

# The Bridge

November 2023

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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## Articles

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

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

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## Deadline

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

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



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## November

### **Saturday 4th**

Chapmanslade Independent Makers Market –  
10 am to 4 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Monday 6th**

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7pm, Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

### **Tuesday 7th**

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

### **Wednesday 8th**

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)  
Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Reading Room

### **Thursday 9th**

Corsley WI – ‘From Kosovo to Chocolate: an unlikely journey’ – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (£5 to non-members)

### **Saturday 11th**

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

### **Tuesday 14th**

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

### **Wednesday 15th**

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Annual General Meeting – 6.30 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley  
Corsley Cricket Club Annual General Meeting – 8 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

### **Thursday 16th**

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

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Lite Bites Soup Lunch, from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room  
Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

### **Friday 24th**

Corsley Tennis Club Evening Social

### **Saturday 25th**

Advent Fair – 10.30am to 12.30 pm, St Margaret’s Church, Corsley  
Quiz & Supper with the Two Bobs, Chapmanslade Village Hall



# Diary Dates

## **Tuesday 28th**

Quest4Faith, 7 for 7.30 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## **December**

### **Saturday 2nd**

Dolce Singers – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

### **Tuesday 5th**

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

### **Wednesday 6th**

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch - call Maureen Willcox to secure your place!

### **Friday 8th**

Carols in the Barn – 6pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

### **Tuesday 12th**

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

### **Sunday 17th**

Carols by Candlelight – 5 to 6 pm,  
Whitbourne Chapel, Corsley

### **Thursday 21st**

Church and Community Coffee Morning  
– 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes,  
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## **January 2024**

### **Tuesday 9th**

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am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

### **Wednesday 24th**

Lite Bites Soup Lunch, from 12.30 pm,  
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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 The term whistle and flute is Cockney slang for what?
- 2 Which public holiday was introduced in England, Wales and Northern Ireland in 1974?
- 3 Who, or what, is Sir Roger de Coverley, mentioned in works by Dickens, George Eliot and Dorothy L Sayers?
- 4 What is the most common surname in Scotland to begin with "Mac"?
- 5 In "Are you being served", what was Miss Brahms' first name?
- 6 What is the name of the main train station in Liverpool?
- 7 In which American city will you find the symbol of independence, the Liberty Bell?
- 8 Abbey National Building Society became part of which banking group in 2004?
- 9 Which abbey was built near Hastings by William the Conqueror, the high altar being supposedly on the spot where Harold fell in 1066?
- 10 Who is the current host of "Countdown"?
- 11 The Woolsack is the seat of the presiding officer in the House of Lords (now the Lord Speaker) and has been since the 14th Century. What colour is it?
- 12 What was the name of the last private resident of Downing St, who moved out in the 1730s? Was it Mr Chicken, Mr Duck or Mr Goose?

*Answers on page 40*

## Hurrah! The Cross Keys has reopened!



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At long last, and after a lot of refurbishment, the Cross Keys reopened on the 20th October.

The new landlords, who are already known to a lot of villagers, will be offering new menus, including a £9.95 light lunch on weekdays, a new range of beers and wines and a welcoming smile. As ever, the amazing Sunday lunch will also be available.

The pub will be open every day at lunch times and every evening except Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The website is not up and running yet, but keep an eye on Facebook to find out the latest offerings, especially the Christmas Day and Christmas party menus.

The phone number is unchanged, 01373 832406 and the email address is now [corsleycrosskeys@outlook.com](mailto:corsleycrosskeys@outlook.com).

# Corsley Tennis Club

## **A vibrant season at the club: celebrating success and community spirit**

As winter approaches, the club proudly showcases its pristine courts, meticulously cleaned and eagerly awaiting the spirited thwack of tennis balls. The invigorating combination of fresh air and exercise beckons enthusiasts throughout the year, and the club extends a warm welcome to new members, inviting them to join or experience a taster session guided by our expert coach.

A gentle reminder to court users: please wear clean shoes and, given the potential winter slipperiness, ensure your tennis shoes boast reliable grips for a safe and enjoyable game.

Mark your calendars for Friday **24th November** when our evening social promises an atmosphere of celebration. This festive occasion will honour the champions of this year's competitions, a testament to the skill and camaraderie that define Corsley Tennis Club.

## **Congratulations to our 2023 Champions:**

- Mixed Doubles:  
Jo Rolliston and Peter Hardy
- Women's Doubles:  
Kate Jackson and Isabel Lewis
- Men's Doubles:  
Crispian Beattie and Peter Hardy
- American Switch Doubles:  
Kate Jackson and Peter Hardy
- Over 70s Tournament:  
Sue Kerfoot and Maurice Flanagan
- Men's Singles:  
Jon Heaton.

This year's competitions not only showcased tennis prowess but also demonstrated the

club's commitment to philanthropy. The American Switch Doubles event raised an impressive £140 for The Brain Tumour Charity.

For those seeking a trip down memory lane, plaques celebrating the triumphs of past winners are proudly displayed in the pavilion. Take a moment to explore this tribute to Corsley Tennis Club's rich history.

Despite the chill in the air, coaching sessions for both juniors and adults will persist at a reduced capacity over the winter. Visit our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CorsleyTennisClub> for comprehensive information on coaching schedules and opportunities.

A heartening sight on Sunday mornings is the enthusiastic gathering of children, relishing their tennis sessions. Looking ahead, we anticipate a delightful display of Halloween costumes on the 15th, adding a touch of festive fun to our court activities.

Reflecting on the recent events on 15th September, the Playing Field was a hive of activity, with apple pressing at the pavilion, a lively cricket match, bustling tennis courts filled with juniors, adults courts full and the park echoing with the sounds of community engagement. This vibrant scene owes much to the dedication of our volunteers – individuals whose tireless efforts ensure that Corsley Tennis Club and the Playing Field remains a dynamic and integral part of village life.

As we embrace the changing seasons, the club stands as a beacon of sportsmanship, celebration, and community spirit. Join us in making memories that will resonate for years to come.

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**Chapmanslade and Corsley Churches**

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Our popular soup lunch returned to the Reading Room on Wednesday 27th September and was well attended by over 20 villagers and friends. There was a choice of four lovely soups which were appreciated by all. Unfortunately I cannot report on our October lunch as it takes place on 25th October, after the deadline for submissions to The Bridge.

However, I can tell you that our next soup lunch will be on Wednesday 22nd November, we will be having our Christmas lunch (without soup!!) in the Reading Room, as usual, on Wednesday 6th December; if you would like to come and haven't already given your name to one of our team, please contact Maureen Willcox on 01373 832171.

I hope you are reading this having already enjoyed our soup this autumn but if you haven't, please come along to the Reading Room between 12.30 and 2 pm on Wednesday 22nd November. We look forward to seeing you!

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# November Church Diary

## November 5th: 4th Sunday before Advent

8 am Holy Communion, Kingston Deverill

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill



## November 12th

Remembrance Sunday

10.55 am, Corsley

10.55 am, Chapmanslade

10.55 am, Kingston Deverill

10.55 am, Horningsham War Memorial



## November 19th: 2 Sunday before Advent

10 am Eucharist, Brixton Deverill

11 am Matins, Corsley



## November 26th

Christ the King

10 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist, Longbridge Deverill



## December 3rd: Advent Sunday

10 am Holy Communion, Kingston Deverill

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Morning Prayer, Longbridge Deverill

# November Church and Community Events

## Crafternoons

Wednesday 8th and Wednesday 22nd November – 3 pm to 5 pm  
Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## Cleaning St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Saturday 11th November – 2.30 pm till about 4 pm  
We would welcome anyone who can lend a hand

## Community Church Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th November – 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## Lite Bites Soup Lunch,

Wednesday 22nd November – from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

## Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th November – 10 am – 12 noon, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

## Quest4Faith

Tuesday 28th November – 7 for 7.30 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## Messy Church Advent after school workshop (with refreshments)

Friday 1st December – venue to be confirmed

## Carols and Nativity in the Barn

Tuesday 8th December – 6 pm, Manor Farm Corsley

## Recent Baptisms

Arthur Keith Hobbs, 14th October, Chapmanslade  
Jasper Alexander Hopkins, 15th October, Corsley

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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Colin Bell reports on the Parish Council's latest activities

The Chapmanslade Parish Council met at 7.30 in Chapmanslade Village Hall on 12th October. Councillor (Cllr) Phil Holihead chaired the meeting at which five other Parish Councillors were present. This included newly co-opted Cllr Adrian Evans who was congratulated and welcomed to his first meeting. At the start of the meeting, as always members of the public and Unitary Cllr Bill Parks were also warmly welcomed. Plus, in keeping with protocol, Councillors were invited to declare and record any conflicts of interest.

Key points from the meeting were: The first section of the meeting provided members of the public with the opportunity to comment on and raise any questions connected to the published agenda. Cllr Parks commented on the recent Area Board meeting, at which Wiltshire's Police Crime Commissioner attended. Cllr Parks shared that representatives from numerous villages had raised concerns to the Commissioner that greater support was needed for crime prevention in rural areas. Cllr Parks noted that upon receipt of this feedback, the Police Crime Commissioner would respond to village communities with more focused strategies.

### Wiltshire Local Plan

Councillors discussed and raised concerns regarding proposed changes to the Wiltshire Local Plan. Concerns related to a lack of clarity connected to housing figures within

rural areas and what it meant for future planning decisions within Special Landscape Areas. This applies to Chapmanslade. The Parish Council's response to consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan is on the Agenda for the November meeting.

Councillors agreed on the importance of encouraging Chapmanslade parishioners, residents and those of surrounding settlements, to participate in the Local Plan awareness events which will be hosted and delivered by Wiltshire County Council. Councillors are keen to highlight to the community that the closing date for consultation on the Local Plan is **22nd November 2023**. Further details connected to the Local Plan are published on the Chapmanslade Parish Council website and on the Chapmanslade Community Facebook page.

### Thoulstone Park

Regarding the Thoulstone Park events licence application, which had been discussed at previous meetings, it was noted that the Licencing Authority would be considering this application on 16th October.

### Planning application

**PL/2023/08222** - Full Planning Permission. Proposed small storage barn on equestrian land at 3 The Grange, Chapmanslade. BA13 4AN.

1. Councillors objected to this retrospective application based on the following

- concerns: The building is outside of the designated settlement development boundary area for the village
2. The plans submitted refer to a 'new dwelling'. This lacks clarity as the retrospective planning application form referred to a 'small storage barn' and not a 'new dwelling'
  3. Councillors questioned the accuracy of the '2018' date that had been recorded on the application form, as the completion build date for this structure.

### **Enforcement decision/outcome**

**ENF/2022/00805.** Land at Black Dog Hill, Chapmanslade – unauthorised residential use of land. It was noted that the site had now been vacated and the owners had moved off the site. The land is now for sale and the Wiltshire Enforcement Officer has now closed the case.

### **Finance**

The Parish Council's financial management, bank reconciliation and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments and potential expenditure were presented, considered and agreed. Key points from this discussion included:

1. A proportion of CIL funding, relating to the Thoulstone Farm development had been received from Wiltshire Council
2. The content of the Parish Council's finance and expenditure report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was discussed and agreed. All related finance and accounting documents can be found on the Chapmanslade Parish Council website
3. Payments were agreed for the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device (SID) and the repair of one of the existing SIDs. Councillors agreed that the purchase of a new SID, using funds from a CIL payment, demonstrated the commitment of the Parish Council to responding to the

previous 'Voice of the Village' consultation and in particular resident's concern connected to road safety and the need to reduce traffic speed through the village.

4. In addition, payments were agreed for a donation towards grounds maintenance of St Philip and St James' Church, and a donation towards a British Legion Memorial Poppy Wreath.

### **Highway safety**

Connected to highway safety, Councillors discussed dangerous and excessive speeding plus the high level of fatalities on the stretch of the A36 which runs parallel to Chapmanslade. It was agreed that this continued high level of risk would be highlighted at the next Community Policing Team (CPT) meeting.

### **Home Energy Plan**

Councillors discussed and welcomed the new Scottish and Southern Electric (SSE), Home Energy Plan. This was commended as it provides free extra support during power cuts for vulnerable residents who access SSE utilities. Councillors recognised that this would be of benefit to members of the Chapmanslade village community and that this provision will be highlighted in the Parish Council's Emergency Plan, which is currently under development.

### **Correspondence**

In addition to agenda items, recent correspondence which had been circulated to Councillors was discussed. This included a review of local bus services, and the location of designated Polling Stations. It was noted that there were no changes to the location of Polling Station venues for Chapmanslade. Councillors recognised and congratulated Cllr Oakley on his appointment by Wiltshire Council as a Tree Warden for the Parish. Cllr Oakley shared his plan to link with the designated Tree Warden in our neighbouring village of Corsley. As a Parish Council that

is committed to protecting, preserving and celebrating the biodiversity and natural beauty of our village and its surrounding area, Cllr Oakley's plan was welcomed by all.

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of this meeting and other Parish Council meetings can be found on the PC website [www.chapmansladepc.org.uk](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk)

**Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting will be on 16th of November at 7.30 in the Chapmanslade Village Hall. As always, members of the public are encouraged and invited to attend. For further details please contact the PC Clerk via

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**Corsley WI**

# October news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the October meeting and announces some forthcoming events



On a dull, damp October evening members and guests gathered at 'Made at Nest' in King Street, Frome for an evening of creativity, chat and coffee.

'Made at Nest' is a ceramic painting studio and we began by browsing the shelves of ceramics waiting to be painted and turned into a work of art. There were practical things like dishes and jugs, plates and cups, pots, bowls and vases as well as novelty items like animals, pumpkins and cauldrons.

We each chose a piece and settled down at the benches which were equipped with a pot of brushes and a shelf of paints. We set to work, some drawing a design in pencil first; these pencil marks disappear when the item is fired.

As the paint went on there was a buzz of conversation. We caught up with each other's news and we enjoyed excellent coffee as we



worked – cake was available too. There was admiration for some of our members who are clearly quite talented artists and encouragement for those of us who aren't!

At the end of the evening we left our newly created masterpieces to be fired and looked forward to seeing the finished products a few days later. It was a lovely, relaxing evening and some members are already planning a return visit with

children and grandchildren.

In November we will be back in the Reading Room, for a meeting entitled 'From Kosovo to Chocolate: an Unlikely Journey', the story of Gilbert and Swayne chocolates. Non-members are very welcome to join us on **9th November at 7.30 pm (£5).**

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# Wonderful Walks

## This is the Biss



*Almshouses*

This is our third anniversary of walks and we're off to Trowbridge. In its time, our county town was an important market centre, for both cloth and agriculture. While I reached Trowbridge by bus, if you have a car use The Shires car park and walk through the mall; there are loos, beside the Iceland store. I paused at Boswell's café for refreshments, of course, then went out onto Market Street, with the Town Hall opposite, now being redeveloped. Turn left here, into Fore Street and walk through to Starbuck's coffee shop; the narrow alley on its right leads to St. James Church, a playgroup venue these days. I walked round the churchyard and exited onto Church Street. Stay with that and the churchyard wall, pass the junction with Union Street and circle back towards the town centre. Across the street, on the way, you'll pass the Storehouse Food Bank Referral Centre, in what may once have been an

Emmanuel Church.

At the road junction, don't go left into Duke Street but right, and you should end up facing the Post Office; notices say it's closed and the current one is in WH Smith's. Head right here and you should be in Silver Street, leading back towards Market Street and the Town Hall on the left, but before that is a left-



*Police Station*



hand turn into Park Road; go that way. On the left, then, will be J D Wetherspoons, housed in a modern building, though the name 'Albany Palace' recalls the town's first cinema, opened here in 1910 by a film pioneer, Albany Ward. Keep walking and enter Trowbridge Park, with its impressive War Memorial. Turn left and pass the 'Park Club' building, before the huge red-brick St. George's Works. Next is the Park Bandstand, sadly locked away behind iron railings; this was donated to Trowbridge by William Nelson Haden in 1939, in memory of his 'forebears'.

I found Trowbridge Park absorbing; it's a good size, with plenty to occupy the mind – and body. There's an 'outdoor fitness circuit' here,



*Band stand*



with bars and ladders, steps and benches dotted about, but I was more interested in the squirrels gathering conkers! Stay on the perimeter path as it circles the central lawns, and you'll reach a 'nature area' on your left, plus a park exit. I didn't use the road beyond, but had a nose (of course!); there are almshouses on the right and Trowbridge Police Station across the thoroughfare, an imposing design for a modern 'cop shop'.

Stay with the park, though, and walk along the rear of the almshouses, passing more 'exercise stands'. Next on your left is a former red-brick mill, which is now homes. Walk on, till you come to a junction of paths, on a slight downhill slope. Take the first track left,

with green railings at your right. It takes you under the road bridge and you'll feel like you're heading out into open country. The river – this is the Biss! – is on your right, while on your left, eventually, is a six-storey, stone-built former mill or similar, which looks derelict. Beside that, the path divides and there's a signpost; take the turning marked



*Riverside wall*



‘Biss Meadows’, alongside a wooden footbridge. It means retracing your steps a bit after, but wander along the path to the plaque commemorating the Duke of Edinburgh opening the Meadows in 1993. I stopped there, because I wasn’t sure where I’d finish up, but do explore this on a dry day; it’s a lovely open area. For this walk, though, turn back here, walking past the stone-built mill to the wooden footbridge. Being nosy, I crossed the river by the longer footbridge, walked through a metal arch and found Tesco’s supermarket car park!

Going back across the footbridge, I turned towards the town centre and walked alongside a low red-brick riverside wall, reminding me of Venetian canals (but no gondolas here!). This town path leads to Trowbridge Civic Centre, with two tall round metal ‘information boards’ outside. Keep walking

ahead, passing a red-brick building on the left and a well-stocked children’s playground on the right. When you reach Park Road, use that, then turn right on Market Street and look for White Hart Yard (an alley) on the left. The café there is called ‘Leyker’s’; it has facilities and their snacks are good; I love the raspberry and white chocolate muffins! Continue through the alley and you’ll come out in Fore Street. Go right and you’ll soon find the Shires Centre ahead of you...



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Genesis Chapter 1 is a Biblical account of how the heavens and the earth were formed. A recent speaker said that man today is concerned about 'How' God did it, whereas the question we need to ask is 'Why' God did it. The word **GOOD** comes no less than 6 times in Genesis Chapter 1 in my King James version of the Bible. When I look at the things that God created, I would like to say awesome. The seasons, the heavens, the wildlife, one could go on and on.

Genesis Chapter 2 verse 1 says, 'Thus the heavens and the earth were finished'.

In Deuteronomy Chapter 32 there is the account of Moses writing the words of the Law in a book. He kept at it until it was **FINISHED**. He then told the priests to put the Book of the Law inside of the Ark of the Covenant that it might be a witness against them.

I Kings Chapter 6 gives an account of King Solomon building the first Temple on Temple Mount, Jerusalem. In verse 9 it records that he **FINISHED** it.

In the New Testament in John's Gospel Chapter 19 verse 30 Jesus is on the cross and realizing that He has fulfilled all that God wanted him to do in the thirty and three years that he had spent on earth he cried out, 'It is **FINISHED**'.

That did not mean that it was the end, all over, but that He had made a way for men and women and boys and girls to find a way back to God, to have their sins forgiven, for He had paid their debt and now they would be able to commit their lives to Him and follow him, with the promise of a home in Heaven.

## Tools with a Mission

We have collected together some sewing machines and a good assortment of tools. We will be asking the Mission to pick up the items after our November Coffee Morning, so if you have any things to donate we will still be able to accept them. 'Thank you' to those of you who have given donated already.

*Ray Mead  
Chapel Secretary*

### Please remember:

If you need help or simply someone to talk to, ring 07980 013685 and we'll do our best to help you. Otherwise, visit our website [www.whitbournechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitbournechapel.org.uk) or google 'Whitbourne Baptist Chapel'.



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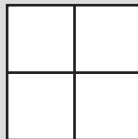
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**A view from over the hedge...**

# Countryside Matters

A time of remembrance

We are now into our winter routines both at home and in the countryside. Daylight hours are shorter so manual fieldwork starts at daybreak. Checking outdoor wintering stock for ailments, moving them to different fields, moving electric fences to give stock fresh roots to graze or baled silage can only be done in daylight whether it is frosty, driving rain, or even snow.

Some of our best craft work can be seen both on farms and at winter shows where ploughing and hedge laying competitions are available to people of all ages.

Recently, the National Ploughing Match was in Somerset with competitors from all parts of the British Isles competing, some with horses and others with tractors of all types both modern and old competing.

Thanks to King Charles III the art of hedge laying has been encouraged over recent years, again with both old and young learning the art of hedge laying which differs from county to county.

November is a month of remembering our past. Children will learn of Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament and, of course, Remembrance Sunday.

I was reminded recently of a small village in Herefordshire who are continuing the memory of the WWI Battle of Verdun. A soldier from the village returned home with an acorn from the battlefield, he planted the acorn on the boundary of the village. Ten years ago, children collected acorns from

the tree and grew them on to saplings. The saplings were planted on both sides of the road (on the edge of fields so that they will not grow to be a hazard to hedge trimmers or overhang the highway).

They planted one sapling for every man lost from the village in WWI – 40 young men who fought for our country.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,  
AS WE DO THOSE FROM CORSLEY  
AND CHAPMANSLADE.**

*Judith Helliar*



## Corsley Reading Room

# Your 'village hall'

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



### Dates for your diary

Coffee Mornings: 7th November and 5th December (10 am to 12 noon) – please do come along!

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm

Christmas Fair: Saturday 11th November, 10 am to 3 pm.

### Annual General Meeting and Trustees

At our AGM we will formally say goodbye to David Carruthers and Gill Parkinson as they step down from the committee after many years of service to the hall. We are keen to have new people join as trustees or just get involved, so do let us know if you are interested, even if AGMs are “not your thing” to attend!. The AGM is open to all residents of Corsley.

### Coffee Mornings

As referred to in recent months, numbers attending these mornings have not returned to anywhere near pre-pandemic levels so it is questionable if they will continue in 2024 unless numbers increase in November and December. These mornings have been run as a social opportunity for villagers to chat. It seems that life/society changes mean we now normally get less than a handful of attendees.

### Longleat land

There is little that can be added in this edition other than we have the information we needed from charity specialist solicitors (see October edition of *The Bridge*) and have relayed the position to the Parish Council for their input. The hope is that the trustees will be able to take final decisions in early November, in time to report in the December edition of *The Bridge*.

### Booking process

We are pleased to confirm that Charlie & Jamie Owen will be managing the bookings between them. Please use the website form or email [crrbookings@gmail.com](mailto:crrbookings@gmail.com)

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

*[Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](mailto:Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk)*

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### Committee Members/Trustees

Hugh Deed, Chris de Groot, Claire Firman-Ford,  
Liz Garrett, Caroline Hutton, Jackie Jasper, Mark Richards

# Small ads

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

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- 3 It's a dance
- 4 Macd(D)onald
- 5 Shirley
- 6 Lime Street
- 7 Philadelphia
- 8 Banco Santander
- 9 Battle Abbey
- 10 Colin Murray
- 11 Red
- 12 To enlarge 10 Downing Street (originally No 5), Prime Minister Robert Walpole persuaded Mr Chicken, the tenant of a cottage next door, to move to another house in Downing Street which he later vacated

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## Local organisation adverts

£2.50 per month for a small boxed advert or £8 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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4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£85
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£120

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