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November 2022

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!

File types

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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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

**Please note that no
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after this date**

Diary Dates



November

Tuesday 1st

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

Saturday 5th

Christmas Fair – 10 am to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 8th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 9th

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Corsley War Memorial Playing Field Committee AGM – 7 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

Corsley Cricket Club AGM – 7.30 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30 pm

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI - 'The Still Sisters' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 16th

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

Thursday 17th

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

Wednesday 23rd

Light Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room – everyone welcome!

Wednesday 24th

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Saturday 26th

Chapmanslade and Corsley Churches Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Quiz with Bob & Bob – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

December

Saturday 3rd

Christmas by Candlelight - with the Dolce Singers – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

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7.30pm Saturday 26th November

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News from Chapmanslade Village Hall

This month there are lots of ‘thank you’s to be given...

Some improvements at the hall! We were very grateful to the Community Payback Team who brought along some of their clients to do some decorating for us – great work by them – we now just need to do the upper walls and ceiling! An enthusiastic team of volunteers came along one sunny Sunday afternoon at the end of September to carry out some hard work cleaning and painting the outside of the pavilion, having first removed ivy and brambles, whilst consuming homemade cakes and cups of tea – some of you may have seen the photos on Facebook. Many thanks to those involved.

The trim track is coming along slowly – hard work for the volunteers here. Thank you to Richard Ballam and his team for storing and then moving all the planings from

when the road at the end of the village was resurfaced (the lorries were too big to deliver to the hall!)

A couple of new village social events have taken place – a relaxed outdoors family social evening at the end of the summer and our first ever film night – thanks to our new committee members for these successful events which will be repeated.

Our next Quiz Night with Bob & Bob will be on 26th November (see advert above). Our lovely chef Wendy has hung up her village hall apron – we thank her for all the lovely suppers she has cooked over the years – very much appreciated by us all. We are therefore having a chip supper – food will need to be ordered when purchasing tickets.

Of course we must not leave without thanking all of you for supporting the hall in any way – we could not carry on without you!

Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal 2022

27th October – 13th November

Remembrance Sunday – 13th November

Armistice Day – Friday 11th November

Last year, Corsley and Chapmanslade donated £2671.69 to the Royal British Legion during the Poppy Appeal which was fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously and to the volunteers who go out in all weathers to every house in both Corsley and Chapmanslade.

By the time you read this many of the collectors will already have been out doing their rounds. If you were away, they will have left an envelope to collect later. This year we can take contactless payments, although we have only been allocated one device. Please contact me if you would like to donate by contactless transaction or to collect an envelope.

The work that the Royal British Legion does every day has a huge impact and can change peoples' lives. More than ever before they are providing crisis grants in times of need as well as specialist dementia care and sport-based recovery programmes for wounded, injured and sick Service and ex-Service personnel.

None of this would be possible without your continued support, so thank you very much.

Please do contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding the appeal and if you would like to help with the Appeal, I would be delighted to hear from you!

Jackie Jasper

Corsley and Chapmanslade Area

Poppy Appeal Coordinator

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Our late Queen served as Patron of the Royal British Legion from 6th February 1952 until her death. We are immensely thankful for Her Majesty's faithful service, and joined the entire Armed Forces community in mourning the loss of its Commander-in-Chief. The Queen's unwavering dedication to the British Armed Forces will be greatly missed.

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 What is the medical name for chicken pox?
- 2 Who wrote "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"?
- 3 Which acid was known as "Oil of Vitriol"?
- 4 In which month of the year is St Crispin's Day?
- 5 According to the old rhyme, what does Saturday's child do?
- 6 Who wrote the horror story "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
- 7 Which African country is quite literally named "Lion Mountain"?
- 8 What US State has the highest population?
- 9 What is measured using an Anemometer?
- 10 The poster for which 1979 film used the tag-line "In space no one can hear you scream"?
- 11 In which country is Chianti wine produced?
- 12 What is the only letter of the alphabet which does not appear in any of the names of the 50 American states?

Answers on page 40

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Corsley Fayre

Corsley Show Society Annual General Meeting and new help required

A public meeting is to be held, along with the Society's AGM, on
Wednesday 16th November at 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Everyone is welcome!

The 2022 Corsley Fayre was a great success judging by the comments from visitors, traders and those who supported us but, to ensure the Fayre's survival, we need more help!

We need new people to join the committee and to take on leading/key roles to make the Fayre viable in 2023.

Would you like to get involved or perhaps know someone who might be interested?

Do you have, or want to develop, the skills/ experience to take on one of the roles?

Come along to the meeting and offer up your services!

The page opposite describes the roles we need filling with a short outline of the key tasks. There is, of course, the opportunity for the new committee to re-jig the key responsibilities of the roles.

If you are interested but unable to attend, or just want to find out more, then please email: treasurer@corsleyshow.org.uk

On behalf of the Corley Show Society/ Corsley Show Ltd



Corsley Fayre Vacancies

Project Lead

- Overall management of the Fayre
- Allocation/coordination of tasks
- Procurement of insurance
- Chair main committee meetings

Field Coordinator

- Coordination of the showfield – layout, acquisition of facilities, ie. marquees, toilets, etc.
- Leading up to the show and on the day.

Marshals/Stewards Coordinator

- Identify and agree stewarding requirements with H&S Coordinator and Field Coordinator
- Manage acquiring those volunteers/resources and scheduling i.e. parking, traffic flow, pedestrian flow/safety, etc.

Treasurer

- Manage all financial matters, bank accounts etc.
- Submit reports to HMRC and Companies House
- Arrange accounts for AGM, arrange independent examination of accounts. There is a requirement for this post holder to become a director of Corsley Show Ltd

Sponsorship

- Identify potential (local) sponsors and obtain sponsorship to help offset the costs of the Fayre.

Press/PR/Publicity

- Create copy and ensure pre-event press coverage in local publications/radio
- Social media
- *Please note that this role will require a good standard of written communication*

Entertainment/Trade Stand Support

- Active assistance to the Entertainment/Trade Stand Coordinator i.e. emails/letters of engagement, supplier's insurance certificates, food hygiene certificates, etc.

Membership Coordinator

- Historically, the Society had paying members who, in return, had free entry to the Show (as was). This situation is fluid and may or may not be continued. Previously, the role included:
- Maintenance of the membership roll
- Emails/letters to members
- Collection of payments, etc.

For most roles, guidance/advice is available to help you into the position and better understand what is expected, if required

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead rounds up the PCs meetings in September and October

Parish Council Meetings were held on the 8th September and 13th October.

The September meeting opened with a minute's silence to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to remember her unstinting service to our country and Commonwealth over 70 years.

Operation London Bridge having been enacted just prior to the meeting the Chair chose to continue with a shortened meeting to clear outstanding planning applications.

Planning

Three applications were considered:

- Thoulstone Farm: PL/2022/05649: The Council objected to this application on the grounds of the proposal having a 30% increase in footprint. The Council continued to be concerned that the overall site was creeping ever further into the agricultural land to the South and that the role of the proposed dwellings remained undefined. There remains a risk that a small hamlet will be created at this site, which is outside the village development area with housing that is surplus to the village requirement and, which will have been built side-stepping the payment of any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Siting of a temporary mobile home on land for a stud at Huntenhull Lane: PL/2022/05299: The Council objected to this application on the grounds that neither a business nor agricultural case had not

been made justifying the need for the work, and that the proposed menage required significant land work that would leave a visible impact on the site which is within the Special Land Area

- 30 Southcroft: PL/2022/06261: Erection of a single storey dwelling at the rear of 30 Southcroft. The Council supported this proposal but commented that access and turning criteria needed to be reviewed and the provision for water run-off was updated.

In a wide-ranging meeting in October which picked up issues carried over from the previous meeting, the following key points were discussed:

Reports were received on:

- **Traffic Group:** a Highways Request has been submitted for a topographical survey as the basis for further work to increase road safety and reduce speed in the village. It was noted favourably that a Travel Plan for the village School was being progressed as this is an expectation of Wilts Council for any road works associated with road safety in the vicinity of the school.
- **Dog Bin Wood Lane:** all the permissions and funds are in place for this to be moved. An action was taken for the volunteer group to move this forward.

Finance

- The CIL funds remain unspent, but it was suggested that the ongoing road

improvements proposals from the Traffic Group could use much of what is in the budget

- A payment to the Earl Haig Fund for a Remembrance Day wreath was agreed
- A payment to the Church for maintenance of the graveyard was agreed.

Roads and pavements

- Meetings with the MP and the Cabinet member for transport have been ongoing in cooperation with Corsley and Maiden Bradley, the major villages disadvantaged by the decision in 2011 not to implement a Traffic Order reducing weight limits and restricting HGVs in our communities. A request has been sent to Wilts Council proposing a temporary traffic order implementing weight limits and with associated signage to allow impact data to be measured to unpick the stalemate that has existed since 2011
- A request for a slight improvement to street lighting between Cley Hill Gardens and Wood Lane utilising existing telegraph poles was made by a resident to the PC in March 2021 and forwarded to Wilts Council for assessment and funding on the grounds of road safety. Funding was agreed earlier this year, and a plan was produced by Wilts Council lighting contractor. This plan proposed an upgrade in the area to current lighting standards by a significant increase in lighting and new lamp posts. A survey of affected houses along the High Street resulted in the plan being rejected on the grounds of light pollution, and its detriment to the street scene. The PC has instructed Wilts Council to cancel its bid for this work and associated funding.

Jubilee Trees

- 135 saplings will be arriving in November from the Woodland Trust under the Queen's Canopy scheme. Sites around the Village Hall have been identified and remaining trees will be planted for further

distribution later. It is hoped to hold an event to mark the Jubilee and the passing of Queen Elizabeth II by the planting of a tree with a suitable plaque and involving the village school. Details to be announced.

Planning

- There were no new planning applications
- The PC agreed to review outstanding enforcement issues and reiterate its view to Wilts Council that enforcement action be forthcoming where requested
- The PC will reiterate its objections to the appeal regarding the application to build on the land to the north of 150 High St.

There is no PC meeting planned for November; the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 8th December.

Details of minutes and reports are available at: www.chapmansladepc.org.uk

Chapmanslade Motor Services

It is with great sadness that we have to inform our valuable customers and friends in Chapmanslade and surrounding villages that Iain has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He started daily intensive chemo and radiotherapy on the 19th September for 6/7 weeks. Clearly, he will not be able to work for some time after his treatment ends.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I write on the most beautiful autumn afternoon. This morning, waiting for the service to start, I stood in Brixton churchyard and really savoured the scene before me. There is a sense of timelessness about a churchyard, the old tombs sunken and leaning, the big old trees, huge boughed, their leaves imperceptibly fading into autumn glory. The fields behind the church sweeping up to the downs and the autumn sky, and recent graves newly dug, whose occupants still tug at the heart and ever will. Standing there I felt so blessed to be amongst such beauty, and the thought came to me that one day, when I am long retired, I will think of this place, this peace, and remember this very moment.

There is a certain poignancy about autumn is there not, this dying away, that echoes the theme of remembrance that permeates the liturgy of our church life in these last months of the year.

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there," wrote L P Hartley in his 1953 novel "The Go-Between." Some might ask what the point is of 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 is when we take the time to remember and reflect that we discern patterns and meaning that in the maelstrom of everyday life, elude us. Most families will have their own precious memories that are passed down from generation to generation, and most will have old photograph albums full of black and white images, or maybe even faded sepia ones, from an era when photographs were only taken on special occasions.

November brings with it the public remembering of Remembrance Sunday when we commemorate our war dead who gave their lives so that we may live in peace. As the years pass and that lived memory of war fades away, it becomes even more important to gather together to remember and gives thanks, and, however impossible it might seem that it will ever come to pass, to pray for peace. We have remembrance services in Kingston Deverill, Chapmanslade and Corsley churches, and Horningsham's will be a very short act of Remembrance at the war memorial. Do come and take part in this important community event.

With love and prayers,
Pauline

November Church Diary

6th November: 3rd before Advent

8am Holy Communion, Kingston

9.30 am Eucharist, Corsley

10am Morning Worship, Longbridge



13th November: Remembrance Services

10.55 am Corsley

10.55 am Chapmanslade

10.55 am Kingston Deverill

10.55 am Horningsham War Memorial



20th November Christ the King

10am Eucharist, Brixton

11am Matins, Corsley



27th November

9.30 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade

10am Eucharist, Longbridge



4th December

9.30 am Eucharist Corsley

8am Holy Communion, Kingston

4pm service of Darkness to Light, Longbridge

Church and Community Events in November

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday 17th November 10 am – 12 noon
Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Craftafternoons

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 24th November
3 – 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Lite bites Soup Lunch

23rd November 12.30 – 2pm
Corsley Reading Rooms

News

Following their baptism at St Margaret's Corsley on October 9th
we welcome into our church Dex Mark Deacon and Ryan Deacon.

The funeral of Sara Dyke took place on October 13th at St Margaret's Church Corsley.
We extend our sympathy and prayers to Gerald and his family at this difficult time.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th November
St Margaret's Church 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
(see full advert on page 27)

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Corsley WI

November news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the September and October meetings



Our September Meeting began with a minute's silence as we remembered Her Majesty the Queen. It seemed a fitting tribute that our speaker for the evening was Dr Veronica Ferguson LVO, Surgeon Oculist to HM The Queen and a racehorse owner.

She spoke of the excitement of big meetings, such as Ascot, and explained how an owner chooses the races to enter in consultation with the trainer. We learned how horses are named; often with a nod to their pedigree, or to something or somewhere of importance to the owner. Her current 'stable star' is called Leapaway, born on 29th February 2012 and bred from a horse called Stowaway.

Veronica's horses are bought as yearlings in Ireland and will not compete in jump races until they are 4-5 years' old. They must get used to people and are backed and broken in, first on a lead rope then with early riding. This pre-training is done near Melksham, then at 3-4 years old they are trained at Sandhill, near Minehead, by Philip Hobbs.

The horses travel all over the country to race meetings. They are fitted with aluminium plates, rather than shoes, for racing. A horse may lose 30-50 pounds during a race, they are weighed before and after a race and there is a gap of 3-5 weeks between races. None of the horses races all year round; some like hard ground and race in summer, those who prefer soft going race in winter. After a rest at the end of a season, exercising begins again three

months before the new season to get fit for racing again.

There is certainly a lot more to horse racing than the shout 'And they're off!'

We had a great speaker in October. Famed for her Chelsea Flower Show win and being a National Flower Show judge, as well as a Denman Lecturer, Anna Stevens travelled from Oxford to spruce up our flower arranging!

She worked quickly and tirelessly, demonstrating lots of different techniques to modernise traditional flower arrangements and produced a great selection of artistic creations that were auctioned off at the end of the evening.

Anna gave us some useful hints and tips: she suggested creating a structure to fill, then filling in with small bits of 'gauze' type fabric to enhance colours and foraging for extra decorations from the garden such as conkers and walnuts. Only two or three types of foliage should be used in any one creation and long leaves can be used to loop into designs. Flower stem ends should be cut and leaves taken off before adding them to a container which is matched to the creation.

We had a great turnout of members and guests who enjoyed wine, nibbles, cake and coffee too! A thoroughly enjoyable evening!

We welcome new members, if you are interested in joining Corsley WI please contact Alice Helliard on 07989 339632 or alicecambridge40@gmail.com



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This walk is at Dilton Marsh, near Westbury. I park at Fairfield College on the main road through the village, because it's my comfort stop later! The College is run for the education of young people with special needs, so every penny spent here benefits the trainees.

Walk from the car park out to the road, cross to the far side and turn right. Look for a lane on the left called Petticoat Lane – where did that name come from, I wonder? Join the lane, opposite the Village Hall, and follow it round left, passing red-brick 'Dividend House' on your right, which looks the same style as the Village Hall; I wonder what 'dividend' the house was named for? Walk on for a while, passing the entrance to Dilton Marsh Social Club on the right, plus a mile post in a hedge on the same side, reading 'London 105 miles'. When the lane levels up and narrows, there's a

derelict house on the left. Pass it, go under the railway bridge and you'll reach a wider road.

Turn right and you'll see the road ends abruptly ahead of you, just past Providence Chapel on the right. Pass the Chapel and cross the road – Tower Hill – on the crossing. Ahead of you should be a black waste bin with a narrow tarmac path at its right. Use the path, and you should pass a Polish Fire Engine in a pull-in at your left. Beyond that is 'Bridge House' on the left, with a splendid Georgian façade dating from 1780, though the building behind the façade is centuries older, possibly Tudor.

Immediately after the house is a stream and, running alongside it, is a narrow tarmac path going left. Head that way and the path becomes a mud track under trees. Stay with the track till it climbs uphill towards a road – you'll hear traffic first! – and see road edge



sets of grey metal barriers. Pass through these and there's the metal skeleton of a building on your left, plus a sign saying 'Development Land'. Pass that and you're on another narrow dirt track through more trees. Stay with the track till it crosses water on a wooden bridge, then climbs up to another main road. On it, away to your left, is a roundabout with a van dealership on the far side. Cross the road

barriers. Climb the stile over the barrier and you should be near a roundabout leading to Frome and Chapmanslade, Dilton Marsh and Brokerswood, and Westbury.

You should be on Clydesdale Road. Cross it and you'll see a public footpath sign, plus another narrow tarmac path, with a black post to stop cars using it. Go that way and ahead will be two



and follow the pavement left until it rounds the bend right, into Tanyard Road. Across the mini roundabout next should be a sign for Providence Chapel, but turn right before the railway bridge, into Fairwood Road. If you're in the right place, there's a noticeboard across the road, which includes a poem dedicated

to Dilton Marsh Railway Station, by Sir John Betjeman.

Walk some distance along Fairwood Road, ignoring footpath signs, plus a field with an ancient rusty tractor in (and two goats!). Finally, maybe half-a-mile on, you'll pass the entrance to Penleigh House and cottage on your right; go under the railway bridge



turn eventually and there's a wooden post with multiple round footpath markers on it. Follow the same hedge left until you come to a path on your right, crossing the field diagonally to a distant hedge. If you're on the correct cross-path, the views left should include Westbury White Horse. When you reach the stile across the field, there should be industrial buildings to your left.

Once over the stile, you're on a footpath between paddocks and fields. Follow it back to Fairfield College, then through to the Post Office, shop and café. After doing this three-mile walk on a midweek morning, I treat myself to jacket potato and a pot of tea lunch here!

and the road bends right. When it straightens up, you'll see a road sign for 'Penleigh', with a footpath sign attached, pointing left onto a path slightly uphill through trees. Go that way and emerge into a huge field.

Stick with the grass track beside the hedge at your left and walk on. Electric cables here may not excite you, but the views beyond them to your right may! The left hedge takes a ninety-degree



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*'Neither are your ways my ways,' saith the LORD
Isaiah 55:8*

God moves in a mysterious way...

What would you think the opening remark might be, if someone sat opposite to you on a train? Travelling back from a shopping trip in Exeter on the Exmouth train, a lady eventually sat on a seat facing my wife Jenny and I.

'What do you think of the Alpha Course?', she asked. My wife replied that it was very good and the lady continued, telling us she knew it was available online, but thought it would be better in person. She wondered, 'Do you think it would do me any good?'

Jenny assured her it would, but all too soon the lady was alighting at Topsham to pick up her car from the garage.

Also, we recently had a Dedication Service for 9 months old Hudson, our latest grandson. This is a service where the parents bring the child to Chapel, to give thanks for his safe arrival and to present him to the Lord, promising to bring him up in the love and admonition of the Lord. The congregation are charged too, if possible, to teach the child the things of the Lord (the Gospel).

The speaker then reminded the 70 or so present how Jesus came to die on the cross, to give us the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven. Even at 9 months, though Hudson didn't realise it, he was the means of his relations hearing the Gospel.

Ray Mead

Corsley Fayre

Accompanying Richard Wilson and Gill Redman, two members of Whitbourne

Chapel who've attended Corsley Show in past years, I (Adrian Henson) was unsure what to expect. Have you ever been apprehensive, not knowing what you've let yourself in for? I was unsure what Corsley would think of the Chapel's contribution to the Fayre, but our efforts were well received.

The weather was good, people came in to chat and children came in to fish for ducks and win prizes. Other children were very 'crafty', making lovely bead bracelets. Our books and literature were much depleted by the end of the day, which was good to see.

The only unplanned occurrence was Gill Redman catching her finger in gazebo framework early on, the first casualty for the wonderful St John Ambulance helpers.

Apprehensions dispelled and my first stall stint completed, the end of the day was tinged with sadness, and encouragement for next year, as we took down the gazebos and packed them away, keeping Gill at a safe distance.

Footnote from Gill

God does move in a mysterious way, because my 'injury' was noticed by several people, who asked what happened, chatted and took more items from the displays! Our very first Coffee Morning was also blessed, with dog walkers and locals calling in to drink tea, eat cake and chat! Why not join us on Tuesday 8th November, 10 am till noon, and have a treat?!



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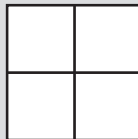
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A view from over the hedge...

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Far less ploughing is carried now carried out as direct drilling is considered better for the soil structure, less soil erosion and a quicker turnaround of crops from being harvested and the next crop being sown.

Our thanks have been sung at the Harvest Festivals for all our home grown crops safely now in the barns. A wonderful collection of tinned and dry food were donated and blessed before being taken to the Warminster Food Bank.

Our two villages joined together for a Harvest Supper and was enjoyed by many members of our communities at Chapmanslade Village Hall, especially the film of agriculture during the 20th century.

Our rainfall for the year up to the end of September 2022 is 427cm (634cm in 2021). The lack of rainfall has had huge long-term effect on our crops, trees, ponds and rivers. Storage of rainwater through the winter months is important to gardeners, horticulture and farmers if we want our home produced crops and dairy products.

We are aware of lack of water in large ponds producing fresh fish and a wonderful relaxing country sport of fishing in ponds, lakes and reservoirs.

November on the farm brings the routine of milking, feeding and physical care for the calves and cattle which are now mostly housed. Hedge trimming, planting of new

hedges and trees and drainage and ditch clearing are also carried out during the winter months.

Shepherds are now making sure that breeding sheep now in early stages of pregnancy with next year's lambs are being kept on clean grass and that they are checked for lameness and free of infections picked up from fouled soil. Sadly, some dog owners are not careful enough in removing dog poo from footpaths through farmland, which causes infections in the lungs and intestines in cattle and sheep. Please pick up after your dog to avoid infecting cattle and sheep.

We welcome back our winter migrant bird with some concerns that they may carry with them the dreaded Avian Influenza, but we'll still enjoy the flight of the starlings in their murmurations, the jays and squirrels as they gather hazelnuts and acorns. Thankfully they don't remember where they bury each and every nut they have harvested so, after being buried for a few months, a new shoot will appear – the beginning of future natural woodland.

November is a month of shorter daylight hours, so enjoy your few hours of daylight get out outdoors if you can, tidy up the garden (leaving a few areas untouched as overwintering wildlife will need shelter), plant a few bulbs and enjoy the fresh air.

When out for walks look and listen to bird life, enjoy the views through the trees now bare of leaves. If you see fungi, please be cautious – leave them for others to enjoy as so many of them can be dangerous if eaten unless you have really good knowledge of what you're picking.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your ‘village hall’

Chairman, Hugh Deed, reports on the latest happenings at the hall

Coffee Mornings

The next Coffee Morning on Tuesday 1st November (10 – 12) , why not join us for a coffee/ tea and a chat? The following one is 6th December.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th November

Following the successful Christmas Fair last year this will be held again on Saturday 5th November from 10 am to 2 pm. Come and buy some early Christmas gifts, stocking fillers and more. See advert and/or website for details

Refurbishment Programme & Buy a Tile

A number of local people have bought into the “The Buy a Tile” scheme. See our website for details of how to donate and buy tiles. Your support is important to us no matter whether it is one tile or more. Alternatively see any Trustee to make a purchase. Each notional tile is £5.00. All donations will go towards Corsley Reading Room refurb and update.

Next Photographic “competition” Opportunity

It has been decided new submissions will be in January. See website for full details on when your photos can be submitted and other information.

AGM

The RR AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 7:30pm – all welcome, including any potential new trustees!

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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Committee Members

David Carruthers, Hugh Deed, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett,
Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Gill Parkinson, Mark Richards

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- 1 Varicella
- 2 Ian Fleming
- 3 Sulphuric
- 4 October (25th) and is the feast day of the Christian saints and shoemakers Crispin and Crispinian, twins who were beheaded in France c286 upon the orders of Emperor Maximian
- 5 Works hard for a living
- 6 Edgar Allan Poe
- 7 Sierra Leone
- 8 California
- 9 Wind speed
- 10 Alien
- 11 Italy
- 12 Q

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!

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

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2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£42.00
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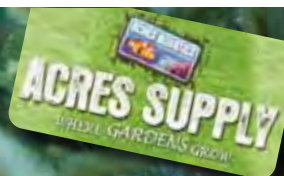
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