to drive with me some years afterwards, it was readily apparent that her spatial awareness was extremely poor. This can be the case in a fair number of pupils anyway, of course, but in her case she told me that she had already been advised that this would be a possible consequence of her having had such a severe case of glandular fever. We battled on and she did eventually pass, but it was hard work for her.

I had a pupil once who had an inability to remember almost anything new. He could recall things he had learned as a child, but when it came to anything new, whether it was visual or intellectual, it was virtually impossible for him. He would regularly drive down a road on a lesson with me that we had perhaps been down maybe ten times, and he would have no recollection of ever having been down there before. I had to repeat the verbal information an number of times and wrote a lot of it down for him to read at home between lessons. I had to get his driving to the standard whereby he was able to drive almost as well as an experienced driver, who is able to genuinely read the road and has a far higher degree of anticipation than the average new driver, because for him, every road was a new road...

I was talking to him about this and explaining my strategy so he would understand what and why I was doing things, and he explained to me that when he was twelve, he had been riding his bike, and speeding down a hill whilst looking back at his friends behind, he ran head on into a lorry. He was in hospital with his head in a brace for six months, plenty of subsequent rehab, and it appeared that there was a brain injury resulting in a virtually nil memory function. He passed his test and was probably far safer on the road than many new drivers would be.

A while ago I also had the sad case of a man who had been learning to drive in the forces and had been attacked by an impatient instructor, verbally abused and shouted at. The physical attack was the last straw and he stopped his lessons. Some thirty years later, he summoned up the courage to ring me. I really had to tread very carefully during his first fifteen or so lessons, because as soon as he made a mistake, he would visibly flinch in expectation of being hit. Many times he would stop the car and ask for the lesson to end because he was 'obviously an idiot'. It took a fair bit of cajoling but he gradually accepted that making mistakes was perfectly normal and no, he need have no fear of being hit, nor shame in making mistakes. I was extremely pleased for him when he passed his test, because he had started out with such an emotional hurdle.

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November brings colder nights, foggy days and, of course, Guy Fawke's Night...

It also means the start of hibernation for some of our native animals, and harder times for all wildlife; days are shorter, food is more scarce and it can be difficult to keep warm. It's not just hedgehogs who hibernate, hazel dormice do it too, although they can sleep for well over six months each year. Butterflies do it too so you might find small tortoiseshells, red admirals and brimstones snoozing in a cool shed. With their wings closed they can be very difficult to see, but if they do wake up please move them carefully to a cooler site where they will go back to into hibernation.

Most of the birds who visit us for the winter will have arrived by mid-November, depending on temperatures and food supplies further north and east. There should be flocks of fieldfare and redwing to look out for in the fields and, in the wetter areas, golden plover and lapwing. There will be far more blackbirds and song thrushes around – they also migrate south and west in colder weather. Most of these species are feeding on worms and insect larvae that live in the farmers' grasslands and pastures. Many will also come into our gardens, along with a whole host of smaller birds such as chaffinches, bramblings, siskins and redpoll. You may also notice there are more robins singing; both males and females sing in the winter to hold onto their feeding territories, they can be very aggressive in defending a good food source.

The famous murmurations of starlings start in November's early dusk, usually building to a peak in February. The largest flocks are seen on the Somerset Levels, but smaller

ones (still of several thousand birds!) are usually present in our local countryside.

Many birds will be feeding on the wonderful berries that ripen in our countryside and gardens at this time of year. Hawthorn berries (haws) and rose hips are very popular, as are sloes (blackthorn) and spindle. Feeding the birds in your garden will help many more to survive the winter's chill; peanuts (unsalted!), sunflower hearts, fat balls and over-ripe fruit are all greatly appreciated. In return you will get great views of our lovely bird life.

Lots of people get very excited about Guy Fawke's Night and, although it's on November 5th, many firework parties are organised over several weeks. Please remind everyone to act sensibly. Don't build a bonfire in advance of setting light to it, as there may be hedgehogs hibernating; just move the wood across to the bonfire immediately beforehand. Give advance warning to neighbours who have cats, dogs, ponies, or horses living close to where the fireworks are being let off. These animals will be very frightened and may need to be moved somewhere quieter for the duration; pets can be taken indoors where they will feel safer. Then everyone can have a safe and enjoyable bonfire celebration.

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.

Enjoy Autumn in our countryside!

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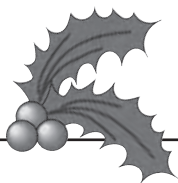
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