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From the Editor

Well here we are again – drawing near to the end of a lovely summer. The fabulous weather has been good for the soul, the farmers, flora and fauna – let's hope we're in for an 'Indian Summer' to stretch it out just a little bit more!

Viv Thomas
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com

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or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 19th October.**

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

October

Tuesday 1st

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

Thursday 3rd

Warminster mobile library (see page 51 for times)

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30pm, 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Rotary Club of Frome Selwood's Silent Auction – 7pm, Orchardleigh Golf Club

Harvest Supper – 7.00 for 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room, 'Korean Odyssey'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 12th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Harvest Supper – 7.00 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 16th

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room – A talk on Stourhead

Thursday 17th

Warminster mobile library (see page 51 for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning– 10.00am - noon,

The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Saturday 26th

Poppy Appeal starts in Corsley

Thursday 31st

Warminster mobile library (see page 51 for times)

Fancy Dress Spooky Doo – 6pm - 8.15pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

November

Monday 4th

Road repairs to A362 begin at 7pm...



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 7th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 9th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 14th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'Suffragettes & Munitions Girls'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Wednesday 20th

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room – A talk on Tynings Allotments

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30pm, Reading Room (Lower Room)

Thursday 21st

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Tuesday 26th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Wednesday 27th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 28th

Warminster mobile library (see page 51 for times)

Corsley Show AGM – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 30th

Christmas Market – 10am - 1.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

December

Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th

Village Carol Evening – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 9th

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

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Thursday 12th

Corsley WI Christmas Dinner – 6.30 for 7.00pm

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Wednesday 18th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

2013 Poppy Appeal

This year house-to-house collections will start in Corsley on Saturday 26th October, ready for Poppy Day on Saturday 9th November and Remembrance Day on Sunday 10th November.

Last year Corsley raised £1,756.85 from house-to-house collections, pubs and PCC donations. This was really appreciated by the British Legion who give practical help, advice and support to serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans of all ages and their families. The numbers of people they are helping

increases year on year so please help by buying your poppy from one of our house-to-house collectors, The Royal Oak, The Cross Keys, Chapmanslade School, Little Cuckoos or Acres Supply.

If you are a regular collector, please would you contact me to confirm your availability to collect again this year. We are also looking for new volunteers to take on the house-to-house collections.

Jackie Jasper
Area Poppy Appeal Organiser
01373 832301

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 12th October. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson
01373 832845

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 5th October – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor



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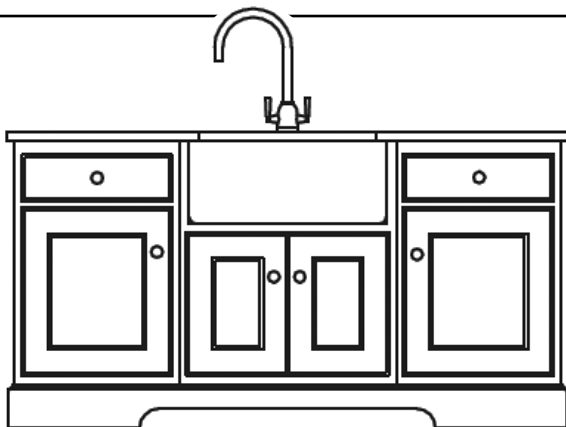
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At long last...

A362 repairs and closures

Simon Jasper, the Roads/Parish Steward representative on the Corsley Parish Council, gives us a summary of the meeting held with Atkins and the County Engineer.

The A362 will be closed from **4th November to 28th November** between Picket Post roundabout and Deep Lane (Deep Lane will remain open) from **7pm to 6am daily**, but *not* Saturdays and Sundays.

A letter will be sent out to residents on the A362 approximately 3 weeks prior to work commencing. I have asked for this to be extended to residents on either side of the road in the Corsley hamlets and to Little Cuckoos and the Steiner School.

The preliminary drainage work that started on the 29th August, has now been completed.

Preliminary Drainage Project

- Clear the drainage ditch on the north side of the A362 between Picket Post and the bottom of Whitbourne Hill. It was agreed this should go onto a regular observation/5 year cycle for clearance.
- Pipe under road in Whitbourne Springs area to be increased from 100mm to 250-300mm.
- Chamber near Sturford Mead entrance to be increased in size.

Comment: it won't solve the flooding, but it will help.

Major Project

- Between Picket Post and Deep Lane, take off top 50mm and relay with Hot Rolled Asphalt to 50mm. This is top grade and has a life-expectancy of 20 years... if left untouched.
- Where there is damage to the substrate, repair before relaying.
- Signing and white lining included for the area under improvement.

Comment: Leaves the need to re-white the lines from Deep Lane to Lane End and some repair work on the road surface in the area of Lane End. David Button has this on his to do list now the scope of the project is clear.

Diversion

- If you have access to the internet, you can download a copy of the road closure order from www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk
- Essentially, traffic will be redirected to A361/A36.
- Manned point on A362/A361 junction.
- Residents in the immediate area of the work will be allowed through where reasonable, but it will involve waits and sometimes may not be possible.

Simon Jasper

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which middle name was shared by Winston Churchill and Charlie Chaplin?
- 2 Which is further south, Folkestone or Southampton?
- 3 The novel "Shirley" was written by which of the Bronte Sisters?
- 4 In the order of succession to the British throne, who is the first female?
- 5 Who was the last British monarch to die in battle?
- 6 What nationality was the composer Bela Bartok
- 7 True or false – there are over 150 species of monkey?
- 8 What colour is puce?
- 9 According to the saying, who "rush in where angels fear to tread"?
- 10 In the film "The Great Escape", which actor played the forger?
- 11 What is a bullace?
- 12 Which children's book character is known as 'Oui Oui' in France?

Answers on page 52

All Souls Service

Sunday 27th October

3.30pm

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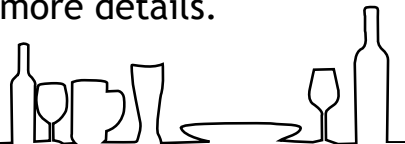
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Parish Council briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the September meeting

Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider at our September meeting. However, we looked at the correspondence, five letters in all, we have received from village residents concerning the proposed housing development at Barter's Farm. It would appear that, in general, residents are in favour of some housing development on the site, particularly because of the opportunity this might create for young people to live in the village. The layout and design of the proposed development was commented on favourably, but several residents voiced a concern that too many houses were planned and that our roads would not be able to cope with the increased traffic the estate would generate. Access to the site via Cleyhill Gardens was an issue, too. It was also felt that there was a danger that the development might create 'a village within a village'. One resident suggested that a housing complex similar to Imber Court in Warminster might be a welcome addition to the village.

There will be a further opportunity for residents to comment on the proposals when the final planning application is made in due course. Do you feel there is room for further housing development in the village? At what stage do we say we can't cope with any more development? Do let the parish council know.

At the time of writing, some revisions to the Three Horseshoes application have just been submitted. We will consider these and let you know our views next month. You can view the application on Wiltshire Council's website. The reference number for the application is W/10953/FUL.

Public Footpaths

Our extensive network of public footpaths will be inspected by Wiltshire Council in November. This check, which is carried out every five years, will look for wobbly or broken stiles, blocked and overgrown paths, etc., and will help Wiltshire plan its maintenance programme for the coming months. Our footpaths are an important part of our parish heritage and are public highways just as much as A roads and motorways are. If you know of a problem with one of them now or at some time in the future please contact Adam Oakley, who will take it up with Wiltshire Council. Adam's contact details are adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk telephone 832437. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Road Safety

Have you spotted our SID yet? After ten years of asking for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) it has finally arrived. It is located on a post near Clearwood View and tells

motorists driving into the village if they are exceeding the speed limit. The sign will only be with us for occasional weeks as we share it with other parishes. However, we believe it is a welcome step forward in our efforts to educate drivers to slow down as they drive through Chapmanslade. We really do want to make it a safer village in which to live and work.

Many thanks to everyone who was co-operated in our 'Blitz on Pavement Parking' campaign. The position is much better now, but is still not perfect. Please help to keep our village safe by not parking on our footpaths and please encourage visitors and tradesmen to your property to do likewise.

Road Maintenance

The parish council has been concerned for some time that vehicles, especially larger ones, have been mounting the kerb opposite the farm at Dead Maids rather than waiting to allow oncoming traffic to pass through. We asked Wiltshire Council to deal with this and you probably will have noticed that the hedge has now been cut back, which has had the effect of widening the road. If you notice a road maintenance problem in the parish that needs dealing with, please contact Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com, telephone 832755, who will report it to Wiltshire Council.

A362 closure

Our thanks to Neil Britten, Corsley's Parish Council Chairman, for providing details of the forthcoming night time closure of the A362 in Corsley for essential maintenance. This will be in November, starting on the 4th, until possibly the 28th. The road will be closed between 7pm and 6am between

the Picket Post roundabout and the Deep Lane junction. Diversions will be clearly signed. The approved route for eastbound vehicles will be to utilise the A361 up to the roundabout with the A36 and then the A36 past Warminster; this will be the opposite for westbound vehicles. The area will be marshalled by the contractors to help to avoid vehicles trying to take alternative routes. Perhaps our High Street and Huntenhull Lane will be busier than usual in November?

Telephone Box

Many congratulations to Victoria Hurley for persuading BT to paint the phone box, which recently has been looking very sorry for itself. Whether you like or loathe the phone box - an icon of village life or a road traffic hazard - you've got to admit it's looking very smart now. Thanks Victoria!

Sunrise Festival

Wiltshire Council has reported that they were not happy with the sound levels at the festival, as agreed targets were exceeded. We understand this may have an influence on whether or not the festival returns next year. The Cley Hill Stompers, who played a gig at the festival, have received a cheque for £200 from the organisers, which they have donated to the Village Hall Fund. Well done, guys!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th October at 7.30 pm. We meet at the school. Our meetings are public meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

Phil Jefferson
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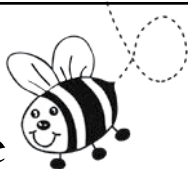
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Corsley Tennis Club News

Bank Holiday Monday

The Club ran a bric-a-brac stall at the Corsley Show. A table groaning with high quality merchandise, a hardy band of volunteers negotiated prices with an alacrity worthy of an Arab souk. The team comprised: Sue and Debbie Kerfoot, Andrew Hillier, Sue Newell, Jenny Bishop and Wendy Bartlett. They were whipped into shape by the outstanding Diana Hale, who conducted the operation with an almost military precision. Moreover, Isabel Lewis organized a hoopla which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Thanks are due to all the above-mentioned for their hard work in a worthwhile cause.

Cake Monster

Ladies Singles Tournament 2013

Alison Plummer and Jane Snedden played a tough 3-hour finals match on the 7th September resulting in a win for Alison – many congratulations.

Junior Tennis

Coaching sessions re-started mid-September. We now have 20 children enjoying their tennis, being coached in three groups aged from 5 years to 16 years. On Saturday 20th July, the Boys Under 18 Tournament was held with Kieran Withey emerging as the winner. Kieran is now 15 and has been attending our coaching sessions since he was 7 years old.

It's very gratifying to see our children improving and enjoying the game so much. For further information please contact Sandra Whatley of 01373 832202.

Sonia Glenn

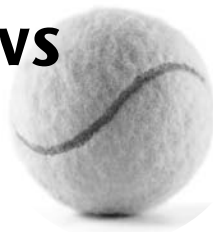
Ladies B

The Ladies 'B' team entertained Chippenham Park on a pleasant evening at the Memorial Filed. After several close contests, the visitors prevailed by five sets to three: the result was in doubt right up to the final rally.

Isabel Lewis and Sonia Glen defended resolutely against some strong serving and volleying, while Emma Fox and Sue Newell displayed athleticism and tactical skill.

This was a good performance by a squad which still has scope for improvement and can progress further.

Cake Monster



**Corsley Reading Room**

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Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Wednesday 23rd October 10.00am to 12.30pm
£25 per person including 8 cupcakes to take home

Halloween ghosts, pumpkins, mummies and of course no Halloween is complete without bats! Come along and learn how to make these scarily delicious selections of Sugarcraft and Buttercream Halloween cupcake designs. No prior experience necessary. Availability – 8 places only so please book early.



Christmas Cupcake Decorating

2 dates available

Wednesday 6th November 10.00am to 12.30pm, or
Wednesday 4th December 10.00am to 12.30pm
£25 per person including 8 cupcakes to take home

Get sticky and learn how to create beautifully decorated Christmas Sugarcraft and Buttercream cupcake designs. At the end of the session participants walk away with a box of 8 deliciously decorated cupcakes to give as presents,

share with others, or hide in the back of a cupboard! No prior experience necessary. Availability – 8 places only so please book early.

Handmade Christmas Cards

Wednesday 20th November 10.00am to 12.30pm
£25 per person including materials

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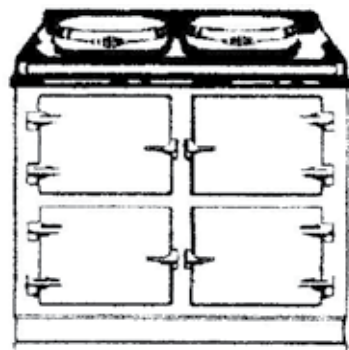


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Shoe Box Appeal Launch

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So – how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoe box? Simply take an empty shoe box, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life.

This is the fifth year our church will be taking part, and if you would like to contribute, please contact Pat Ryan 832650.

There is a leaflet we can give you, full of ideas of what to put in the shoe box, plus an identifying label to stick on the front of your box and a donation envelope so that you can include the £3.00 per box required by Samaritan's Purse to cover the distribution,

transport, processing and promotion costs.

Why not bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to our church on our Shoe Box Celebration Service on 24th November.

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Toys: small cars, tennis sized balls, dolls, soft toys, harmonicas, yo-yos, skipping ropes, jigsaws.

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, felt pens, crayons, writing pads or paper, colouring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, flannel, etc.

Other: Sweets, T-shirts, socks, sunglasses, hat/cap, hair clips, toy jewellery.

A personal note: in a separate envelope, you may enclose a note and a photo.

'No thanks' to:

Food/chocolate, medicine/vitamins, war-related items, liquids, breakable items, aerosol cans.

Pat Ryan

**Shoe Box Appeal launch
10.30, 27th October at
St Margaret's Church**

The Corsley Show Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28th November

7.30pm

Corsley Reading Room

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Annual General Meeting 2013

Wednesday 20th November
7.30pm at Corsley Reading Room
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All welcome



At the crease

Corsley Cricket Club News

Corsley visited Mells and won by 60 runs. Corsley started solidly with Isaac Wood and Glyn Newton each scoring 20. James

Short struck two sixes in a fine 60, before Will Lewis notched 39 not out. The visitors amassed an imposing total of 212.

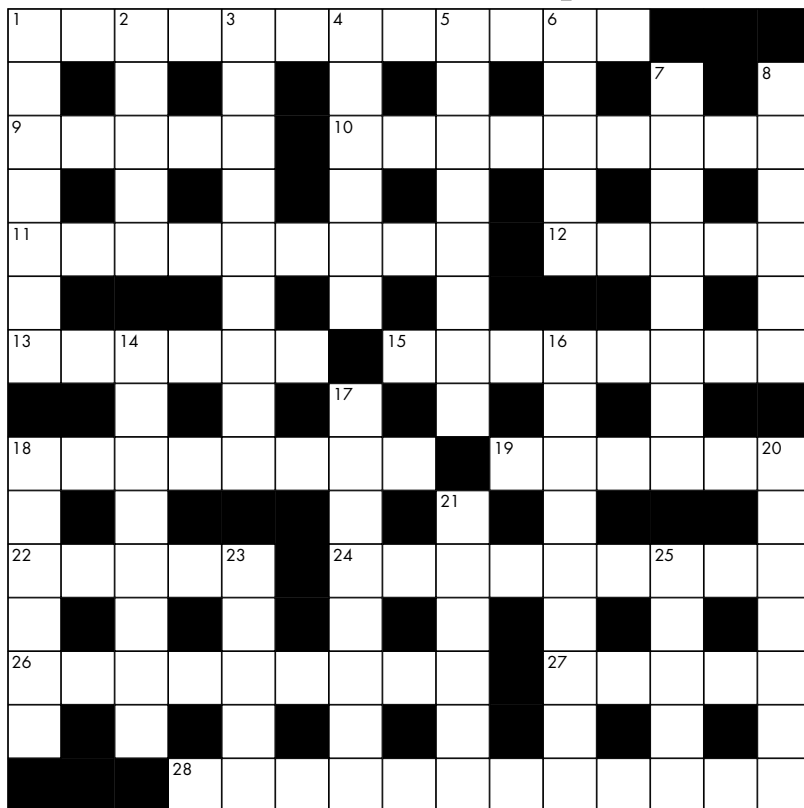
Mells' reply was wrecked by Mervyn Parrish, who took four wickets and two catches. Rodgers hit a brave 37, but Phil Wood struck three times and Adam Ledbury polished off the home side for 152.

Corsley lost to Horningsham at the Memorial Field by 48 runs. The visitors faltered as Tom Liquorice grabbed five wickets, but O'Connor scored a pleasing 47. With Neil Carpenter taking two catches and Chris Seviour bowling well, Horningsham totalled 113.

After a cup of Gordon Ledbury's fine tea, Corsley struggled against accurate bowling. Though Phil Wood resisted stoutly and Robin Ledbury smote a six in his 25, the home side soon tumbled to 65 all out.

Cake Monster

Canopus



Doodle pad

solution page 52

Clues across

- 1 Blooming tooth robber! You have the legal right to fine him (12)
- 9 Dostoyevsky's Prince Myshkin gives one girl books (5)
- 10 Bursting in and bursting out, we hear (9)
- 11 Completed dub on soundtrack extraordinarily quickly (9)
- 12 Recent time lost makes one tardier (5)
- 13 Some metal boxes get returned, flattened at the edges (6)
- 15 Radioactive metal found in protein by one university microbiologist originally (8)
- 18 Composer who brought Spanish language to Italy? (8)
- 19 It helps produce groovy music (6)
- 22 Required by one sitting president at meeting (5)
- 24 Topless sex on Prague television initially bothered censor (9)
- 26 One who makes good money for his employers wouldn't be welcome at Lord's, perhaps (9)
- 27 Brad returns with a climber (5)
- 28 Repeatedly speak with East European corrupt dialect (6-6)

Clues down

- 1 Bespectacled Corin somehow finds a S. American flower (7)
- 2 Brief moment for a lyricist? (5)
- 3 Give advance payment to South African province before delivery (9)
- 4 Non-Spanish speaker in America has to travel around to make a call (6)
- 5 Version of Christe eleison primarily for those with unorthodox creed (8)
- 6 Banish former huntsman out East (5)
- 7 Defective hearing result of putting one in the wind (8)
- 8 Worker is on the edge in Northern Ireland (6)
- 14 Reluctant Marion undressed for seducer (8)
- 16 Raised capital to support one theatre with production of Lear, among others (5,4)
- 17 Eskimo shaman finds English king in capital city, decapitated (8)
- 18 Commander in chief to the Queen has love for orator (6)
- 20 Leak incomplete cross-reference (7)
- 21 A mineral source extremely thin on the ground (6)
- 23 Dance graduate leaves cake (5)
- 25 A shortage? What a shame (5)



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If you do not already have detectors or alarms fitted, it is relatively inexpensive to do so and they are easily installed.

If you do have alarms, ensure that batteries are correctly fitted, and that the appliance is in date – remember, they do have an expiry date!

How aware are you about Carbon Monoxide poisoning?

What is carbon monoxide- why is it a problem?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless, poisonous gas produced by incomplete burning of carbon-based fuels, including gas, oil, wood and coal. Carbon-based fuels are safe to use.

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What preventative measures can I take against carbon monoxide exposure?

- Ensure that any work carried out in relation to gas appliances in domestic or commercial premises is to be undertaken

by a Gas Safe Registered engineer, competent in that area of work.

- HSE strongly advises that gas appliances and/or flues are installed and serviced regularly for safety by a Gas Safe Registered engineer. If you live in tenanted accommodation, your landlord has a legal duty to carry out an annual gas safety check and maintain gas appliances. They must provide you with a copy of the completed gas safety check certificate.
- Always make sure there is enough fresh air in the room containing your gas appliance. If you have a chimney or a flue, ensure it is not blocked up and also ensure that vents are not covered.
- If you plan to install a gas fire in a bedroom, use a Gas Safe Registered engineer; do not use un-flued appliances like paraffin heaters and cabinet heaters.
- Get your chimney swept from top to bottom at least once a year by a qualified sweep.
- If you have appliances that use other fossil fuels, make sure they are serviced and maintained by a competent person. For information on competent persons'

schemes, visit the Communities and Local Government website.

HSE strongly recommends the use of audible carbon monoxide (CO) alarms as a useful back-up precaution but they must not be regarded as a substitute for proper installation and maintenance of gas appliances by a Gas Safe Registered engineer. Before purchasing a CO alarm, always ensure it complies with British Standard EN 50291 and carries a British or European approval mark, such as a Kitemark. CO alarms should be installed, checked and serviced in line with the manufacturer's instructions. You can be particularly at risk from CO poisoning when you are asleep, because you may not be aware of early CO symptoms until it is too late. Having an audible CO alarm could wake you and save your life.

For key safety advice and facts please go to the above web site or contact the Health & Safety Executive 0845 345 0055.

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The Corsley Show Society

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From the Rural Dean:

The ministry of the Reverend Norma Payne has been greatly valued by so many over the years - we wish her every blessing in the next stage of her life.

For the Churches locally it will be a time of transition: every effort will be made to ensure that Services are held as usual and the Revd Di Britten and the Churchwardens and other lay leaders will be working together to support all who need the ministry of the Church, pastorally or through Baptism, Marriages and Funerals.

Work has already begun to describe the life of the parishes and the community in a document, a profile, which will be used to attract potential applicants when the post is advertised. At the same time thought is being given to the skills and attributes that the parishes need at this time. The Archdeacon oversees this process of gathering information, agreeing the text of the profile and for the recruitment process of advertising, interviewing and appointing a new Priest. Many will be involved in these important tasks.

Should the recruitment indicate that the current Cley Hill collection of churches is not seen as practical, we will need to think hard about any changes that could be made - but that is not obvious at this time.

It is a time for action - but for reflection and prayer as well, as we look for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in leading our churches forward.

Jonathan Burke

Parish contacts

For all requests for baptism and weddings please contact, in the first instance, the Parish Office on 01985 215460. For funerals and any other church matters please contact the Rev Di Britten on 01373 832515.

October Church Diary

Tuesday 1st October

7.30pm at 129d Forest Walk

After Alpha Tuesday Night Group – Richard 832594



Saturday 5th October

7pm for 7.30pm at Chapmanslade School

Harvest Supper



Sunday 6th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist



Tuesday 8th October

10.30am at 9 Cleyhill Gardens

Time to Think home group – Phil 832845



Saturday 12th October

7pm for 7.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Harvest Supper



Sunday 13th October: 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Parish Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins for Harvest Season



Tuesday 15th October

7.30pm – Details from Richard on 832594

After Alpha Tuesday Night Group

Thursday 17th October

**From 10am to 12pm at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church & Community Coffee Morning**



Sunday 20th October: 21st Sunday after Trinity

Mission Aviation Fellowship Day of Prayer

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Harvest Festival

The collection will be donated to Farm Crisis Network.



Tuesday 22nd October

10.30am at 93 Lyes Green - Phil 832845

Time to Think home group



Wednesday 23rd October

From 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Light Bites Bread & Soup Lunch



Sunday 27th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

9am at St Mary's, Temple

Holy Communion 1662

10.30pm at St. Margaret's, Corsley

Parish Service

Talk by Richard Dean on his recent visit to South Sudan

Launch of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

3.30pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

All Souls Service



Sunday 3rd November: All Saints' Day

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

Church Events for your diary

Remembrance Day Services

There will be services at St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade and at St Margaret's, Corsley on November 10th. The collections will be in aid of the Royal British Legion.

A "Thank You" from Norma

A heartfelt thank you for the very special day that you made my final Sunday in the Benefice. It was wonderful to see such a full church and to be surrounded by so many friends. Thank you to all who were there; and also my thanks to the many people who have written, phoned or sent cards with good wishes for my retirement. I have been very touched by your great kindness.

The celebratory lunch was a lovely occasion and I thank the churchwardens and PCCs for organising such a splendid gathering for me. I confess to being quite overwhelmed by the generosity of your parting gift. I assure you that I shall use it wisely and will definitely enjoy the luxuries it will enable. My time in the Benefice has been one of the happiest times of my life.

As I said in my parting sermon, 'The ending we mark today is rather like stepping across a threshold into something new, and it is a necessary rite of passage. As one aspect of our lives comes to an end, so something new begins. So as you embark on your new journey, please accept my thanks for your friendship and in the words of John O'Donohue 'May all that is un-lived in you, blossom into a future graced with love'.

Every blessing
Norma Payne

Harvest Suppers and Harvest Festival

There will be a Harvest Supper at Chapmanslade School on Saturday 5th October; tickets from Anne Good 832505. The Corsley Harvest Supper will be at the Reading Rooms on Saturday 12th October; tickets from Claire da Costa on 832113. Tickets are also available from members of the PCC. Both suppers commence at 7pm for 7.30pm and tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for children. Please bring your own drinks.

The Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday 20th October at 9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade.

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Corsley WI September News



Carol Seward rounds up the September meeting and announces some forthcoming events

Our President, Carol Seward, welcomed everyone and thanked Val Benbow for the pretty vase of flowers. The Corsley WI biennial Produce Show held in August was discussed and members said they had enjoyed the auction of produce. The WI cakes and preserves stall at Corsley Show was also very successful and we thank Hilary Vallis for organising the stall, Rosemary and Dick Collins for letting us share their tent and all the members for supporting us by making and bringing goods to sell and for helping on the day.

An invitation has been received for members to attend a meeting of the **Weavers Group** to be held in **Grassacres Hall, Westbury, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th October** for a humorous talk called 'Petticoat Pilot', by Ann Chance. There are also some new events and workshops being arranged by the Wiltshire Federation of WIs, including a **Carol Concert on Thursday 4th December**.

After all the business matters, Carol then introduced our speaker, Gordon Brockman from Chippenham Auction Rooms, with his talk on 'Life as an Auctioneer'. Gordon said that his interest in antiques started while he was unable to work after a back operation. He began to go round the charity shops

and attended car boot sales. At a table-top sale he bought a brooch for 75p which he later sold for a good profit at auction. He then found unpaid work at an auction house unpacking boxes and was later taken on as a (paid!) Porter. Eventually he trained as an auctioneer and later as a valuer and had many stories about auctions and his house visits for valuations. Gordon had brought with him a selection of items for members to guess which was the most and least expensive. He finally valued some items brought by members and gave us some tips on the sort of things we should look for when buying furniture from auctions or salerooms and how to tell whether or not an item is genuine. Claire Firman-Ford gave the vote of thanks for a fascinating talk.

The competition for a small china object was won by Jean White, with Jenny Candy second and Rosemary Collins third.

Our next meeting on Thursday 10th October starts at the **new time of 2.30pm**, and the Rev Ward Jones will give a talk entitled 'A Korean Odyssey'. This is an open meeting and we would be delighted to welcome visitors. The competition for members is for a Far-Eastern object.

Do you have a morning or an afternoon free? Why not join us in the Reading Room in Corsley for any of the following activities:

Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, 2.30pm, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760

These boots were made for walking...

This year's weather has been very good for walking, especially after last year's rain. Unfortunately, due to this footpaths have been badly affected.

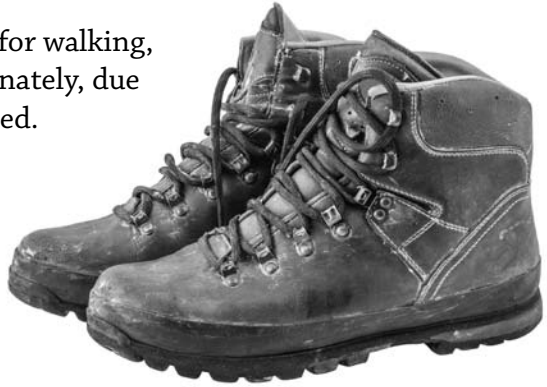
Footpaths have also been in the news a lot recently, an accident in West Wilts, sheep savaged by dogs, and as reported in the Frome Standard, "Dog attacks OAP jogger" which was on a footpath near Frome.

Do you enjoy walking, riding or cycling locally? It is also good for your health. There have been a few problems with poor maintenance of footpaths this summer, some overgrown, crops and obstacles across the route, and some stiles/kissing gates in need of urgent repair. You may have noticed the kissing gate down The Hollow, Corsley has been taken away it is now with the Rights of Way team at Wiltshire Council being repaired it will be replaced in conjunction with the landowner renewing the field gate.

We all want to safely use the countryside and the Ramblers Association, Natural England and Rights of Way web that sites can help. There is an easy code of practice:

- Respect other people
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Leave no trace of your visit.
- Keep dogs under control.

Landowners also have their rights and responsibilities with regard to maintenance of paths, obstructions, pesticides and animals.



The responsibilities for maintenance therefore vary dependent on the situation and it is usually sorted out by discussion with the relevant people. Wiltshire Council is the authority for our parishes, but it is under great pressure especially at this time of the year. In Corsley, with this in mind I am investigating the possibility of a group of volunteers to help with the maintenance of our paths. I would be pleased to hear for anyone who would be interested in getting involved. I already have list of places that need attention, please also feel free to contact me if there you have any queries.

The following are useful sites to get more information.

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Before the weather turns, plant some

Autumn/Winter colour

At this time of year when the colour fades after the summer season, gaps appear in our gardens; its a great idea to inject some instant colour to liven up our garden again

Here are a few tips on planting with autumn/winter colour...

Some plants that do well at this time of year and offer a reasonable amount of colour are; Pansies, Violas, Heathers, Polyanthus, Hebes, mixed evergreens and Cyclamen. They can be used when planting tubs, hanging baskets or even filling in those gaps in your borders.

When planting a basket or tub for winter, avoid using water retaining granules as planters can become water logged. It is a good idea to include a slow release fertiliser such as Osmocote in the potting media or compost so that the plants get plenty of food over the coming months.

If planting hanging baskets, try using cocoa liners: most winter plants don't trail or grow as vigorously due to the lack of sunlight so you'll see ghastly plastic liners throughout the winter, however cocoa serves all the same purposes as ordinary liners and looks great. Also the birds will appreciate it too as they like to take bit for their winter nests.

Under-planting

While planting tubs and baskets you have the perfect opportunity to plant some spring bulbs that will pop up through your winter



plants. Bulbs such as tête-à-tête daffodil, crocus and tulips are ideal for under-planting and will quite happily grow up through other plants and be in flower the following march.

When planting tubs and baskets use a mixture of plants which are in flower and some which are due to flower, to give you a continuous show of colour through the autumn winter season. Remember that you can use foliage plants, as well as flowering plants, to create interest and give different heights, textures and colours to your planters.

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the 450th birthday bash report

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A pig was duly piped, paraded and serenaded as it made its way to the carving table to join its companion.

Blessed as we were with a transvestite Anne of Cleveless and his more curvaceous & bountiful companion (feel free to drop me a line with your telephone number), a salty seadog captain and his Queen (just how twisted and tormented are the people of Chapmanslade?) Also an Artful ARP, lovely 80's outfits and summer frocks of years gone past combined with plenty of Elizabethan elegance, the latter of course provided by Corsley'ites .

A year in the planning, with headaches, looming deadlines, last minute hitches – how were we to know that weekend was also international Morris dance weekend in Swansea and we could not find a free group



'Piping in' the pig

for love nor money, until our very own home grown Corsley Morris folk were identified at the last minute and did sterling service with music, dancing and singing.

Who could guess just how many cucumbers it would take to satisfy the women in the kitchen?, Nope, not us. We had a few



(gross) going spare. The villages have been awash for weeks with tzatziki and dill soup and gazpacho using up the excess toms.

The wheels on sewing machines glowed red-hot long into the night turning out hundreds of meters of bunting.

But, what news from the hotly contested Field of Battle, I hear you ask?

All I can say is that Chapmanslade need to find some real men. Their tug'o'war teams were just so, wimpy. Despite Denis' best effort to whip his side into shape, and us allowing plenty of time for them to use their Zimmers to get to the rope, even the Corsley, one-legged, one-armed young girls side beat them (although we did allow them to win one of the three pulls).

Well you've got the next fifty years to get some practise in or breed some better stock.

Thanks are owed by so many to so few – Dicky and the Clanger Crew, the Cricket Bar flies, Morris magic, the Elizabethan evening committee for being daft enough to volunteer to organise this, Ceawlin & Emma for pig 1.

Mr & Mrs Lloyd-Webber for the supporting the touring run of "Through Thick & Thynne – 1563 and all that" just like what I wrote.

Epilogue - ost and found

Lost - one Samsung mobile phone.

Ladies nether garments (red, lacy and a racy size 22) found on the Barn roof (how on earth she and they got up there we can only imagine but we look forward to sharing the pictures on Facebook).

Prosthetic lower limb (gentleman's left, complete with black brogue and paisley sock) if it's yours feel free to hop over to collect it. You will need to state what size shoe, so we really know it's yours.

And possibly something as simple as a brolly was left behind.

Yours in disappointing flaccidity
Baron Twice Knightly (you'll be lucky)

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Corsley

Parish Council briefing

The Chairmain gives us a précis of the Quarterly Meeting held on 9th September

The quarterly meeting in September considered one planning application, up-dates on the planned A362 repairs, the Steiner School licence and the Little Cuckoos Lease and debated concerns over a particular aspect of footpath rights.

The planning application was for retrospective approval of the Gloworm Cottage stable building, previously built to a design different from the original plan, and for a manège in one of the adjacent fields. The stable stands in a very prominent position at the top of the Hollow and, on the original plan, should have been externally clad in olive green stained timber. The PC objected to the retrospective stable application on the grounds that it was detrimental to the local landscape and recommended that the original design be instated. There were no objections to the ménage.

The A362 repairs.
Please see Simon Jasper's report on page 7.

By the time of this Bridge edition, the long awaited meeting with Longleat (Mr Bradley and his Business Development Director) to discuss Longleat related Corsley traffic issues, and agree solutions, will have taken place. I hope to be able to make a positive report in the November Bridge.

Footpaths were also discussed in relation to the scarce maintenance resources available

from Wiltshire Council and the appearance of landowners' signs advising dog walkers to keep their animals on a lead and use "poo bags". After consultation with Wiltshire footpaths officer, the PC was advised that these signs were allowable. As regards maintenance, Wiltshire are encouraging Parishes to try and plug the gaps in maintenance provision by establishing their own husbandry teams. Gill Parkinson has written in more detail on this subject elsewhere in the Bridge.

Two other issues of note were raised at the 9th September meeting; commemoration of the centenary of the start of WW1 and care of the trees on the Old School Playing Field. Other local Parishes are planning commemorative activities, as is Wiltshire, the Church and British Legion. The PC will debate this topic again at the next quarterly meeting and all views are welcome before then. As regards OSPF maintenance, the thistles around the tress have now been cut down and steps are underway to arrange clearance of the grass between the trees and attend to the hedge around the plantation.

Please note that you can now access PC agendas, minutes and accounts through the website.

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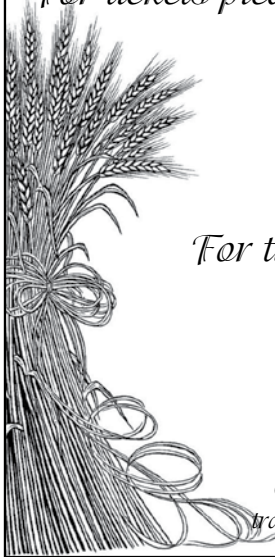
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Celebrating the Harvest

The harvest was celebrated at Whitbourne, in two services held on 15th October. Members of the congregation chose windowsills and designed appropriate decorations. There were full stalks of maize on display, plus food and flowers from different countries. Tim and Katie Mead and their sons, Sam and Tom, decorated the back of the Chapel with wonderful model tractors and threshing machines.

Our morning service was led by Paul Stinchcombe, a local solicitor. He made Jesus' parable of the Sower and the Seed relevant to us. As Christians, we are the sowers and the seed is God's Word. We sow the seed when we talk to others about God and about his son Jesus, but we have no idea whether the seed will be fruitful or not. The sower, at the time of Jesus, had no way of knowing if the seed would germinate, grow and produce a good crop. Our job is to be faithful.

Our 5pm service was planned and run by the young people. Ricky Oliver led the service, with his wife Becki and Tom Mead doing the Bible readings. Ricky had a novel approach, comparing the natural harvest with what he called the 'soul harvest'. For the crop harvest, the person in charge is the landowner, the work is done by the labourers



and the land is treated with nutrients to give crops the best chance of growing. For the soul harvest, God the Father is in overall charge, Christ did the work in dying on the cross for us and the Holy Spirit gives life.

After the service, we all enjoyed a ploughman's tea in the meeting room. Some of the produce went to the local food bank, some went to a known family in need.

Harvest – some Bible food questions

- 1 A strong man found some of this in the carcass of a lion. *Judges 14.8*
- 2 Jesus asked whether people gathered these from thistles. *Matthew 7.16*
- 3 Two men brought a large amount of these, slung on a pole, to the camp of Israel *Numbers 13.24*

ABC of God's promises

N for "No-one shall snatch them from my hands" (Jesus referring to the confidence we may have in His ability to preserve us)
John 10.28

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Chapmanslade Loose Women

Our meeting on Thursday 3rd October will be a social evening.

This will be at 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade at 7.30pm.

If you have thought about joining us please come along for a glass of wine and a chat. Newcomers are always welcome.

Dear Editor

Following the Playing Field Update in the September 2013 edition, I thought I would clarify that it was **Corsley Tennis Club** who spent £21,018 on the resurfacing and painting of the tennis courts. We raised this sum from the subscriptions of our members. As the project I feel it important to make the distinction between our expenditure and that of the Playing Field.

Best regards

Keith Glenn, Warminster



News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

We would like to welcome back all our children, and to extend a very warm welcome to all our new starters and their families.

This half-term is all about Nursery Rhymes, and sees the children singing, painting and making all things Incy Wincy and Little Miss Muffett and more!

On Friday 27th September, we will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning (in the afternoon!) with cakes, a toy swap table and our Little Cuckoo's Book Stall, with all proceeds going towards MacMillan to support the magnificent work that they do. The event is running from 3.30pm, and is open to everyone, so please do stop by for some cake and a chat!

We will be having our annual AGM on the 2nd October, where we will be electing new officers for our management committee and reviewing the year gone by.

Unfortunately, our Tuesday morning Toddler group is on hold again, until after the AGM, and the election of new members who might be persuaded to take on the running of the group! We all feel that this is a really valuable facility to be able to offer the village and hope to have it up and running again ASAP - stay tuned!

Best Wishes

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Tales from the passenger seat



Sometimes when I'm watching the TV, it is entertaining to see how the script writers have portrayed and exaggerated an amusing character. That is, until it dawns on me that I have a pupil with similar attributes due for a lesson the next day.

Gloria had a habit of swerving left and right whilst driving along. Despite various explanations of steering being given, she still insisted on pumping the wheel furiously from side to side causing us to perform an in and out motion between the white lines. After saving her from hitting trees or oncoming traffic, I thought it a good idea to ask specifically why she appeared to be purposely swerving. Many pupils will swerve initially until they get a 'feel' of how to steer, but Gloria was really trying her hardest to swerve. So I posed the question. Her reply – "Because I've seen how they drive on those American shows and you have to move the wheel from side to side to pump the car along"

Clarice lived on a farm in the middle of nowhere. Her family had no TV and only listened to the radio on a Sunday. One lesson, Clarice came running out for her lesson [she never normally did anything resembling fast movement], bursting to tell me about the most amazing and exciting thing she had ever experienced.

"I was in the top field with the lambs Steve last Monday. Guess what happened?"
 "Hmmm, I'm not sure I can Clarice"
 "A helicopter flew low over the field and frightened the lambs. Really made them run"

"Ah, and ...?"

"Yeah, that really gave me something to think about all week"

The drive to Trowbridge from her farm was conducted in virtual silence interrupted only by the occasional fit of giggles as Clarice recalled this highly entertaining episode.

Aaron loved computer games. Far too much. Aaron's method of stopping the car at a junction was to do a short stab with his foot on the brake pedal, then come off the brake and be most puzzled when I would have to dual brake him to ensure the car stopped where it was supposed to. After a fair number of explanations and practice, I asked him to explain his theory of how to stop a car.

"I play racing games Steve"

"Oh dear "

"And on the practice lap before a race, when you come round the final lap up to the stop line, you press the downshift key and the car stops at the line, ready for the start." Aaron genuinely believed that the brake pedal operated like the downshift key on his computer, and that a quick poke on the brake pedal would ensure the car magically stopped where it was supposed to. In fact, it took a while for him to grasp that the windscreen was not a monitor, and that if you hit something, you didn't get more lives and simply carry on with the game.

I have found that being a diplomat and a good listener are pretty useful skills to employ.

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Countryside Matters

Autumn came in practically overnight this year...



From the middle of September the daylight hours shortened, temperatures dropped to mid-teens, colder nights meant misty mornings that slowed drivers on their way to work and the weather has been a mixture of sunshine, showers, wind and rain.

We are surrounded by woodlands changing colour, hedges and trees hanging with berries, fruits and seeds, telling us that we must fill up our larders, storerooms, wood sheds, and barns ready for winter.

After 18 months of awful weather, the summer sunshine and good temperatures have helped farmers and gardeners. Most spring-planted cereals have grown well and harvesting has been busy, but enjoyable. Our main home-produce crop (maize) is looking good as it ripens in the field; it will be harvested during October. A specially adapted combine-harvester cuts the whole plant off 6" above ground level, and then the machine chops it into 2" lengths. The maize cobs are crushed, and the mixture is forced out off the combine into waiting trailers that move alongside the combine. Back at the farm the storage-pits have been lined with huge plastic sheets. The maize mixture is tipped in, rolled over many times by a heavy tractor to remove as much air as possible, and salt is spread over it as a preservative. Finally the clamp is covered

with plastic sheeting and weighted down with used tyres.

This autumn will hopefully bring the peace of mind to farmer that they have sufficient home-produced feed in their barns to feed all their stock this winter.

Living in the country you often look at the sky for changes in the weather, the colour of the clouds and how fast they are moving, the colour of the sky, and if you have a good sunset.

This time of year we see the birds preparing for their flight to warmer climates. Swallows and House Martins are lining the wires before heading to Africa – some all the way to Cape Town! Other species, such as Blackcaps and Willow Warblers, slip away unobtrusively. Some Chiffchaffs may stay with us for the winter and can even be seen on some bird tables. Meanwhile, birds that have bred further north are moving down to our warmer climes: look out for geese and plenty of Fieldfares and Redwings.

This year we hope to celebrate our harvest home with the traditional church services and suppers – do join in and celebrate with us.

Judith Helliar



Neediness

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

We sometimes hear people being judged for being 'too needy', 'clingy' or 'dependent'. We don't like these traits

in others and it's even harder to accept that we might have needy tendencies ourselves.

Is it possible to turn this around a little, though? What's wrong with being 'needy'? Don't we all need love, affection, attention, time spent on us, understanding and so on?

If we're fortunate, we will have learnt some self-reliance from having had a healthy, loving childhood and we will feel generally OK about ourselves although, even then, the needs I referred to persist into adulthood in a more muted way. We are able to meet some of our own needs and don't have to look to others (taking the place of our parents) for every emotional requirement.

Those of us who missed out on getting the attention and affection we needed as children, however, will be engaged in a constant search for it throughout life and will not have had the opportunity to become confident and self-reliant adults. There's a gap. So, we look for something to fill that gap, feeling secretly unloveable and in need. And we display this need by demanding attention, affection, etc., from others. Are we to be condemned, then (by ourselves and others), for simply trying to get what we've always needed? Neediness can seem irrational, irritating and off-putting – it can drive people away (quite the reverse of what the person in need needs!). But if that person can be encouraged to understand what's missing and what drives their behaviour, they can start to repair the damage done and to fill in the gaps in their

self-confidence. And they can stop quietly condemning themselves for their pain as they become more kindly-disposed to these traits and are released from their shame.

Even if you feel that your childhood was quite good enough, you probably have times when you feel vulnerable and needy. But we tend to hide these feelings for fear of being seen as weak and overly-dependent. If we are all able to be more honest about how we feel, we can start to live more freely and authentically. Isn't there a tiny bit of you right now wishing you could be more openly needy sometimes?

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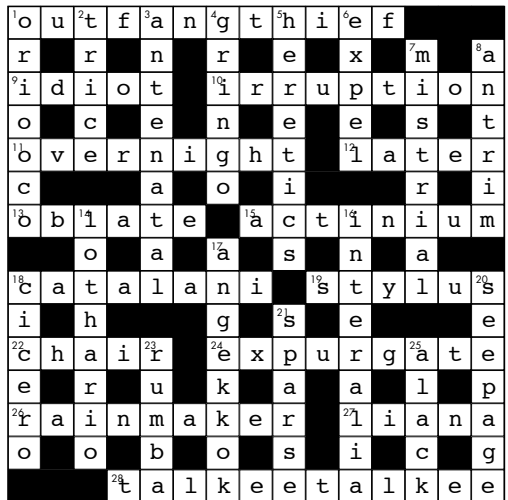
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