

The Bridge

November 2021

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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

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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 15th December**

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

November



Tuesday 2nd

FREE Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 3rd

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 4th

Corsley Show public meeting – come along and share your great ideas! 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 9th

Corsley War Memorial Playing Field Committee AGM – 7 pm, Cross Keys (back room)

Corsley Cricket Club AGM – 7.30 pm, Cross Keys (back room)

Wednesday 10th

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30 pm

Thursday 11th

Armistice Day

Warminster Area Board meeting – 7 pm, Civic Centre, Warminster

Corsley WI - 'An invitation to meet the Pope' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 14th

Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 17th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 18th

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

Wednesday 24th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 20th

Christmas Fair – 10 am to 3 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 27th

Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am to 12 noon, St Margaret's Church

Sunday 28th

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers Walk – 10.30 am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Diary Dates

December

Wednesday 1st

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Monday 6th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Lower Room)

Tuesday 7th

FREE Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 15th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 16th

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

January

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 20th

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

Wednesday 26th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

February

Tuesday 1st

Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 17th

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

Wednesday 23rd

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

please note that the deadline for submissions for the January issue is 15th December



Corsley Show Needs You!

7.30 pm, Thursday 4th November at Corsley Reading Room

We anticipate considerably downsizing the Show from 2022 onwards, so we're keen to hear what the residents of Corsley and Chapmanslade would like the Show to look like in the future.


Would you like to help out at the Corsley Show 2022? You don't have to join the committee if it's not your 'thing'; there are loads of jobs to do supporting the different elements of the Show. Maybe you just have a few hours to spare setting it up in the run-up to Show day, or taking it down, or maybe you have an area of expertise you think would be helpful to putting on the Show. If you'd like to join us, or have any sparkling ideas on the way forward for the Show, do come along and share them with us! We'd love to have you on board, so make a note of the date in your diary now!

7.30 pm, Thursday 4th November, Corsley Reading Room

If you would like to help, but are unable to attend this meeting, there will be a further opportunity to bring your ideas to the table!

Corsley Show Committee

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Bob's bafflers

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- 2 In which city would you find the International Court of Justice?
- 3 Which river flows past the gates of Balmoral Castle?
- 4 Who is Lord of the Isles, Earl of Chester, Baron of Renfrew and Duke of Rothesay?
- 5 What is the Chinese dumpling stuffed with meat or vegetables and often served in a clear broth called?
6. Which insect, found in Britain, is the heaviest?
- 7 In which British city did the Peterloo massacre take place in 1819?
- 8 Which company opened the first burger restaurant in Britain in 1954?
- 9 From which metal (and its alloys) are lightning conductors usually made?
- 10 The monarchs of which country sat on the Peacock Throne?
- 11 In which country is the headquarters of Nokia, the mobile phone manufacturers?
- 12 Crikey! I've just had a message from the machine named ERNIE, the power behind the Premium Bonds. Do you know what the initials ERNIE stand for?

Answers on page 40

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers

It's the great news that you have all been waiting for...

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers Walks are back!

We thought we would wait until the days cooled a little and you need just a little bit more of a nudge to get outdoors. So what better reason to adventure out than to join a lovely friendly group for a walk around the beautiful environs of Chapmanslade and its surrounding countryside - finishing up with a hot coffee (or cheeky pint) in the pub afterwards.

Our next walk will be on **Sunday 28th November at 10.30 pm**,
We'll be meeting as usual at the **Three Horseshoes** for a walk of around three/four miles.

Feel free to get in touch with **Jaimie 07740 473725**

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The return of Lite Bites

Wednesday 22nd September saw the return of Lite Bites to the Reading Room after more than an 18 month absence. We met in the large room sitting at socially distanced tables and all those who attended felt 'safe'.

The team were very pleased to be back serving our delicious soups to old friends and, I am pleased to say, some new ones too. September's soups were thick vegetable, mushroom, spicy tomato and carrot and coriander. I hope the list whets your appetite and encourages you to come and see us in October.

We had one minor hiccup when we were about to serve our soups - the electricity went of!! However, the ever helpful Hugh Deed came to our rescue and we were able to serve our soup hot rather than tepid.

Each month we ask our 'customers' if they would like to give a donation to a chosen charity and in September we raised £80 for the Air Ambulance.

The next Lite Bites is on Wednesday 24th November at 12.30 in the Reading Room and our charity will be the RNLI. Please come along with as many friends as possible and sample our sumptuous soups!!

Maureen Willcox for the Lite Bites team

A big 'Thank You' from Macmillan



Across Corsley and Chapmanslade, donations totalling £1,670 were sent to Macmillan in September.

This is the money raised at the Coffee Morning held on the 18th September, (£600) and an additional amount which was made up of donations (instead of gifts) to John and Judith Helliard on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Janet Buick, Anne Good and I would like to thank the volunteers from both villages who baked many delicious cakes and served them on the 18th. Thanks also go to Di and Legh Walker and their staff for once again donating plants for the tombola and, of course, thank you to those who came along on the day.

In their letter to us, the Macmillan Supporter Donation Team said *"Thank you so much for donating this fantastic sum to Macmillan Cancer Support. That is an incredible effort! We do appreciate all the energy, time and commitment you've all put in to raising this money. We are especially*

grateful to the couple who chose to support the work that we do with gifts from them and their generous friends, on such a special occasion.

Every single penny you raised will have been a tremendous help to people living with cancer during an extremely tough year. There have been more treatments put on hold, more calls to our helpline, and more isolation and money worries due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Your contributions, for example, could help run a small Macmillan Information & Support Centre for one week – potentially allowing us to reach hundreds of people and give them advice and guidance on a range of subjects relating to cancer treatment, financial support, or those who simply would like a chat. Your combined efforts and enthusiasm make all this possible."

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

John Willcox, rounds up the PC's activity in October

The PC met on 4th October with a full complement of councillors and six members of the public. The Vice Chair, Neil Carpenter, chaired the meeting and regretfully confirmed what had previously been reported to councillors; that the previous Chairman, Mike Butler, had resigned as Chair and also as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council agreed that at their next scheduled meeting, in December, they should elect a new Chair and, that in the interim, the procedures for the filling of the vacancy should be confirmed.

David Ball reported that he had met with Councillors from Chapmanslade and Maiden Bradley and members of the Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers Group (Lorry weight, not body weight!) to discuss the joint concerns about the HGV traffic that the villages suffer from. This group have penned a joint letter to Wiltshire Council asking for a meeting, which our MP, Andrew Murrison, has agreed to chair to discuss a positive way forward.

Planning

Two planning matters were discussed:

The first being the formal planning application that had been received for the further development of the Bay Tree Close site. Those that attended the Annual Parish Meeting will remember that the Wiltshire Council Project Manager for this development had given a presentation on the proposals. Following considerable discussion, which included input from the members of the public who attended the meeting, the Parish

Council agreed that they would have no objection to the application providing that:

- The new housing is made available to those in the village and with connections to the village (family, work, etc.) as a priority
- The opportunity is taken, now that land is not required for a village hall, to provide a better layout of the development and to ensure that any possible future development of the remainder of the site is accommodated in the best way, i.e. the development is not a computer generated design, along a perfectly straight road, that leaves difficult corners of the site unusable in the future
- As little as possible of the existing hedge fronting the A362 which provides biodiversity, noise abatement and pollution reduction, is removed. This would preferably be achieved by securing a 30mph speed limit through the village in that location, so that a smaller visibility splay is required. Replacement hedge planting along the A362 should also be of more mature and substantial vegetation to recreate privacy and reduce noise to new and existing residents as quickly as possible
- The access creates capacity for the possible future development of the site, but is not designed to provide vehicular access to additional land
- Foul water and surface water are dealt with in a sustainable manner that creates capacity for the possible future development

of the site and reduces the amount of land required for these services, considering taking surface water off site and an attenuation pond if needed

- The possible privacy and overlooking of existing dwellings is considered by planning officers using established principles
- Additional sustainable measures are accommodated in the design such as charging points for cars, or at least the required cabling
- No street lights are included in the development.

The second planning matter related to a request from Wiltshire Council for a pre-application consultation on land north of the Red Cottages, Corsley Heath (Councillor Oliver Hares left the room whilst this matter was discussed).

The Parish Council declined to make a detailed response to the pre-application request, but instead made the following points:

- The invitation to comment on the pre-application appears to be based on the erroneous assumption that the PC in some way has an interest in the village hall. Beyond being the Custodian Trustee in Charity Law of Corsley Reading Room (the village hall) the Parish Council, whilst obviously being interested in the future of the village hall, do not have an ‘interest’ in it. It is a registered Charity managed by a body of trustees separate from, and independent to the Parish Council

- A recent (2020) survey in the village has shown that there is little support for anything other than a redevelopment of the current Reading Room on its existing site. In other words, there is no desire in the village for the village hall to move to the area detailed in the pre-application
- The PC has an interest in any potential development in the village and would welcome being in a situation where a formal application is received; the community could then be consulted, the PC can debate in a public forum and appropriate thoughts and comments can then be advised.

Footpaths

A report on the state of the kissing gates and stiles was given. It was agreed that Alice Helliar should complete the survey of gates and footpaths. Provision will be made in the next budgetary cycle for a programme of repairs and maintenance.

Other matters

Councillor Mitchell gave a preliminary report on the issue of horses and road safety. It was agreed that she should continue her research and a further report will be made at a later meeting.

Dates of next meetings

(as currently planned)

Quarterly Meeting 6th December

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

As I said in last month's letter, the life of a vicar in the time from late August until Christmas is a busy one with lots of remembering. I would imagine that in this period of flux and change, of worry about rising food and fuel prices and the possibility of shortages of day-to-day goods, most of us are a bit twitchy. Then there's the double whammy of warnings about a serious flu epidemic along with the uncertainty of how COVID-19 infection is going to behave when we spend more time indoors in the winter months. We might look back and remember with nostalgia those halcyon days when we didn't have to worry about such things.

It is in times of change and uncertainty that I really appreciate the seasons and festivals of the Church that come around every year and provide a framework, if you like, to hold the worries and uncertainties that are so much part of our lives at the moment. Every year we give thanks to God for all the good things we enjoy at harvest, we remember those with whom we have shared love at All Souls' Day and those who gave, and continue to give, their lives in the service of their country, on Remembrance Sunday. In a few week's time it will be my very favourite season of the Church's year, Advent, when we look back to the great prophets who spoke of a future that for most of them was centuries in its fulfilment. At Christmas we look back at that moment more than 2000 years ago when God chose to be born as a vulnerable baby to share at the deepest level the vulnerability as we try to end uncertainty of what it means to be human.

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

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

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

Love and prayers
Pauline

November Church Diary

Sunday 7th November: 3rd Sunday before Advent

8 am Holy Communion at Kingston Deverill

9.30 am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley

10.30 am Morning Worship at Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Day

10.50 am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Chapmanslade

10.50 am Remembrance Service at Kingston Deverill

10.50 am Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Corsley

10.50 am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Horningsham



Thursday 18th November

10 am until 12 noon Church and Community Coffee Morning
at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade



Sunday 21st November: Sunday next before Advent

10.30 am Eucharist at Brixton Deverill

11 am BCP Matins service at St Margaret's Corsley



Saturday 25th November

Christmas Coffee Morning at St Margaret's Church Corsley



Sunday 28th November: Advent Sunday

9.30 am Eucharist at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 5th December

3 pm Advent Christingle Messy Church

at Chapmanslade Church or School Hall (to be confirmed)

Harvest Events

The first half of October was really busy with a number of Harvest events

2nd and 3rd October

Harvest Flower Festival and Songs of Praise at St Margaret's Corsley

St Margaret's church was filled with beautiful flowers for this very successful fundraising event linked with a Harvest Festival Songs of Praise at the end of the weekend. £558 was raised for Parish funds. Generous donations of food at the Songs of Praise resulted in this letter from Warminster and District Food Bank:

Dear Judith,

On behalf of Warminster Foodbank may we say a big thank you to yourself and Corsley Flower Festival for the generous collection in support of our Harvest Festival in the Foodbank. The total weight of your donation was 58.5kgs and, given the difficult times we are experiencing just now, this was greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Management Team and Trustees

6th October

Chapmanslade School harvest services at St Philip and St James'

Parents and students came together for two wonderful services celebrating Harvest. It was great to be able welcome them all back into the church for the first time since the pandemic began. Flowers from St Margaret's Flower Festival filled the church and many gifts of food were brought for the food bank.

9th October

Parish Harvest Supper

Almost 50 people gathered at Chapmanslade Village Hall for the first time in two years. In order to maintain space the numbers were limited, but everyone enjoyed a lovely meal together and great company. £300 was raised for Parish funds.

10th October

Harvest Festival service at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade

With some of the flowers from St Margaret's added to by the Chapmanslade Flower team, the church looked amazing for this service. Collections at both this service and the Songs of Praise at St Margaret's on 3rd October, amounted to £307, which is being donated to The Farming Community Network, a charity that supports farmers and families in need. Additional food gifts were added to the school donations, and have been sent to the Warminster food bank.

17th October

Harvest Messy Church at St Margaret's

Parents, young people and helpers had a great time enjoying activities, stories and food. This was one of a programme of Messy Churches being rolled out across the Benefice. The Advent Christingle and Messy Church is in Chapmanslade on 5th December.

None of these events and activities would have been possible without the generosity, dedication, time and effort of teams of volunteers and donors who all deserve the most enormous 'Thank You' from us all.

Each month, Church and Community Coffee Mornings take place every third Thursday at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade from 10 am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome, so please come and use this chance to meet old and new friends.

Can you help?

We still have vacancies for a Churchwarden at St Margaret's Corsley and a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish. Rev Gay Maynard is currently the person to contact for anything related to St Margaret's.

Join the 50/50 Club!

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 with the other half supporting church funds. There is a £100 prize to be won each month! You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order and if you would like to take part, you can sign up with Neil Britten on 01373 832515.

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Memories of Corsley School

Drama Day

David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...

At one Spring Term staff meeting we decided it would be a fun way to bring a topic based on 'The Victorians' to life if we had a Victorian Drama Day for the whole school! One hopefully sunny day in June was chosen as the day when everyone, both children and staff, would dress up in Victorian style clothing and re-enact a typical day in a Victorian school.

A letter was sent out to parents asking them to send their children to school dressed in Victorian style clothing on the big day (list of suggested items of clothing included). For those who usually brought sandwiches for their midday meal suggested items for their lunch boxes were also included and the kitchen that provided school dinners for the school was asked to provide a basic meal of a hunk of bread with cheese or meat, some salad and an apple for pudding. The teachers planned a day of activities for their children based on a Victorian-style curriculum and a special visitor was booked to make an appearance at some time in the morning – the School Inspector!

At that time Wiltshire had a number of 'Subject Advisers' and the adviser for drama was an exuberant larger than life character called Roger Day. He once rang County Hall from a call box on Devizes Green to say that, unfortunately, he was unable to leave the call box at that time and would be late for his meeting that afternoon. When asked what the problem was he said that there were two



lions prowling around outside! This was met with a degree of scepticism, but it turned out that two lions had escaped from a circus on Devizes Green just outside the comprehensive school and Roger had indeed taken refuge in the call box!

When asked if he could play the role of a Victorian School Inspector at the schools Victorian School Day, Roger readily agreed and the time of his arrival and the nature of his 'inspection' was agreed. The big day arrived and after their safe arrival by car and coach the children were formally lined up in their classes on the playground, registers were called and they then followed their teachers into their classroom to begin the day's lessons. Overnight, the classroom furniture had been rearranged into rows of double desks facing a blackboard with slates and chalk for the children to write with and, after a morning prayer, lessons began. In my class we began with a maths lesson, followed by handwriting and a spelling test. Just before 10.30, the oldest class formally lined up on the front path to greet the Inspector. At this moment, the spell was broken somewhat by the appearance of two modern-day visitors with cameras –

they were a New Zealand couple on holiday who just happened to be passing in their car and asked if they could watch what was happening! Roger arrived a few minutes later explaining that he couldn't tether his horse outside the church because a 'strange four-wheeled contraption' was in the way!

Safely back in the classroom, the inspection began and Roger was brilliant as the stern and humourless inspector who certainly put all the

children 'on the spot' with quick-fire questions about a variety of subjects. He departed at lunchtime and, after their 'bread and cheese' lunch, the children had a more relaxing afternoon with a very formal PE lesson on the playground followed by some artwork and ended the day with an assembly led by our Vicar (and Chair of Governors), Dennis Caddy.

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Church and Community Coffee Mornings

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The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Walking through lockdown

Riverside walk

For this mixed grass-and-road walk, I parked in Frome's main car park, where the Cheese and Grain is. If you're intending to shop and/or lunch after the walk, make sure you put enough money into the parking meter, say three hours or more!

Walk back to Bath Street, where the Frome Museum is, and cross the bridge into Willow Vale. There are handsome buildings on the left side of this street, a former mill at Mill House Court and, further on, Barrow's Sack Merchants and Frome Feather Co., with its strange rounded corner. You'll pass Willow Vale House, which looks Georgian to me, and then Riverside Terrace, a row of perhaps Victorian houses with an upstairs wooden verandah along the fronts. Beyond that is a row of possibly-Georgian terraced homes, all with gabled attic windows. This row may once have



been just two houses, with the attic windows providing light for the servants' sleeping quarters, as the row has just two semi-circular stone 'porches'.

Ahead of you is a Mendip Railway (quarry) bridge. Go under that and it'll feel like you're in a rural setting. On your left will be a stone stile and a wooden sign telling you that's the way to Frome's Millennium Green, but opposite the stone stile is the Riverside Path and an open grassy area; go that way. Follow the line of the river curving left and there are benches there should you want to pause for a while.

Eventually, the river track joins a tarmacked path – you're in the right place if the wooden fence at the far side of the path has 'artwork' on. Turn left, with the fence on your left and a row of bungalows will appear on the left, too; their fronts face Rodden Road. You'll go under a lovely two-arch brick and stone railway bridge, with an iron bridge after it. Keep walking and a pedestrian 'flyover' appears, crossing the river. It's part of the Sustrans 24 cycle and walking track; go that way.

Step off the flyover and you'll pass a five-bar metal gate with a paper sign on, about protecting the wildlife area; turn left immediately after the gated area, walking a narrow path fronting a row of modern three-storey homes. When the path becomes

a dead end, I think beside what's left of the Carpet Factory, turn right. You'll be on an estate of modern homes with Dixon Health Chiropractors ahead of you. Walk that way and you're in Harris Close. Follow the left bend and ahead of you should be green metal spiked fencing. Again, go straight ahead and you'll see this area is signed as Waters Edge.

Stay with the green metal fencing and you'll find you're back at the gate with the 'wildlife' notice on, while ahead of you is the pedestrian flyover. Use it and turn left at the end, retracing some of the hard path you did earlier. Coming from this angle, the stone-and-brick arched bridge looks interesting and intriguing in its construction, with arches under arches. Pass the bungalows now on your right, but stay on the main path. Next is the wooden 'artwork' fence and gardens on the right, until you pass more 'artwork', this time decorating the end of a building on your right. You can't miss it! There's a cross-tracks here, with a rickety galvanised garage on your left.

Go straight ahead, still marked as the Sustrans 24 trail. The path curves and splits, but keep going till you see a bin on your right, with steps going uphill beside it. Go that way and you'll be on Frome's Millennium Green.





When you reach the top of the steps, climb more steps going uphill again at your right; they lead to a viewpoint, a semi-circular stone-and-railings structure. On the slope below you are two stubby stone markers, one with a poem by Christina Rossetti and the other with one by Siegfried Sassoon; there's also a tall stone sculpture nearby. The path you're on here leads into North Parade car park.

Once you're there, return to the main car park using Bath Street or by crossing the road and using the exit road from the car park itself.



*Love lights the sun
Love through the dark
Lights the moon's evanescent arc:
Same Love lights up
The glow-worm's spark*
Christina Rossetti

As you've walked two to three miles, check your car parking ticket and, if you have time, why not walk a bit further, up Cheap Street to The Settle; that's what I usually do for a break when I'm in Frome!

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Corsley WI

October news

Alice Helliard reports on an evening akin to the 'Antiques Roadshow'



Going, going, gone!

Gareth Wasp from Cooper and Tanner, Standerwick, came along to the Reading Rooms to enlighten a bumper audience (which included 11 lovely guests) as to what happens when the gavel falls in an auction room!

All were met with a glass of wine or lovingly prepared mocktail and nibbles awaited people as they sat down at tables to enjoy the evening.

Gareth has worked for some of the big names such as Sotheby's and observed 'The Massacre of the Innocents' artwork by Rubens selling for £40+ million in 2002, the highest value piece of artwork auctioned in London at the time. He has also followed others such as the TV celebrity Charles Hansen closely from his humble beginnings of selling antiques in pubs, having to sleep with them overnight as he couldn't get any insurance. He was involved in selling the infamous artist Jack Vettriano's 'Singing Butler' as well as the characters from Spitting Image.

Gareth met national fame and hit the headlines in all the national press when he found two Cartier rings, jumbled in with a box of costume brought to him by a lady local to Frome. The 4 carat diamond ring made £42,000 and the Ceylon Sapphire ring £28,000 at auction. The rest of the box was valued at £100!

He explained how the world of antiques and auctions was changing with 65% of the Standerwick bidders being on the internet,

of those 40% had never seen the objects in person before bidding, and that bidders were registered as far afield as China, Hong Kong and Canada. Currently British Modern Art and Digital Art were popular in the sales rooms, people are not wanting 'brown furniture', that diamonds and sapphires are always popular with the price of gold and silver rising in a recession.

Gareth then went on to discuss some of the objects that had been brought in by members discussing dates, uses and values. No one was going to become a millionaire overnight but there were some surprises in the age and importance of some of the items.

A great night was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Corsley WI is 'An invitation to meet the Pope' at 7.30pm on 11th November in the Reading Rooms.

If you're interested in joining the Corsley WI please contact me!

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Local projects and priorities

Introducing Bill Parks, Wiltshire Councillor
for Warminster North and Rural



I am honoured to have been elected as your Wiltshire Councillor and would like to thank residents for allowing me four years to represent you.

I thought it might be useful to remind

everyone that all Unitary Councillors in Wiltshire are members of their Area Board; for Corsley and Chapmanslade this is the Warminster Area Board. The Board exists to work alongside local groups and organisations, to help find solutions to local issues. Funding is available for suitable projects that enhance the lives of residents. Recently, I was pleased to support the successful grant application for some additional play equipment in Corsley Memorial Playing Field.

We are aiming to engage much more with local people and hope that our meetings will attract members of the public who are interested in getting involved with projects in their communities.

We have already had an informal meeting to discuss some of the priorities that we wish to focus on at the start of this new administration and these include, youth engagement, social

isolation, digital inclusion (a programme designed to help older people to access online services).

We also have specific funds set aside to help support local youth networks for young people from 13-19 years and up to 25 years in some circumstances. We want to engage much more with younger people who may have different ideas for projects and activities that will benefit them.

I would like to work closely with Parish Councils who are often a source of great ideas, but if you have any local projects that you think the Area Board could help with, please don't hesitate to get in touch. The next meeting is at **7pm on Thursday 11th November**. Meetings are usually held at Civic Centre in Warminster, but this is to be confirmed due to possible COVID-19 restrictions.

As always, please do contact me if you think I can help with any local issues.

Best wishes

Bill Parks

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the PC's activities in October

The PC met on the 14th October in the Village Hall.

Weight limit

A joint letter in cooperation with Maiden Bradley and Corsley PCs regarding the weight limit adjustments that have been pending since 2006 was agreed and will be sent to Wiltshire Council.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

- **PL 2021/09062**

10 Cleyhill Gardens BA13 4AX

Proposed attic Conversion with two dormers.

Decision: no objections were raised on this application.

- **PL 2021/08771**

8 Southcroft BA13 4AU

Householder planning permission for dormer windows to replace Velux windows

Decision: no objections were raised on this application.

- **PL/2021/06379**

Thoulstone Farm, BA13 4AN

Conversion of existing farm outbuilding to create single residential dwelling and proposed extension on western elevation. (Additional permission to 19/10721/FUL which permitted conversion to three residential dwellings)

Decision: following extensive discussion, the council's decision was to object to this latest

version of this application.

- **PL/2021/09220**

**Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)
Barters Farm, 45 High Street, BA13 4AL**

Proposed replacement windows and rear door.

Decision: no objections were raised on this application. A comment was added that it was good to see proposals which focused on thermal improvements.

- **PL/2021/09219**

118 High Street, BA13 4AW

Householder planning permission, for replacement of front hipped roof with gable and extension of side elevation dormer.

Decision: no objections were raised on this application

The next meeting is scheduled for 11th November at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit **www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk**
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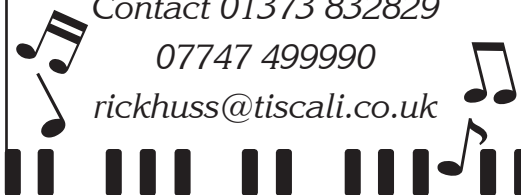
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Whitbourne Chapel

'Do not be anxious about your life...'

Matthew 6:25

Seriously, Don't Worry!

'Don't worry about anything' they say to you. Really? I'm in the middle of a major life crisis and all you can say is 'don't worry'? As annoying and unhelpful as these words may seem, it's usually pretty good advice that isn't just some new-age, unhelpful and vague motivational talk. These are words from Jesus Himself, given for a very specific reason.

When Jesus was giving the Sermon on the Mount, these words were part of it: "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Why did Jesus give the crowd this advice? He knew that His Disciples (and anyone else hearing this) would worry about things in life. We naturally worry about things because, in reality, we don't like not to know what will happen next. Many of us have heard well-meaning Christians say these words to us, or point us to this passage, and it's done in good faith. But this advice can be so hard for us to take because, after all, we're the ones going

through the pain and they're not.

So, when we DO go through pain, suffering, trials, hardship and issues in life, we shouldn't worry. Why not? Because we can trust that God will help us and will never leave us, no matter what is happening. It's this truth about God that led David to write the many Psalms, some of which are the most quoted parts of the Bible, whilst either on the run from his enemies or in the middle of a national crisis.

God doesn't leave us to deal with our problems solo. He doesn't give us unhelpful and vague 'pep talks' that do little to actually help us deal with the situation. He stays with us, helps us, points us back to Himself, an everlasting source of joy, and gives us a grander perspective on life. After all, what problems can be bigger than God Himself?

Will Windess

Clink Evangelical Church

Causes for celebration

The Chapel's had a busy year so far; a lot of work's been done indoors and out. Added to that, we have another wedding taking place this month. Isn't that wonderful?! Also, despite losing 'Grandad' Ron Stone, we've gained new members. In what's been a difficult year, it's good to have causes for celebration!

Please remember:

If you need help or simply someone to talk to, ring 01373 464244 or 07980 013685 and we'll do our best to help you. Otherwise, visit our website www.whitbournechapel.org.uk or google 'Whitbourne Baptist Chapel'.



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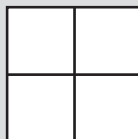
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Harvest is home

It was with great relief that by mid October all the crops had been harvested.

It really is a great comfort knowing that there is enough home-produced feedstuffs stored in barns, ricks and sealed pits to take us through the next five to six months.

Although the weather in 2021 has not been ideal, the modern forecasting of weather for the coming 24 hours, days and weeks allows planning for working the ground, sowing the seed, spraying and harvesting.

It doesn't stop the headaches when the ground is waterlogged and you cannot get onto the ground to plough or direct drill; the seeds may be eaten by birds and the germination spoilt by poor temperatures or insects.

Farmers are spraying crops far less than 20 or 30 years ago due to concerns with sprays going into the food chain either directly on cereals, fruit or vegetables. Spraying can only be carried out when the plants are dry and there is little wind, ensuring the spray goes directly onto the plant.

Concerns regarding contamination of streams and rivers means that all liquid and solid manures are carefully applied to the soil so that there is sufficient for the land, pasture or arable crop, but not too much that it will

run into water courses and eventually into rivers.

With the world leaders meeting here in UK for COP26 this year, farmers are looking to do their part in reducing carbon emissions by using less fossil fuels where they can.

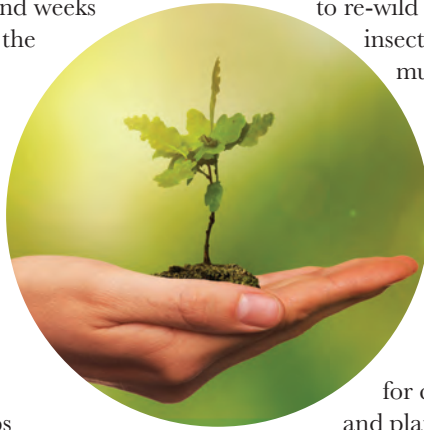
This means producing more of our own food crops and allowing pockets of land to re-wild to encourage wildlife for insects, bees, birds and mammals to multiply.

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, it would be good to see landowners and farmers planting small plantations of trees to replace those dying of ash die back and Dutch Elm disease.

Volunteers may be needed for clearing ground, purchasing and planting the trees and their protective sleeves, fencing off suitable areas will also cost time and money but, if we want this countryside to be enjoyed by our children and grand children, then we must act now, before it is too late.

My usual request for November for all those planning any kind of firework party, do let your neighbours know, so that dogs and cats can be kept indoors and horses stabled for the night.

Judith Helliar



Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

Coming up in November...

Christmas Fair

Saturday 20th November

See the advert in this edition of The Bridge.

Reading Room AGM

7.30 pm, Wednesday 10th November.

Corsley Reading Room Meeting

Secretary wanted – could it be you??

As mentioned previously, we are seeking a volunteer to succeed Jenny Rutty as the secretary for our meetings. We would very much like to have someone new to the team take on this role. It can be your choice as to whether you also become a trustee and participate more fully in the meetings, decisions and Reading Room activities.

If you would like more information, please contact me or Jenny Rutty (secretary@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk). Meetings typically happen five or six times a year and are about two hours long.

Next Coffee Mornings

(FREE until 2022)

Tuesdays 2nd November and
7th December at 10 am

Come and find out what is going on
and make new friends!

Please check the website for any late changes!

Improvements

We have invited bids and are investigating grants to renew the roof, gutters, etc., and improve the roof insulation. We hope such work might be possible in spring/summer 2022.

See www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal

Hopefully you will have seen my piece in the October edition of The Bridge regarding this year's Poppy Appeal. House-to-house collections will be taking place from 30th October to 13th November. If you are in any doubt whether a collector is genuine, please ask them to show you their collectors certificate of authority. If you miss the house-to-house volunteers, boxes will be available at all the pubs and Acres Supply, or please do contact me.

Many thanks in advance for everyone's help and support.

Jackie Jasper

Corsley and Chapmanslade area Poppy Appeal Coordinator

01373 832301

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 The liver
- 2 Sometimes known as The World Court, it was established in 1945 by the United Nations and its seat is The Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands
- 3 River Dee
- 4 Prince Charles
- 5 Wonton
- 6 Stag beetle
- 7 Manchester
- 8 Wimpy
- 9 Copper
- 10 The Shahs of Persia (Iran)
- 11 Finland
- 12 Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment
– I can't retire to the Caribbean yet as it was a £25 win, better than nothing though, so I'm grateful!

Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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