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**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

## Trade advertising

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## Deadline

**Deadline for articles  
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**Please note that no  
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after this date**

# Diary Dates

## November

### Sunday 8th

Remembrance Sunday

### Wednesday 11th

Armistice Day – two minutes' silence at 11 am

Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – via Zoom (please page 27 for details of how to join the Zoom meeting)

### Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – virtual meeting (please see page 33 for details of how to join the meeting)

### Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – **cancelled** for the foreseeable future due to the new rules



## December

### Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Lower Room) (or by Zoom - details to be confirmed in the December issue and on the Corsley website)

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# Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

**Where can you get your poppy?  
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Remembrance Sunday – 8th November  
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## Royal British Legion

# Poppy Appeal

It's a little bit different this year, but we still need your invaluable help...

- **Remembrance Sunday**  
8th November
- **Armistice Day**  
Wednesday 11th November

The Royal British Legion, like many other charities, has had a challenging year with most of its fundraising activities having to be cancelled. At the same time there has been an increased number of calls, asking for help and support in accessing food and financial advice. In response they have extended their benefit, debt and money advice services.

The Legion has also made it a priority to ensure there is additional protection for older veterans by increasing the number of staff in their care homes and specialist dementia units as well as continuing to support the Forces community and their families.

All this means they need our continuing support.

Due to COVID-19, the Poppy Appeal will look a little different this year. Unfortunately, there will be no house-to-house collections or street collections, however, following feedback from all of us PA coordinators, the Legion have put together some collecting alternatives.

We are allowed to place boxes in the church, pubs, schools and at Acres Supply as usual. This year TMTI will also be hosting a box. If you would like a poppy, please do contact me on 01373 832301.

Many of you will already have had emails from the Legion and I know that



some of you prefer to donate online. Many thanks if you have done this.

2021 will be the Legion's 100th anniversary so hopefully life will be a little more 'normal' by then. The legion's website [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk) has details on some of the challenges and events they hope to hold next year and also an online shop.

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- 3 Keble and Oriel are colleges at which university?
- 4 Which actor played the character 'Caractacus Potts' in the film 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'?
- 5 In English law, what is deemed to be the first priority for payment from the estate of a deceased person?
- 6 What is Megan Markle's actual first name?
- 7 What was the name Ted Heath gave to the series of five yachts he owned?
- 8 Which chocolate bar was launched in 1978 by a long-distance lorry driver called Martin Fisk?
- 9 How many men have walked on the moon?
- 10 In Scrabble, how many extra points does a player get for using all seven of their letters at once?
- 11 Which two South American countries are landlocked?
- 12 Which number comes next in the following series: 3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4, \_ ?

*Answers on page 33*



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## Science: changing the world

# How near are we to having a coronavirus vaccine?

Many of us probably think we have heard enough about COVID-19 and the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes it. I make no apology for raising it again...

In the March 2020 edition of *The Bridge* I wrote “Given the number of cases in the UK, flu is currently a more serious problem than COVID-19 in my view. However, this may change. It is still early in the outbreak and microbiologists and medical professionals around the world are on high alert.” This certainly has changed over the last few months. Social distancing will help reduce transmission of flu, and - importantly - we also have a vaccine. We do not yet have an approved vaccine against COVID-19.

The rules about social contact and wearing masks in public places put in place to limit the spread will have considerable effect on COVID-19 transmission, if the rules are obeyed. However, to get back to the social behaviour we had in 2019, a vaccine will be needed. Recently a distinguished group of scientists and medics published a memorandum in *The Lancet* pointing out that herd immunity, in which the disease is not prevalent across the population, can only be achieved by having a vaccine. Several vaccines are now in development. So how are these developed and tested?

At least five different classes of vaccine are being developed, ranging from well-tried approaches, such as virus that has been

inactivated (as with the current polio vaccine) or attenuated (as with MMR vaccine), to using DNA molecules, for which no currently licensed vaccines exist. The detail of how these are made is beyond the scope of this short article.

Although this is a period of rapid change, as I write this there are 65 vaccines in clinical trials in humans and more than 100 undergoing preclinical investigation in animals. Of those in clinical trials, 35 are being tested for safety and effective dosage in a small number of people (Phase 1), 19 are in expanded safety trials with 100s of people (Phase 2) and 11 are in large scale efficacy tests with a placebo control in groups of several 1000s (Phase 3). A further 6 vaccines have been approved for limited use, but none have yet been approved for widespread use.

During clinical trials, a trial will be paused if one of the subjects becomes ill without satisfactory explanation or if there are health differences between groups being monitored. This is normal practice and the trial can resume or be abandoned depending on the results of an investigation. So far three trials have been paused. One was resumed and the others are awaiting the outcome at the time of writing. In Phase 3 trials the vaccine

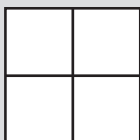


developers are looking for a difference in infections between the group receiving the vaccine and the group receiving the placebo; the groups having been matched as much as possible for characteristics such as age, sex, ethnicity, and likely exposure through work and lifestyle. It would, of course, be unethical to deliberately infect individuals.

The World Health Organisation has established a joint venture called COVAX which aims to share successful vaccines on the basis that it is better to ensure that some people get vaccinated in all countries rather than all people get vaccinated in only some countries. Many nations have signed up to this initiative, including the UK. However, the WHO anticipates that it will be at least mid-2021 before a vaccine becomes widely available.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at [nigeltbrown48@gmail.com](mailto:nigeltbrown48@gmail.com)

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# Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in October

At the time of writing, there have been no remote PC meetings during October, and no planning applications to consider. An update on the Cross Keys application is included below, plus the substance of two communications received by the PC, one from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) (the local electricity network company) about their free winter support services and the other from Wiltshire on the latest COVID-19 restrictions. I have also included a note about the December quarterly meeting.

## Recent planning applications

**20/05386/FUL – Cross Keys pub, Lyes Green; conversion of part of first floor to B&B rooms**

Wiltshire have approved this application, subject to standard conditions. Their decision report acknowledged neighbours' concerns about the drainage, but stated that "...arrangements of the site, with the foul water connecting up to an existing septic tank... do not fall within the control of planning legislation but that of Building Control, which has the necessary and relevant legislation to control such matters." Although the site is located within a Special Landscape Area (SLA), in which "the impact of development on the open nature and character of this land designation is a prime consideration", the Planning Officer concluded that "...the immediate locality consists of established residential buildings" and "the proposal would not harmfully impact on the surrounding open character of the SLA."

## Winter preparations

SSEN, who describe themselves as "the people who look after the wires and cables that bring electricity to communities throughout the north of Scotland and central southern England" have provide a comprehensive package of information offering a free registration service to allow residents to report power issues during the winter and receive priority treatment during planned or unplanned power cuts.

Their offer was accompanied by a very full suite of documents, but the basis is for a 24 hours a day service intended to:

- Contact you, or a nominated contact, in any need to switch off power to carry out essential maintenance
- Assist with connection to local emergency services
- Liaise with local authorities, emergency services and agencies, like the British Red Cross, to provide extra support to people on their Priority Services Register
- Provide emergency power supplies for those who use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity
- Provide portable generators during prolonged power cuts and safety advice tailored to your needs
- When requested, give advice on how to prepare for a power cut in a format that suits your needs, e.g. braille, text, phone, easy read, audio CD or a language other than English
- Offer provision to community during severe weather events and prolonged power



- outages, e.g. access to local welfare vehicles help us in our aim to provide meals, drinks, warmth and charging points.
- Give peace of mind. They offer a service where individuals can agree a password to use when dealing with the staff at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Their contact number, free of charge, is 0800 294 3259 and I have passed on full details of their scheme to the PCC and the WI for dissemination amongst their members and on social media. I have also asked the editor of The Bridge to give this scheme prominence on The Bridge website. Registration forms can be obtained from John Willcox, Parish Clerk (email [corsleypc\\_jdw@aol.co.uk](mailto:corsleypc_jdw@aol.co.uk)).

### **Covid 19 – new restrictions**

Following the recent change on COVID-19 restrictions, Wiltshire have published a summary of the new rules. It is recognised that this may well be out of date by the time of publication of this edition of The Bridge, but I have asked the editor to publish it on The Bridge website as well.

### **New three-tier local COVID-19 restrictions explained**

A three-tier system of local restrictions to curb the transmission of COVID-19 has been introduced in England. The new system will see different parts of the country placed under varying restrictions depending on their rates of infection. The restrictions in each tier are:

#### **Medium**

- Follow the rule of six if meeting indoors or outdoors
- Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

#### **High**

- No household mixing indoors
- Rule of six will apply outdoors
- Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

#### **Very High**

- No household mixing indoors or outdoors in hospitality venues or private gardens

- Rule of six applies in outdoor public spaces like parks
- Pubs and bars not serving meals will be closed
- Guidance against travelling in and out of the area
- Further measures which may be agreed locally

### **What tier is Wiltshire in?**

Wiltshire is currently in the medium (lowest) tier of the COVID-19 alert levels. This means current restrictions will stay the same. Please help to keep the rate of transmission low by continuing to:

Follow the 'Hands, Face, Space' guidance: wash your hands often and thoroughly, wear a face mask in enclosed spaces and keep two metres apart or one metre+ with a face covering or other protection

Follow the rule of six if meeting indoors or outdoors

### **Future Meetings**

As previously notified, our December meeting must take place as published as the annual approval of expenditure, precept bid for the following year and the three year budget plan are all taken at this meeting. Assuming that current restrictions remain in force, the plan is that this will be a virtual meeting, using Zoom. The agenda will be published as usual on the village noticeboards, together with access details for members of the public, the latter of which will also be published in the December edition of The Bridge and on The Bridge website.

### **Dates of next meetings**

Quarterly Meeting 7th December  
*Meetings held either by Zoom or in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7.30pm*

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# Six Open Doors

Dear All,

At the time of writing, we have been joined for nearly a month by my daughter and husband and baby Flora. It is such a wonderful privilege and joy to have them with us, particularly at this very difficult time where the constraints around large gatherings make being all together as a family at Christmas unlikely.

Being six months old, Flora has begun the adventure of being introduced to solid foods and it is highly entertaining watching her pick up and taste things for the first time, and the expression on her face as she does so. Imagine tasting mango for the first time, how wonderful! In fact most things are a source of wonder to this inquisitive little person; her reflection in a dark window, the chickens, the wind, the falling leaves, the light reflecting off some cutlery and, especially, the dog. To Flora, every day is a new adventure, an opportunity to experience and enjoy the world and all it has to offer. Watching Flora engage with her surroundings has made me realise that I have become rather inured to the wonder of our everyday existence and somewhat jaded and bogged down by worries about the future and the demands that come with my position.

In this very difficult time, where do we find wonder? When do we find the time to wonder?

I know it is not a good or helpful thing to do, but I click on the BBC news multiple times a day, which is a sobering experience given the situation we are in. It occurred to me that instead of clicking away multiple times I would be better to shut my computer, quieten my mind, and try to open my eyes to the wonder of my everyday existence instead.

In the midst of the worry and sorrow that COVID-19 is generating, there is still joy and wonder to be found if we can open our eyes to it, if we can consciously open ourselves to what the world has to offer.

I know I write about this repeatedly but it seems to me that a lot of us are tired and worn down by what is happening; to recapture our innate ability for wonder can be a helpful thing to do in these circumstances.. In her poem 'When death Comes', Mary Oliver writes:

'When it's over, I want to say: all my life  
I was a bride married to amazement.  
I was the bridegroom taking the world into my arms.'

In these challenging times we are living through, our God-given capacity for wonder is to be nurtured and treasured as a gift.

Love and prayers,  
Pauline

## **November Church Diary**

**Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day and All Souls**

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

5pm All Souls Service on Zoom

(Details will be on the weekly Newsletter)



**Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday**

10.55am Remembrance Service at the Chapmanslade War Memorial

10.55am Remembrance Service at the Corsley Memorial Playing Field

10.55am Remembrance Service at Kingston Deverill



**Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent**

10.30am St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

11am St Margaret's, Corsley: BCP Matins



**Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King & Sunday before Advent**

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Some services at St Margaret's Corsley are also being shown on Zoom and details will be made available during the week before on the parish newsletter

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Unfortunately our churches will not be participating in the scheme this year, owing to the COVID-19-related changes in box collection arrangements. With careful modifications to shoebox packing, children around the world can still be blessed with great joy and the good news of Jesus Christ. You can still do them in either of these ways:

Go to <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> for details of how to produce an online box. Traditional boxes can be delivered to Morrisons Supermarket in Warminster. Further details can also be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

The National Collection Week is the **9th to 16th November** 2020.

## Quiz!

### **It Grows in the Soil**

Our quiz is still running and there's plenty of time to take part! There are 50 questions to be answered by 28th November. If you would like to join in, it costs £3 per sheet, and there's a £20 garden voucher to be won for the highest scorer. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a draw.

To get your quiz sheet, contact Judith Helliard on 01373 832803 or Sue Fear on 01373 832074

## Join our 50/50 Club

### **Help our churches survive**

For only £24 a year or £2 per month, you can join the Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 50/50 club. Half of the payment is returned as prizes, while the other half goes towards supporting church funds – there's a £100 prize to be won each month! It is possible to pay by cash, cheque or standing order. If you would like to take part, you can sign up by contacting Neil Britten on 01373 832515.

## Our monthly BCP service

Our regular monthly BCP matins service is continuing this month on the third Sunday at St Margaret's in November. Thank you to everyone who joined us last month. We are delighted to see all our regulars but if you enjoy a traditional service you're more than welcome to come along!



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# This may not surprise you!

We are approaching that time of the year when we would normally gather in large numbers for a variety of reasons and, whilst what we want to commemorate or to celebrate will essentially be the same, the way we do it may be quite different.

Services in particular that would normally be held within a church building are not going to be possible in the same way and there are still restrictions on singing for the general congregation, although a singer or small socially distanced choir is allowed at present.

We are required, therefore, to think creatively on what we can realistically do – to remember our loved ones who have died as we would normally do at All Souls, how we can safely gather on Remembrance Sunday and also Christmas. We just do not know what we are going to be faced with when each time comes, so it will be important for all to keep checking and we will do our best to keep everyone informed in every way we can.

All Souls Day falls on 2nd November but we will be remembering our dearly departed loved ones on Sunday 1st November in the afternoon, if anyone would like to give us the name(s) of those to be remembered by Saturday 31st October, we will be happy to

read them out in a Zoom service at 5pm. Names can be sent to Pauline or Gay by email or phone (details in the centre pages).

There will be short Remembrance Day services at 10.50am at the War Memorial, Chapmanslade and the Memorial Playing Field, Corsley Heath. Please follow Government guidelines.

One of the most popular services in the year – the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, will not be held inside this year, but the crib will be in the porch of St. Philip and St. James', Chapmanslade and, depending on regulations, a short service will take place outside. It would be really helpful for people to please notify us of their intention to come and how many in their family bubble so that we can make sure there is space for everyone to socially distance. Again, please contact Pauline or Gay by telephone or email.

Our intention is to hold a digital Carol Service – more details next month. Details of services are in the centre pages but might be subject to change. We will do our best to keep everyone informed of any changes in our weekly newsletter, on our website and on the village Facebook pages.

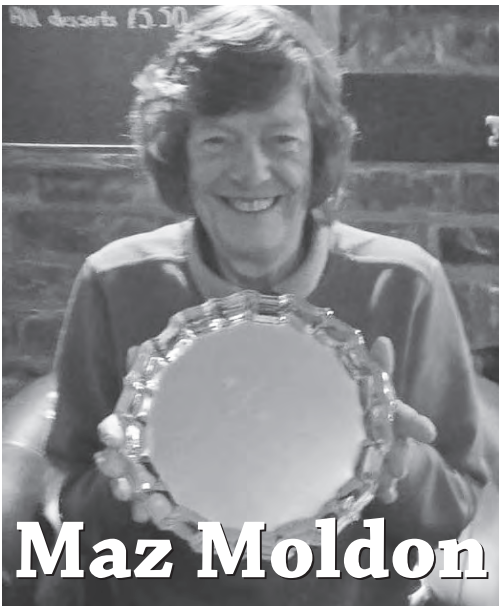
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## Maz Moldon

It's been a sad week for the Tower ringers, as well as for others in the village, having to say their farewells to Marion Moldon or Maz as she was fondly known by all.

Maz started bell ringing about eight years ago and it was not long afterwards that Dick Collins, the incumbent Tower Captain, retired and moved to Essex to be closer to his family. This left a vacancy in the tower which he was finding impossible to fill. Maz made the decision to take up the post because she felt that if it wasn't filled, ringing in Corsley would come to a sad end.

But she had taken on a tough challenge. Dick had recently had the bells surveyed which found the treble bell was severely cracked in many places rendering it unringable and the other five in need of extensive repairs, mainly with bearings and headstocks, as well as all six requiring considerable re-tuning. Maz was determined the tower would not 'fall silent' as so many have – looking through Dove's Tower Guide in the UK there is a large section for towers considered so. She was able to gain particular support from Corsley and the villagers were

very generous towards getting this resolved.

However, the bill started getting into the 10s of £1000s and Maz worked hard, applying to local and national organisations as well as the Diocese to reach the required figure – the bells have now been fully restored, retuned and rededicated and the results could be heard every Wednesday (practice night always proving a light-hearted meeting of ringers) and for the Sunday Service mornings.

On top of this the band was sorely depleted – Maz started a training programme and there are now a number of novices and successful ringers in the tower. We now have no problem in having our own full band for services, weddings and other occasions. We have also come first more than once in branch competitions.

As we all improved, tougher ringing methods were attempted, often six ringers would be fully focussed trying to ring some new method. You might find yourself ringing in the wrong order but could usually put yourself right. If Maz found she had made a mistake you'd just hear this little 'oops', everyone would lose their concentration and start smiling and we'd have to stop ringing and stand our bells. A moments pause followed and then a distinctive voice would say 'Sorry, I think that might have been me'. This was followed by yet more laughter. God bless you Maz, we'll all miss you.

Maz completed her first peal for the rededication of the bells last year in 2 hours 52 minutes and a peal board with the band's names has been completed for display in the ringing chamber to mark the event.

To Maz, ringing had become her life, and she'll be very sorely missed by the tower, her many ringing friends in the Devizes branch and beyond.

*Mike Attenborough  
Vice-captain Corsley Tower*

# Walking through lockdown

## The Imber Range path

Lockdown caused changes in all our lives. For me the greatest loss was the freedom to drive miles for daily walks, but being confined to Warminster and the surrounding area has been no hardship.

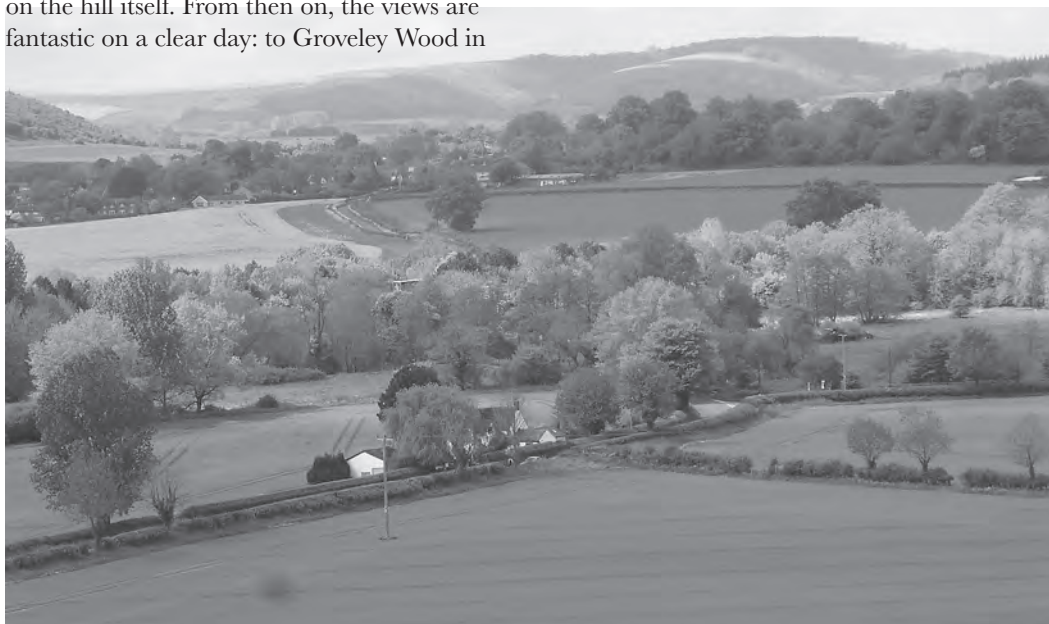
I've spent many mornings exploring the hills above town, sometimes parking at the pull-in by Cotley Hill roundabout, where the bypass joins the Salisbury road. From there, I go through the kissing gate to my left and begin the long slog uphill on the Imber Range path. At first, the path's steep, muddy, narrow and hemmed in by shrubbery, but the higher I climb, the more open the track becomes and the better the views. Having breathing problems, I sound like a steam train struggling uphill, but the rewards make every gasping breath worthwhile!

The path widens gradually and turns to grass, following the curve of this end of Cotley hill left for a long stretch, before I'm finally on the hill itself. From then on, the views are fantastic on a clear day: to Groveley Wood in

the left distance, to Norton Bavant and Sutton Veny across the Wylde Valley straight ahead, and to Cley Hill and Battlesbury Hill to my right.

This isn't a walk for the faint-hearted or those who can't stand full sunshine. Nor is it a good choice in bad weather; I've had occasions when low cloud's obscured the view and the paths! But on a cool clear day, there's nowhere better for views, or for the exhilaration that comes from pushing one's self to a sensible limit.

Once on top of Cotley Hill, admire the views over the Wylde Valley; then turn to study the hills you're now part of. Some of these have ancient settlements on top, hill forts that were once home to communities, 2500 years ago and more. Some include burial mounds at the summit (as on Cley Hill), or on the slopes, where ditches were dug with stone tools and deer antlers, and the removed material piled up to form banks.







On a sunny day there's little shade up there, or shelter from wind and rain. Personally, I don't use maps, so I often get lost, but on these hills, your destination or start point should be visible in some form, from where you are! If you do have a map or app, it will at least tell you which of this range of ancient hills you're actually walking on!

The Imber Range path runs on land mostly Army-controlled. There's no excuse for getting lost, veering into 'no man's land'

or becoming part of a mock battle; the paths are well-marked and most of them have signs at crossings. From the top of Cotley Hill, you can aim in almost any direction by following the signposts. Wander from one ancient hill fort to the next, secure in the knowledge that the ground's sufficiently open to see where you are, where you've been and, when you're tired, where you left your car!

*Gill Redman*

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## *community news*

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### **Corsley Reading Room**

# **Your 'village hall'**

### **Annual General Meeting**

As announced in the October edition of The Bridge, the committee has decided to hold the AGM on the planned date of 11th November as a Zoom meeting since the current COVID-19 rules will not allow us to hold an 'in person' meeting of more than six.

If you'd like to join us online then please register by sending an email to Jenny Ruty ([secretary@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](mailto:secretary@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk)) with subject "CRR AGM registration". Jenny will send you the sign-in details and any papers.

The plan is to open the Zoom connection at 7.15pm so people can connect in by 7.30pm for the meeting start. When the meeting starts it will be locked and no one else will be able to join.

There are no plans to discuss the options of refurbishment versus rebuilding. As and when there is anything to be said, the appropriate

opportunities to get involved will be given for all villagers who want to express a view; by the RR Committee and/or Parish Council.

### **Hiring the Hall**

While many of the normal uses of the Reading Room remain impossible due to the rules, we are happy to discuss any specific requests to hire which are allowed within the law and within our COVID secure building restrictions. All the latest rules and guidance are on our website and are regularly updated based on the latest guidance to village halls.

See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for more details.

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

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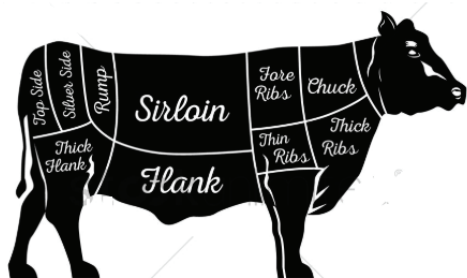
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We also offer an array of locally sourced meat and offer monthly boxed lamb and beef cuts that are vacuum packed, labelled and ready to freeze. Right now we have beef, lamb and venison burgers available while stocks last. Fresh, free range turkeys can be ordered for Christmas – please place your order by the end of November. Most weeks we fulfil orders for fresh, local, free range Castlemead poultry. In addition, we can source any meat that you would normally expect to find at your local farm shop. All orders are available for collection from the Cross Keys at Corsley and card payment can be taken.

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# Corsley Show update 2021

These are uncertain times and it is important that the community are aware of the plans, or rather the process for getting a plan, for the Show in 2021

There will be a meeting of the existing committee in early January 2021 to form a view of what may be feasible for a Show in 2021 to present to the Society AGM in February.

The constitution of the Society requires an AGM to be held within 15 months of the last one so the next AGM will be held by end February 2021 in order to:

- Formally agree the Society accounts for the last year
- Agree the outline plans for the Show in 2021
- Appoint a committee for the show of the officers/leaders
- Discuss and agree any changes to Society membership/subscriptions

The current view amongst those consulted so far is that any 2021 show should be much reduced and become focussed on the community of Corsley and Chapmanslade and probably relocated to a smaller/different area.

For the purposes of the AGM the membership is those who were members at the time of the 2019 show and all reasonable effort will be made to contact them directly,

and further information will also be in The Bridge, in due course.

If the COVID-19 rules mean it is not possible to hold a face-to-face AGM then it will be held using Zoom with papers issued beforehand and the opportunity to express support (or not) via post/email if unable to attend the Zoom meeting.

If anyone wants to discuss their thoughts over the next two months then they are welcome to do so with Olly Hares, Rob White, David Hood, Hugh Deed or Vanessa Hyde.

## Maz Moldon

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Marion (Maz) Moldon who had made a major contribution to the running of the Society, looking after membership for many years and carrying out many activities on the field setting up the show. She will be much missed. The Society has made a donation in her memory (with Maz's family's approval) in support of the church bells project that, as we know, was another of her passions.



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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the PC's October meeting

Chapmanslade Parish Council (PC) met virtually on the 8th October with seven members of the public attending. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and the following items were discussed:

### **Northacre incinerator**

A member of the public spoke to outline concerns in Short Street regarding the fall-out from the planned incinerator.

### **Ganders Heath planning application**

A member of the public spoke in support of the application to outline the difference between the current retrospective planning application and the previous application which had been dismissed on appeal.

### **Barthers Farm development**

A member of the public spoke to query who would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance costs of the drainage system and basin.

### **Matters arising**

### **Councillor vacancies**

There are currently three vacancies on the PC and councillors and attendees were encouraged to find volunteers to fill the posts to continue the PC's support to the community. Posts will be advertised on the parish website.

### **Northacre incinerator 20/06775/WCM**

The PC agreed to strongly object to this application on the grounds of:

- toxic pollutants outlined in government air

quality statistics posed a direct health risk to the parish

- there was an increased carbon footprint from both the proposed site and increased traffic that was contrary to Wiltshire Council's Climate Emergency and Environmental strategies.

### **Area Board Boundary Review**

The PC felt that there was no impact on the parish from this review.

### **Virtual meeting with our MP**

The PC agreed that this would be a very useful opportunity and that traffic issues should be at the top of the agenda, not least a further attempt to unlock Chapmanslade from the Wiltshire Council imposed deferment of a lower weight limit linked to improvements planned for the A303.

### **Planning applications**

#### **20/07175/FUL 126D High Street**

The PC had no objections to this application.

#### **20/07799/FUL Ganders Heath**

The PC objected to this application on the grounds that the access and parking requirements at the core of the application were not in place despite the applicant's statements in the application paperwork to the contrary.

#### **20/07952/VAR – Barthers Farm variation**

The PC supported this application which had taken into account concerns previously



outlined by existing boundary property owners and had made rectifications. The PC undertook to query the ongoing responsibility post build for the maintenance of the drainage basin system.

**2020/1901/SCREEN – Mendip Council – Proposed solar farm on Lodge Hill**

The PC will request Mendip Council undertakes an Environmental Impact Assessment for this site, with particular emphasis on footpaths and the potential impact of construction traffic on Chapmanslade.

**Next meeting**

The next PC meeting will be on **12th November at 7.30pm**. It is likely to be a virtual meeting and members of the public will be encouraged to attend by contacting the PC Clerk for joining information. Anyone wishing to speak or pose a question to the PC will need to inform the Chair and PC Clerk by Monday 9th November.



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# Football

## Reflections on a sporting life

One sportsman to whom the term ‘genius’ applies was George Best. One of the last great dribblers, he also had goal-poacher’s instincts and a fierce shot. His team-mate Denis Law could terrify defenders – at times he seemed capable of scoring at will! The only old-fashioned centre forward that I saw was John Atyeo: a lovely man, but like a battering ram in the penalty area. Defenders make the best captains; Bobby Moore impressed, thanks to his coolness and distribution. Tony Book formed an integral part of a very talented Manchester City team. When Ron Springett was England goalkeeper, I once saw him pluck a shot from the air as if picking fruit from a tree. I also remember Jim Montgomery performing heroics against the aforementioned Best and Law. Alan Hudson was a mercurial character, but on his day he controlled the midfield like an invincible general.

*Cake Monster*

**Answers to Bob’s Bafflers**

- 1 William Wordsworth
- 2 Tanzania
- 3 Oxford
- 4 Dick Van Dyke
- 5 Funeral expenses
- 6 Rachel
- 7 Morning Cloud
- 8 Yorkie
- 9 12 (up to September 2020)
- 10 50
- 11 Bolivia and Paraguay
- 12 3 (the number of letters in the numbers 1 to 10)

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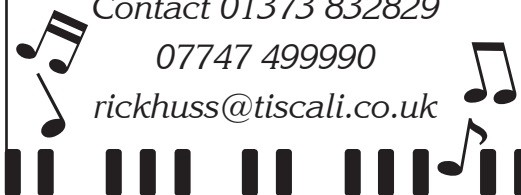
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*'They will enter Zion with singing...'*  
Isaiah 35, verse 10

## Preachers for November:

- 1st Richard Wilson, one of the Chapel's own preachers
- 8th Gary Woodall, from the Baptist Union
- 15th Russell Short, from Clink Evangelical Church
- 22nd Trevor Brain, from Operation Mobilisation
- 29th John Hobson, from Clink Evangelical Church

Do please don your mask and come to one of our socially-distant services, at 11am each Sunday! You'll be made very welcome!

## O God, our Help in Ages Past

Do you dream? Martin Luther-King's famous quote was, 'I have a dream', but after six months of COVID-19, we are more like Bing Crosby's 'I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones we used to know'!

We dream of normality, based on 'what it was'. Sadly, many of our dreams have turned to nightmares and burst bubbles. Will it ever be as it was? Does anyone know the future?

The Old Testament Jewish nation went from slavery to freedom into the Promised Land – then the process of exile followed, followed by the return and rebuilding once again. God sent prophets who revealed a vision for the future.

Isaiah 35 speaks of rejoicing and singing (no more face masks).

Zechariah 8, verses 4-5 speaks of children playing in the streets and the elderly feeling safe leaning on their 'zimmer frames' – no

social distancing or fear.

Let's not dream of what it was; God gives us a version of what it will be! Paul says in Philippians 3: 'forgetting the past I reach forward for what is ahead and promised by God'. God promises a future, a hope and an eternal home.

Isaac Watts' hymn says:

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.*

The hymn is based on Moses' Psalm 90, 'defining death':

Verses 1-2: God lives above death

*'You have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations'*

Verses 3-11: We live with death

*'You turn men back to dust'*

Verses 12-13: We learn from death

*'Teach us to number our days aright'*

Verses 14-17: We look beyond death

*'May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us'*

Faith gives hope as promised by God.

Remember, death is not the end (exit), but an entrance into God's eternal kingdom.

*Jim Short*  
Clink Evangelical Church

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# Countryside Matters

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Badgers increase their body weight by about 6% during the autumn and will sleep on and off during the winter months, coming out of their setts infrequently.

Squirrels and birds such as jays will have stored nuts, which are high in fats, and will track their winter larder by memory and smell.

We humans are not so clever, expecting the supermarkets to supply our needs 24/7, but I think if any good has come from this Coronavirus pandemic, we are at least appreciating the food on our table – especially the farm-to-table food we still enjoy in England.

Also, I hear many friends now proudly saying that their own garden produce has been laid-down – stored in trays, frozen, bottled, preserved or pickled, just as our parents and grandparents did.

The 5th November Bonfire Night celebrations may be a little subdued this year, but may I remind those who wish to enjoy a family gathering around a bonfire with a few bangers and sparklers, that domestic pets and animals such as horses can be traumatised by these noises if they are close to the sudden, unexpected bangs.

Please warn neighbours of your intention to celebrate with fireworks, whatever the date or time.

October saw most of the harvesting completed on the farms with yields varying, depending on when the crop was planted, whether the dry hot weather suited it or if there was enough rain to keep the plant growing; due to the new safety rules on the use of insecticide sprays some crops, such as oil-seed rape, were decimated by the rather voracious flea beetle.

Some hedges are being cut back before the fields are sown with next year's cereal crops, while other hedges are left for birds to forage seeds, berries and nuts or to give shelter to the sheep and cattle from wind and rain.

Frosts will quickly turn the trees with their fabulous autumn colours to interesting skeletal shapes, but we can still enjoy their sparkly branches, the lovely cobwebs and the sound of fallen leaves crunching under our feet.

Enjoy the sounds of the birds leaving their woodland shelter to forage on grain and cobs left by the combine harvesters and, in the early morning, the call of geese, swans and duck moving from their night-time ponds to their feeding grounds. In the evening you can hear the call of the pheasants as they settle for the night, with their sharp calls warning the flock to be on guard and to find their roosting branches way up in the trees away from foxes.

The countryside has much beauty in these greyer months and it makes getting home to a warm fire and hot drink after a good walk even more rewarding.

*Judith Helliar*



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