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*monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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## Articles

Please submit articles either by email to [viv.thomas146@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.thomas146@btinternet.com) or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

## File types

Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

## Advertising

**Small ads** are £1 for each item 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

**Events/local organisation ads** (churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a small, boxed advert.

**Larger ads** are subject to space availability and by arrangement with the Editor who will advise on the price.

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 (Barbers 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 October**

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

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## **October**

### **Wednesday 1st**

Licensing Service for Reverend Pauline Reid – 7.30pm,  
St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Deadline for Corsley Show donation applications

### **Thursday 2nd**

Warminster mobile library (see page 10 for times)

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

### **Saturday 4th**

Corsley litter pick – 10am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Barbers Plant Centre – Nursery Bonanza – 10am to 5pm

Harvest Supper – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Tuesday 7th**

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

### **Thursday 9th**

Corsley WI – 2pm, a short WI meeting followed at 3.00pm by a Talk & Tea Party 'Canine Partners' (Open Meeting), Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### **Friday 10th**

An Evening of Light Music – 7.00 for 7.30pm St Margaret's Church, Corsley

### **Saturday 11th**

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

### **Sunday 12th**

Apple pressing day – starting at 11am, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Bring your apples to press into juice, or learn how to convert the juice into cider!

### **Wednesday 15th**

Corsley Gardening Club - talk on the care of roses at Lakeside Garden Centre – 2.30pm

### **Thursday 16th**

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10am - noon, The Three Horseshoes,  
Chapmanslade

Warminster mobile library (see page 10 for times)

### **Saturday 18th**

Chapmanslade Quiz



# Diary Dates

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## **Wednesday 22nd**

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

## **Wednesday 29th**

Half Term Autumn Walk and Bug Hunt – 10am - 12 noon, meet at St Margaret's School

## **Thursday 30th**

Warminster mobile library (see page 10 for times)

## **November**

### **Saturday 1st**

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### **Tuesday 4th**

Coffee Morning – 10 - 12 noon – Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 6th**

Warminster Area Board and Health Fair, Warminster Civic Centre (see ad on page 23)

### **Saturday 8th**

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

### **Thursday 13th**

Warminster mobile library (see page 10 for times)

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, 'The Animals at Longleat', Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### **Friday 14th**

Quiz Night – Corsley Reading Room

### **Saturday 15th**

Wine Tasting – Corsley Reading Rooms (sponsored by Waitrose)

### **Wednesday 19th**

Corsley Gardening Club – talk on Bumblebees at Corsley Reading Room – 2.30pm

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

### **Thursday 20th**

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Wednesday 26th**

Warminster mobile library (see page 10 for times)

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

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### **Thursday 27th**

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

### **Friday 28th**

Wine Tasting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Saturday 29th**

Christmas Market – 10am - 12.30pm – Corsley Reading Room

## **December**

### **Tuesday 2nd**

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

### **Saturday 6th**

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Village Carol Evening – 7.00pm – Corsley Reading Room

### **Monday 8th**

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

### **Wednesday 10th**

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

### **Thursday 11th**

Corsley WI – Christmas Dinner

### **Saturday 13th**

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

### **Sunday 14th**

Corsley Festival Choir Christmas Concert – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

### **Thursday 18th**

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

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# **Litter pickers**

## **Chapmanslade litter pickers**

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 11th 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*  
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## **Corsley litter pickers**

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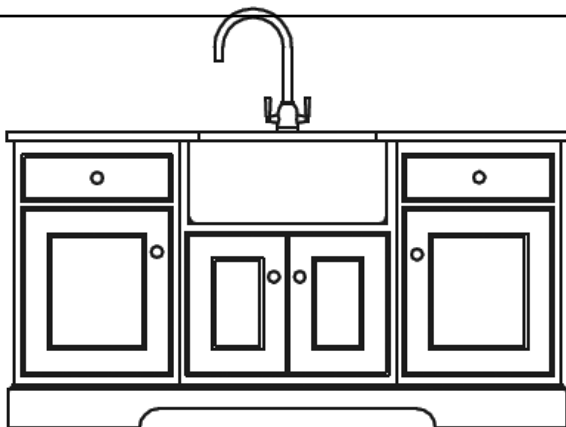


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Our first activity will be a **FREE Apple Pressing Day** to make juice to take away or help and advice on making cider from your own apples. Bring your own apples to the Playing Field from 11.00 on Sunday 12th October and have some fun as a family or on your own. Don't forget to bring clean plastic bottles to put the juice in

Teas and coffees will be available all day, so you can just come and see how it's done if you like. There will be surplus apples, if my trees are anything to go by, so do come along, it's free.

Anyone who has a use for the apple pulp, please let us know!

On Friday 14th November we will be holding a **Family Quiz** at the Reading Room (7.00pm, £5.00 including supper). All welcome. Details of all our H&W events will be available at that evening.

For more details about the apple pressing or tickets for the quiz, please contact Marion: [marion@nmc2.co.uk](mailto:marion@nmc2.co.uk), 01373 832314, 07796 544565  
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# Road Closure

Temporary Closure of:  
**A3098 (Part) Tower Hill/Hisomley/  
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Chapmanslade (Ref: TTRO 3538)**

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: A3098 (Part) Tower Hill/Hisomley/Chalcot Lane, Dilton Marsh and Chapmanslade; from its junction with C386 Clydesdale Road/B3099 Tanyard Way in a southwesterly direction to its junction with A36 northbound slip road (Thoulstone).

To enable Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway resurfacing and associated works.

**Alternative route:** via A36 - A350 - A3098 Leigh Road/Gooselands/Leigh Park Way/Mane Way and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on **20th October 2014** and it is anticipated that the works will take until **3rd November 2014** to complete depending upon weather conditions (**weekdays only between 9am – 3.30pm**). The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

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Wednesday 29th October

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or download it at [www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk](http://www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk)



## 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.

Little Cuckoos has settled into the start of the new term well and are enjoying exploring this term's topic of 'water' with great enjoyment. We are making the most of the wonderful sunny days with lots of outdoor learning through play and use of the new interactive projector and whiteboard.

We have lots of fun activities planned this term. Some of the children and their parents took part in the Frome Carnival, a sponsored scooter/cycle to raise money for Water Aid and a Coffee Afternoon for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are pleased to invite everyone to our popular Harvest Swap on Friday 10th October - bring your harvest produce and swap it or buy and the money will go to a local charity. We will be welcoming back Zoolab for an animal experience with a Halloween theme!

The Tuesday Toddler Group continues to provide fun play and time for parents and carers to meet up every term-time Tuesday at Little Cuckoos from 10 - 11.30am.

Little Cuckoos has sessions available to book now, please speak to Hayley McMahon Pre-School Leader on 01373 832298 for further information and to book your FREE trial session.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which breed of animal is a merino?
- 2 What in radio does the acronym FM stand for?
- 3 In which country is the Great Sandy Desert?
- 4 How many dominoes are there in a standard set?
- 5 How many pairs of ribs are there in the human body?
- 6 Which type of acid would you find in car batteries?
- 7 How many men on a dead man's chest?
- 8 In which month is the Queen's official birthday?
- 9 What is the name of Sherlock Holmes' housekeeper?
- 10 What is "mal de mer"?
- 11 In which city might you find the Spanish Steps?
- 12 Who is the policeman in the Noddy stories?

*Answers on page 52*

## DO YOU LIVE NEAR HEATHWAY?

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## The mobile library service visits next on:

**Thursday 2nd October**

10:10 - 10:30

Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

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**16th and 30th October,  
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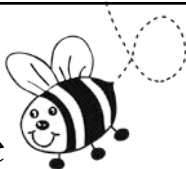
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Just over a £1,000 was raised for her three favourite charities, St Philip and St James Church Chapmanslade, Dorothy House Hospice and Juba School in South Sudan.

## You are invited to join us for a 'Talk and Tea Party'

Thursday 9th October  
at Corsley Reading Room  
for a talk on



## 'Canine Partners'

by Sheila Sadler with her dog Kerly

Talk will begin at 3pm  
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Admission £5 Raffle

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## An Evening of Light Music

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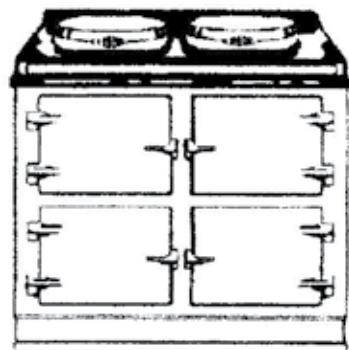


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So, how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoe box? Simply take an empty shoe box, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life. This year we have 'Go' boxes available. These boxes, from Samaritans Purse, are ready for you to fill with your gifts, so if you don't want to cover the box yourself, come along to our service (details below) and collect them or just give me call. This is the sixth 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 2nd November. To make an even bigger impact, why not involve your whole family, neighbours and friends and bring them all along to the service, or contact me on the above number about collection.

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**Corsley Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

The Chairman, Neil Britten, presents his report of the September meeting

A quarterly meeting was held on 1st September, the main items being introductions to the new Longleat CEO and Land Agent, two planning applications, consideration of the Len White trust and an update on the accounts and annual spending.

## **Longleat**

The Longleat Estate has recently made two key senior appointments, Mr Michael Birnie as Land Agent and Mr Bob Montgomery as CEO, both reporting to the Longleat Trust. Both attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the PC and take questions.

Michael Birnie described his recent experience as a Land Agent on an Estate in the Scottish Borders and his farming background. He is responsible for Longleat property, farms, the house and the Caravan Club site. He lives with his wife in Horningsham and works from an office in Stalls Farm. Mr Birnie is the main contact for Longleat traffic issues, though it was accepted that this was shared with the CEO, since large elements of the Longleat traffic streams arise from decisions associated with the attractions.

Bob Montgomery has worldwide experience of commercial presentation of events, most

recently in Lakeland Park, Windsor, but lately also in Canada. He is responsible for Longleat tourism including the Safari Park, hotels and Cheddar Gorge. Longleat has been undergoing through a culture change which has included a significant number of changes to key staff and management attitudes. The major annual revenue earning period has just ended and Longleat is now taking time to review the future and develop more rational plans. He publicised a big event being planned for the Christmas period, entitled a 'Festival of Light' which will involve a spectacular display of very large, static, Chinese light structures, on a 30 acre site in the park, starting in December. This is expected to bring significantly more visitors during the Christmas period than in previous years.

Questions principally concerned Longleat traffic and its impact on both the village lanes and the main roads. The combination of visitors to the park, Centre Parcs, local agricultural, business and private traffic raise safety concerns and make for very difficult, frustrating situations for both local residents and holidaymakers. Councillors expressed concern over the general yearly increase in the volume of traffic and the consequence of events such as the Festival of Light. Strongly

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held views were expressed that Longleat and Centre Parcs should take much more positive steps to manage the entry and exit routes within their own boundaries and not rely on unsuitable narrow lanes. The view was also expressed that Longleat should also takes steps to manage the queues which build up at peak times within the park and not rely on the capacity of public roads. This was particularly an issue in the Picket Post roundabout area. Mr Montgomery reported that steps were already being considered to speed up the processing of customers at the main entrance in an effort to reduce queuing.

Both Michael and Bob agreed that they would work together with the PC respect to re-open detailed discussions to try and find solutions to the traffic issues in the village and to be the keynote speakers at the 205 Annual Parish Meeting.

## **Planning Applications**

### **14/7369/FUL**

Single storey extension at 111, The Hollow, with ballustrade and new first floor access to flat tiled roof. The PC had no objection.

### **14/07791/FUL**

Revised access to 120 Lyes Green with new splay, gateposts, gate and tarmac drive. Old access to be closed and replaced by post and rail fencing and hedge. The PC had no objection.

## **Len White Trust**

This Trust was set up in 1992 in memory of Len White, a long standing Councillor at local and county level. Its funds, then £1,100, were raised by donations from the family and village residents and its object was to use income from the fund for the benefit of pupils of Corsley School or, if as has happened, the School closed, then for

the benefit of children between the ages of 5 and 11, living in Corsley, for educational purposes as the Trustees think fit. The Trustees are the Parish Councillors.

No payments have been made for some years and the fund had been held within the PC ordinary bank account. The fund now stands at £2,679 and has come into focus after the Auditors recommended that the Trust once again be kept in a separate account. This will be done, whilst at the same time the PC is reviewing the terms of the Trust and the means by which its objects are discharged. This will be discussed in more detail at the December quarterly meeting.

## **Finance**

The PC accounts have been audited and accepted, subject to one or two minor comments and the recommendations concerning the Len White Trust. The 2014/15 budget was reviewed and spending is on track, excepting the allowance for PC courses and training which is as yet unused. At the December meeting decisions will be taken on the level of support for local organisations and the precept bid for 2015/16.

## **Consultations**

In addition to the two recent consultation concerning Green Waste and restrictions on the bus pass scheme, which were publicised in September, a third is now underway offering three cost saving options for the future of the County Fire & Rescue Service structure. Myself and Mike Bird will attend a presentation in early October and will respond to a questionnaire addressed to PCs. I will report on the November Bridge.

*Neil Britten  
Chairman, Corsley Parish Council  
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Last year Corsley raised £1,511.08 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  
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## Corsley Show Society

# Donations

## for village organisations

No promises, but after the bills have been paid the outgoing committee will see if they can make donations to village organisations who must apply in writing to:

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**Corsley Reading Room**

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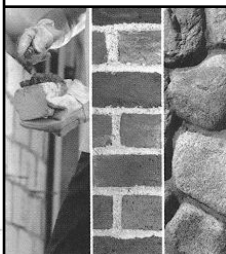
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# Three Open Doors

## Getting to know you!

When you read this letter I probably will have moved house to be with you, but as I write today I sit at my desk surrounded by the detritus of moving and looking forward immensely and with much excitement to coming to be with you all, and to beginning our journey together as people of faith.

It is a disconcerting time though in many ways, a sort of 'in between time' where I am called to loose the bonds of relationships I have formed here and step into the unknown where new relationships and ways of being are waiting to be grown and developed; it is a transitional space both exciting and challenging. I believe God calls all of us to be transitional people in a way, people committed to listening for the whisper of the Holy Spirit and joyfully responsive to His call, people willing to embrace the vulnerability of the unknown and open to the joys and the challenges of new life and new experiences.

I feel very privileged to be called to share this journey with you all in such a beautiful part of the country; the countryside has always been very important to me and both Ian and I are very much looking forward to exploring the footpaths around about with Alfie our Labrador. Of course we might need a bit of help negotiating where the footpaths are; I have bought a map of the area but having someone tell us where the paths are will be very helpful I think. So it is with the ministry I am called to share with you; I have no mental 'map' of this place, no knowledge of the history and stories that the Cley Hill Villages are rooted in, so it seems to me that the best thing I can do is for a while is to listen and learn. Everybody, and every place, has its own story; the people, the events, history, hopes and dreams that make it what it is. I want to spend time getting to know the story of this place so that I can try to get a feel of how we together can best serve God and neighbour in this locality. All of this of course, will need much prayer; indeed I would go so far as to say that prayer must be the bedrock of our life together.

I leave you with a few words from the Licensing service, which I find very moving, as it brings me face to face with my own human frailty and the enormity of God's grace in calling me and equipping me to serve him as a priest his Church. After the Collect the Bishop says:

'As we now license a new priest to this cure of souls, let us pray for her and for all who share in the ministry of this Benefice that she may be a faithful priest and shepherd, and that they may work together for the building up of God's kingdom in this place.'

I hold all of you in my prayers as we begin this adventure together.

Pauline

# **October Church Diary**

**Wednesday 1st October**

**7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley**

**Licensing Service for our new Priest-in-Charge the Reverend Pauline Reid**

**Everybody is very welcome to join us on this special occasion**



**Saturday 4th October**

**7.30pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall**

**Parish Harvest Supper**



**Sunday 5th October: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley**

**Eucharist**

**Launch of Operation Christmas Child for 2015**

**Come and collect your free shoebox/shoeboxes**



**Friday 10th October**

**7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley**

**An Evening of Light Music**



**Sunday 12th October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade**

**Family Eucharist**

**11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley**

**Matins**



**Tuesday 14th October**

**7.30pm at to be advised**

**After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594**

**Thursday 16th October**

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade  
Church and Community Coffee Morning



**Sunday 19th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley  
1662 BCP Holy Communion

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Family Parish Worship



**Monday 20th October**

10.30am at to be advised  
Time to Think Home Group – contact Phil 832845



**Wednesday 22nd October**

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley  
Light Bites Soup and Bread Lunch



**Sunday 26th October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade  
Eucharist



**Tuesday 28th October**

7.30pm at to be advised  
After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594



**Sunday 2nd November: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Eucharist

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## Church Events for your diary

### Saturday 6th December

Christmas Coffee Morning together with the draw for the 50/50 Club at St Margaret's Church.

### Saturday 7th February

Auction of Promises at Chapmanslade Village Hall. We are very grateful to Dennis Barnard who is organising this event for us. We held a similar event last year and it was a great success and enjoyed by all. Please start thinking of Promises that you can offer for this great occasion.

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**Corsley WI**

# September News



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

A warm welcome was given to Mike Pope, our speaker for the evening. Mike owns the farm and land where the television series 'Larkrise to Candleford' was filmed. He had taken lots of photographs from when the film company first arrived and with the aid of a visual presentation showed us how the small village in the drama was constructed. Each house was built using a scaffolding frame covered in pre-formed plywood panels, covered in paper and then painted to look like real stonework and real slates. Mike's grain store barn was transformed by the same method into the village pub. New gardens were created and planted up to look as if they had been there a long time. Large trees were brought in, strategically positioned and the set was ready within six weeks so filming could begin. There were as many as 150 actors and film crew and with lots of vehicles it was a very busy site and extremely muddy after rain. Filming took place at all times of the day regardless of the weather and the temperature. When the project finally ended after five years and four series, the village was dismantled and the site was returned to its original state. Although it was a big disruption to his farm

and his life, Mike said he had much enjoyed having the television company there and may do it all over again. Pat Siderfin gave the vote of thanks for the very interesting talk. The competition for a straw hat was won by Anne Carruthers with Jean White second and Di Dowling third.

Our stall at the Corsley Show did well in spite of the inclement weather. Our thanks go to the organiser Hilary Vallis and all who helped. Val Benbow was awarded the A W Carter Shield for the WI member winning the most points in the classes in the Horticultural and Crafts section of the Show.

At 2pm on 9th October at Corsley Reading Room there will be a short meeting for members, followed at 3pm by a Talk & Tea Party open to everyone. Sheila Sadler has a specially trained dog called Kerly and she will be telling us how Kerly helps her with her daily life in a wheelchair. Entrance for the talk including afternoon tea will cost £5, as the Talk and Tea-Party is to raise funds for the Canine Partners Charity and our WI. The competition for members is for a picture of a dog.

## **You are all invited to join us for the following activities:**

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

*More details on the Bridge, Gardening and Lunch Clubs from Pauline on 01985 215760*



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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 and gaps appear in our gardens, its a great idea to inject some instant colour to liven up the 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. Cocoa liners serve the same purpose as ordinary liners but look so much better. The birds will appreciate them too as they like to take bit for their winter nests.

## **Under-planting**

Whilst 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 throughout 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 colour to your planters.

To prolong the life of your new colourful display... keep dead heading!

*Rob White  
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley*

# Corsley: recycling, garden waste and household waste collection calendar

## October - December

Remember to put them out by 7am on collection day. Ensure the lid is closed and do not leave any household waste next to the bin for collection.

### Black bin

#### October

Friday 3rd  
Friday 17th  
Friday 31st

#### November

Friday 14th  
Friday 28th

#### December

Friday 12th  
Friday 30th

### Green bin

#### October

Friday 3rd  
Friday 17th  
Friday 31st

#### November

Friday 14th  
Friday 28th

#### December

Friday 12th  
Friday 30th

### Blue bin

#### October

Friday 10th  
Friday 24th

#### November

Friday 7th  
Friday 21st

#### December

Friday 5th  
Friday 19th

### Black box

#### October

Thursday 2nd  
Thursday 16th  
Thursday 30th

#### November

Thursday 13th  
Thursday 27th

#### December

Thursday 11th  
Thursday 29th

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## October - December

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### Black bin

#### October

Wednesday 1st  
Wednesday 15th  
Wednesday 29th

#### November

Wednesday 12th  
Wednesday 26th

#### December

Wednesday 10th  
Wednesday 24th

### Green bin

#### October

Wednesday 1st  
Wednesday 15th  
Wednesday 29th

#### November

Wednesday 12th  
Wednesday 26th

#### December

Wednesday 10th  
Wednesday 24th

### Blue bin

#### October

Wednesday 8th  
Wednesday 22nd

#### November

Wednesday 5th  
Wednesday 19th

#### December

Wednesday 3rd  
Wednesday 24th 17th

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#### October

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**Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports from Chapmanslade Parish Council

Chapmanslade Parish Council has met twice since my last report, on 22nd August and 11th September.

## **Planning**

At our meeting on 22nd August we considered an application to demolish a bungalow at 158 High Street and replace it with 2 four-bedroom semis. We listened carefully to the concerns of local residents and resolved to object to the application, on the grounds that the proposed parking arrangements were inadequate and that the development was out of proportion to the size of the plot. The application has now been withdrawn and it has been replaced by an application to build a single 5/6 bedroom dwelling. We will consider this application shortly.

Our 11th September meeting was well attended and it was good to see several residents who have recently moved into the village joining us.

## **Barbers Farm**

Lugh Walker, from Barbers Farm, came to update us on the proposed housing development. He told us that Aster Homes are no longer his business partner and he is now working with a new sponsor. He has retained the same architect and planning consultant. The original plans for the proposed development are currently being

revised but no major changes are expected, with about 40 dwellings being planned. Lugh promised to keep us in close touch with progress and he will make arrangements for one-to-one contact with immediate neighbours over the coming weeks.

## **Settlement Boundaries Consultation**

In planning terms, a settlement boundary is the dividing line, or boundary, between areas of built/urban development (the settlement) and non-urban or rural development (the open countryside). Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing each community's settlement boundary, and as a first step it is consulting on the criteria for defining them. We expressed concern about some of these criteria, feeling that the inclusion of religious buildings, schools and community halls, and particularly site allocations for community and employment uses, would not necessarily be in the best interests of communities. It could end up with more housing development taking place than communities might feel was desirable.

## **Two new bungalows?**

Back in July, Wiltshire Council asked us to agree in principle two two-bedroomed bungalows being constructed at the plot of land at the eastern end of Clearwood View,



the idea being that this would free up three bedroomed social housing currently being occupied by retired couples (not necessarily living in Chapmanslade). We looked at this again in September and resolved that we couldn't support the proposal. Wiltshire Council is to be commended on its efforts to free up social housing but we felt that this was not a suitable location for retirement homes. We were concerned that the site is isolated from the rest of the village, there is no footpath and vehicular access from the High Street would be hazardous. We also decided to decline the offer of a housing needs survey in the parish at the present time.

### **Road safety in the vicinity of Chapmanslade School**

We were pleased to welcome Berkeley Basinger-Adams, Chapmanslade School's head teacher, to the meeting. Road safety outside the school continues to be a major issue and he encouraged us to restart the debate in the community about possible solutions. As a first step, Keith Muston and I are due to meet highway engineers from Wiltshire Council on 7th October at the Warminster Area Traffic Group and we will seek further advice from them.

### **Community speedwatch**

Part of the solution to this problem is to slow traffic down and as you know, the aim of community speedwatch is to educate drivers to the fact that speeding in villages such as ours is both dangerous and anti-social. Our team is one of over 100 operating throughout Wiltshire. We have recently been able to put on a number of sessions in the late afternoon rather than simply at the beginning and end of the school day. One

afternoon last month over 500 cars passed through the village in the hour of our check. The drivers of 14 of them will have received a letter from Wiltshire Police two or three days afterwards giving appropriate advice! With more volunteers we could do a better job. If you could spare an hour or two each month to help make our village a better place please ring Jill Willmot on 01373 832464.

### **Highways**

Be aware of possible disruption later this month whilst the A3098 at Tower Hill is resurfaced (see the road closure notice elsewhere in The Bridge). Major road works in Westbury town centre are also planned to take place shortly, also involving road closures. Southcroft residents are concerned about the increasingly dangerous state of the road surface there. We have been promised that it will be resurfaced but, to date, Wiltshire Council have been unable to tell us when.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Jill Willmot reported on a county-wide community messaging initiative that Wiltshire Police has recently introduced. Residents signing up with the service will receive free email, text or phone messages about policing and crime matters in their area. Jill urged residents to check out the website [www.wiltshiremessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltshiremessaging.co.uk) and sign up for the service.

### **Defibrillator**

As part of its outreach programme, The Friends of Frome Hospital has introduced a pioneering Community Defibrillator Scheme by installing a network of publicly accessible defibrillators (AEDs) at strategic  
*continued...*

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locations across the town. The Friends are now extending the scheme to a number of villages neighbouring Frome and Chapmanslade has been chosen as a possible location for one of them. We are interested in the suggestion but before reaching a decision we will give the matter further thought. We hope that, at our October meeting, we will be given a demonstration on how the defibrillator works. If we go ahead we would be expected to carry out some fundraising to help defray maintenance costs.

### and finally...

The school is keen to work with the community to provide and maintain planters at one or more points in the village. They are asking for volunteers to help them. If you would like to help brighten up the village in this way please get in touch with the school on 01373 832367.

Phil Jefferson  
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### October meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th October**, 7.30pm at the school. All our meetings are open to the public so do come along to listen or to speak.



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### **Annual General Meeting**

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# **Open letter to Corsley residents**

Dear Corsley residents

On behalf of the Steiner Academy I write to thank you very much for your support, welcome and hospitality during our 2 year tenure in your Parish.

Some of you were unsure and some where enthusiastic but overall our school community, and most importantly our children, really enjoyed their time in Corsley and felt at home. It's a very challenging thing to start a school from scratch and to have a soft landing in a quiet, rural location with a large field right next door was a real treat and gave us just the start we needed.

We would like to specially mention Rev. Norma and her team from St Margaret's: Di, Judith and Pat for their warm welcome and on-going help and also Hayley and crew at Little Cuckoos for the friendship and co-operation we shared.

We now reside in a small corner of a large building site in the centre of Frome and in just 6 short months we will be able to unfurl into our shiny new site and enjoy all that it has to offer. It will be rather strange experience because 190 pupils will rattle around in space for 640 but we will finally get to see what it will be like to be a school of that size in the future and the children get to see huge cranes and diggers manifest their school before their eyes.

Now that the school building in Corsley has permission to be turned into a house it really does look like the end of an era and I feel confident that we left it with a joyful soul and wish all the best to the new owners.

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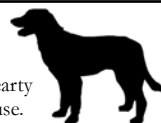
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## Warminster to Africa

We enjoyed a visit from Dr and Mrs Johannes Merz last month. They are both working as anthropologists with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Togo and Benin, West Africa. Johannes is Swiss; his wife, Sharon, comes from Warminster and went to Kingdown School, then Birmingham University and is doing further research in conjunction with Trinity St David University in Wales. They gave us a presentation about their work, and afterwards, at tea, welcomed questions.

We first met Sharon as a young teenager when she used to attend the Crusader Bible Class in Warminster. She was taught French at Kingdown by Alan Turner, Head of Languages and a keen Christian, who was also one of the Crusader leaders.

## Christmas is coming!

When do you start thinking about Christmas? Do you buy gifts, cards and wrappings in the January sales and store them away for next December? Do you buy things throughout the year and put them away till they're needed? Or do you leave everything till the last possible moment and get everything in one go?

This year, perhaps thanks to the changes moving house have brought into my life, I've decided to start thinking about Christmas

now. No, I'm not rushing to the shops and buying things, ready for the big day; I'm thinking instead about what Christmas should mean to me. I lived in Corsley for so long, it was common knowledge that the festive season was more of a dread than a delight in my case. I think that's because I was concentrating on the wrong aspect of it, on the commercial, not the Christian.

Have you sat down before the Christmas planning begins and thought about this question? No, nor me. But, perhaps, if we begin with the Christian, the spiritual, we won't all be moaning to each other about how commercial Christmas has become and how much we dislike it. It's what I always do; don't you?

The change in emphasis that so many people tell me they want, has to start somewhere. Why shouldn't it start with each one of us?

## Descriptions of Jesus

### Lion

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

*Revelation 5:5*

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**Wiltshire and Swindon**

# Community Messaging

People in the Warminster area can now sign up for free messages – by email, text and voicemail – about policing and crime matters in their neighbourhood by joining Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging.

Wiltshire Police, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Swindon, Angus Macpherson and Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association have initially launched this new two way communications tool which you can sign up to at [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk).

Warminster is one of four neighbourhood policing areas going live on Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging. The others are Malmesbury, Pewsey and Swindon West.

PCC Angus Macpherson, who is commissioning this new initiative, said: "My office and Wiltshire Police are committed to involving communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour, in line with priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and the Force Delivery Plan. Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is an exciting new system allowing the police to send emails, texts and voicemail messages to those signed up. It means we will be able to share information quickly and efficiently with our communities, including Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and members."

People signed up via [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk) will be able to receive messages about policing and crime matters in their area, such as community policing news and events, appeals for information and crime

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The Office of the PCC, Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association have been working together to set up Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging. It is part of a national system called Neighbourhood Alert, which is used by national Neighbourhood Watch and 12 other police forces.

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is being commissioned by the PCC in line with his priorities in the Police and Crime Plan and his commitment to involving partners, communities and volunteers in the reduction and prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour.

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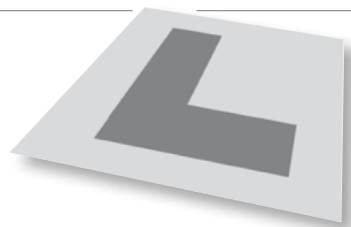
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# Tales from the passenger seat



Politeness and courtesy are rather nice traits that some pupils display in great quantity, whilst others are completely the opposite.

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Contrast this with a pupil who was a Buddhist. All lessons were beautifully calm, and her driving in general became a serene experience. Wonderful! Up to a point. The main problem was that actions were just

that teeny bit too serene. All movements were slow and considered, observations were never more than a gentle look around. All traffic, in her mind, would only be approaching slowly, would never appear suddenly and would certainly never be in a hurry; slow movements and actions would be perfectly in order.

For her, I had to instil a degree of speed and, what to her, was totally unwarranted aggression. I had to impress upon her the reality of speeding traffic: getting her to drive above 40mph and, if changing lanes, the need for quick and continuous observation was not an easy task. She was perfectly able to do so, she just did not want to be part of a world that had briskness and fast movements as a necessary and, within reason, a generally normal expectation.

The salvation to this karma was her getting pregnant, and apart from the need to now buckle down and do what I was telling her if she wanted a licence, I was also able to remind her that she would need a licence to drive her toddler to nursery school in due course. Somewhat unwillingly, she forced herself to speed up her movements, and duly passed in a shorter time than if she had not become pregnant.

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# Countryside Matters

'Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!'



On the evening of 18th September the long spell of dry weather broke with a memorable thunder and lightning storm, lasting for some hours and followed by some steady rain. The Indian Summer seemed to be over.

The very dry early Autumn has given farmers the opportunity to grab an extra crop of grass silage and to leave stock out at night as the temperature has rarely gone below 10-12°. The maize is already being harvested and most farms have seen some of the best crops of maize grown for some years, let's hope that harvest goes well.

The farm is still very busy with calving and one of the most demanding jobs is that of recording each calf as it's born. This involves fixing a metal ear tag in one ear with the registration number of the farm, and then a tag with the calf's own individual ID in the opposite ear. Each calf has all of these numbers recorded, plus the breed of mother and of father, gender (bull or heifer calf), and date on which it was born. A passport is then issued and kept on the farm: if the calf or cow is sold or moved to another holding the passport goes with it. Britain has the best record for traceability of cattle in the world. However, keeping up with all these records on a daily basis can be quite a trial when we are also working a 12-14 hour day in all weathers!

For the sheep farmer it is important that the ewes are in good condition this month as this is the start of the season for rams to be introduced to the flock. A good breeding system is all-important to farm animals and farmers take great pride in improving their stock each year.

The farmyards get noisier as the cattle spend more time there, but we do miss the birds swooping down feeding and nesting around the buildings. Many of these birds have flown off to warmer climes: the swifts went in early September, but swallows can linger well into October or even November. Some of the chiffchaffs will stay with us all winter and, along with our resident birds, will soon be joined by Winter's birds. Out in the fields and woodlands we hear the call of the crows, rooks and ravens, and the pheasants are especially noisy as evening draws in. Look out for the starlings flying in wonderful formations as they gather each evening.

The Autumn colours in our woodlands will be at its best this month, so look out those Wellington boots that you haven't needed for a month or two and get out and enjoy the countryside around us.

*Judith Helliar*  
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# Myths

**Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley**

Through the course of my own personal therapy, I've discovered that I believe or have believed in ideas

which hold no truth. I believed, for example, that people were either good or bad. I now believe that everyone has the capacity for both "good" and "bad" behaviour and that, even when the behaviour is "bad", there are reasons for it. This saves me a huge amount of disappointment: when a person I thought beyond reproach did a less-than-perfect thing, it would have baffled and upset me, threatening my world-view. Now, my expectations are more realistic and my disappointments fewer as a result.

How common that particular myth is, I can't say, but I'm sure many of us have somewhere in us the notion that "one day" our lives will be perfect: that we'll know how to deal with any situation, that we'll be loved unconditionally and intuitively by that special person, that there will be enough money, that we'll be happy all the time – whatever the specifics, it will be better somewhere out there in the future. It's a myth – we can't know what the future holds. And your rational thinking mind will doubtless be telling you this right now. It may even be telling me that I'm wrong and that of course you know this not to be true. BUT, what about the other bit of you: the secret, emotional, vulnerable bit? The bit that, like a child, wants to believe in the happy ever after? Maybe that bit doesn't exist for you (counsellor raises eyebrow) or maybe it does and you feel yourself drawn

to your particular myth but catch yourself before you start relying on it as a guarantee. If your myths (or the lack of them!) don't disable you, if they don't set you up for disappointment and bewilderment, that's great – optimism is important and healthy and can help us create our future. If they are disabling, though; if you find yourself heavy with disappointment or even grief for the way things turn out, maybe there's a myth in there somewhere that's creating unrealistic expectations.

Want some help with myth-busting? I practise at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley and a first half hour meeting with me is free of charge.

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## Open letter to local farmers

Dear Friends,

I realise that you are busy people, particularly at this time of year. However, I invite you to ponder the consequences of many large vehicles travelling through our lanes, sometimes at considerable speed.

I have been forced to appreciate at first hand the narrow safety margins in play when tractors travel at speed. My contributions to this magazine normally appear under a childishly humorous pseudonym in a spirit of levity; but there is nothing amusing about a road accident.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Hillier

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