# The Bridge

October 2016



press some apples, see a movie, pack a shoe box, plant some daffodils, enjoy a harvest supper, go to a quiz, lend a hand at the Corsley Show, get messy at church, pick some litter, there's lots to do in October...





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### The Bridge

monthly magazine for the villages of Corsley and Chapmanslade

#### **Articles**

Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barters 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 comina!

### File types

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

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

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

# **Diary** Dates

### October

#### Saturday 1st

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

#### Sunday 2nd

Shoe Box Appeal launch – 10.30 am, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

#### Tuesday 4th

Village Coffee Morning

10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 11th

IT for Silver Surfers – 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting 'Liquid Gold'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Saturday 15th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Corsley Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Sunday 16th

Apple Pressing Day – 11 am - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning 10 am – noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade Cinema Corsley 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Friday 21st

Cley Hill Stompers – 9 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Saturday 22nd

Rotary Club Fun Quiz – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Monday 24th

Community First oil buying scheme deadline for November delivery (see page 9)

### Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 29th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Chapmanslade Harvest Supper, 7 for 7.30 pm Chapmanslade Village Hall

Poppy Appeal – house to house collections begins

# **Corsley litter** pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10 am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 1st October do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

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

www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

### 2016 Poppy Appeal

This year Chapmanslade and Corsley will be joining forces to help raise funds for the British Legion during the Poppy Appeal.

If you would like to help with either houseto-house collections or feel that your venue would be suitable to host a collection box. I would be delighted to hear from you.

House-to-house collections will start on Saturday 29th October, ready for Armistice Day on 11th November, Poppy Day on Saturday 12th November and Remembrance Day on Sunday 13th November.

Last year Corsley and Chapmanslade raised over £2,000 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 pubs in both our villages, Chapmanslade School, Little Cuckoos or Acres Supply.

If you are a regular collector in Corsley or Chapmanslade, please would you contact me as soon as possible to confirm your availability to collect again this year.

> Jackie Jasper Area Poppy Appeal Organiser 01373 832301

# Christmas Market

10 am - 2 pm, Saturday 19th November **Corsley Reading Room** 



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# **Corsley Show 2017**

### Could you lend a hand?

This year's Show on the August Bank Holiday was a lovely day and crowds of people turned up for a fantastic day out. Thank you to everyone who has stood by us through thick and thin, wind and rain. Now there is money in the bank and a fresh look for 2017 is needed

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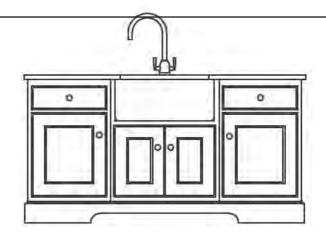


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### Some good news!

# Corsley to stay frack free!

The Frack Free Corsley group has learned that South Western Energy are giving up their Wiltshire exploration licences, for the moment

In shock news last week, the company announced it has decided to pull out of unconventional gas exploration in its Wiltshire licenced blocks which include Corsley and Chapmanslade, as well as in The Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire. However, they retain their option to frack in areas of North Somerset and Dorset.

The company's chairman, Gerwyn Williams, cited low energy prices and funding of his operations as reasons for the decision. He is quoted as saying "It's a matter of economics and financial exposure. If energy prices rise in the future, we would certainly reapply for the Forest of Dean and possibly Wiltshire".

The Westbury anti-fracking group were shocked to learn last month that the company intended to prospect for both shale gas and coalbed methane (CBM) in this area, having previously thought the interest was primarily in CBM. It was hugely worrying to see the prospecting proposals in black and white when they were obtained from the Oil & Gas Authority. So news of the unexpected withdrawal has been an amazing reversal and a great relief.

Whilst local groups are celebrating the news, spokespeople for Westbury, Margaret Cavanna and Susie Atterbury say 'The harsh reality is that the company would consider fracking here in the future, so people still need to be clear as to what it involves and

whether they want it happening near or under their homes'.

Although the developer denies that public pressure was not a factor in his decision to drop the licences, the group have learned privately that it did have a bearing. A dedicated group have raised fracking awareness locally in Westbury and Wiltshire, lobbying councils, MPs and many others, plus public meetings and film shows.

Collaboration between frack-free groups in Westbury, Warminster, Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Devizes, along with Frome just across the border in Somerset, strengthened efforts recently, as has the network with many other concerned groups around the country.

As South Western Energy or other companies can still apply for a licence to frack here at any time, the groups will continue their work locally and will support those in areas where the threat is more immediate. 'We shall be ready to leap into action again should Gerwyn Williams or any other developer decide to try to frack here'.

As a new phase begins, the Wiltshire Groups and Keep Wiltshire Frack Free will be looking at ways to promote renewable energy and sustainable practices and policies, and hope for input from many new members. The group really appreciate all the support they have received from individuals and

businesses in and around the area, and they will continue to collaborate with all those who want a safe and healthy future for their community.

> For more information, visit keepwiltshirefrackfree.org/ frackfreewestbury.org

> > Acknowledgement to author @ frackfreewestbury.org

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# Messy Harvest Communion

9.30 am Sunday 9th October at St Phillip and St James Church, Chapmanslade

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# The summer's over so it's time to think about your central heating oil bills

Wiltshire's Community First is part of a Rural Community Council oil-buying syndicate across the whole of England.

The Community First oil buying scheme offers a way to keep heating costs down.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Corsley section of the Wiltshire Community First oil buying scheme can contact me. There is an annual membership fee of £20 but the scheme offers significant savings on central heating oil bills.

Once a month members are contacted by the village organiser. Ordering deadline for November deliveries is Monday 24th October 2016. Community First negotiators then obtain the best possible price. Members pay the oil supplier directly.

Further information can be obtained from Wiltshire's Oil Administrator, Jess Emery on 01380 732809, or email oil@ communityfirst.org.uk, or look at the website on www.communityfirst.org.uk and click on community oil buying scheme.

To give you an idea of prices, in September 2016, Community First oil cost 31.5 pence per litre (+5% VAT).

> Jenny Rutty 55 Dertford, Corsley, BA12 7NR 01373 832418 email jrtty@aol.com

# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Where is the one place in Great Britain that the Monarch is not allowed to enter?
- 2 How many squares are there on a chess board?
- 3 Who wrote the novel Black Beauty, first published in 1877?
- 4 In 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', what was the name of the little people who worked for Willy Wonka and loved to sing?
- 5 What is the capital town of Jersey?
- 6 Which English Monarch succeeded William III of Orange in 1702?
- 7 Which Cornish pub is the name of a Daphne du Maurier novel and Alfred Hitchcock film?
- 8 Which drink is sometimes referred to as Adam's ale?
- 9 What is the world's northernmost capital city?
- 10 Which two men are waiting for Godot?
- 11 What public school did the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles attend?
- 12 What did G K Chesterton describe as 'an expensive way of playing marbles'?

Answers on page ?

# Cinema Corsley

### The Man Who New Infinity 7.30 pm, Thursday 20th October (doors open 7 pm)

Growing up poor in the Madras of colonial India in the early 1900s, self-taught maths genius, Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar (Dev Patel) earns admittance to Cambridge University during WWI, where he becomes a pioneer in mathematical theories with the guidance of his eccentric professor, G H Hardy (Jeremy Irons). Patel is a brilliant choice playing opposite Jeremy Irons as his mentor at Cambridge, Professor Hardy, a man his total opposite emotionally and spiritually. Where Ramanujan is deeply religious and believes his remarkable solutions to mathematical mysteries come from his god, Hardy is an atheist. Where Ramanujan is guite an emotional and impulsive character, Hardy is measured, reticent and meticulous, yet they grow to be the closest of friends. It is in the development of this friendship that the film excels and makes us care for them both, giving the biography depth and texture. We are moved. These central performances (together with contributions from Toby Jones, Jeremy Notham and Stephen Fry) elevate the film to something of lasting value.

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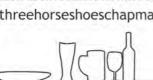
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### **Correlation and causation**

In deciding whether one thing is caused by another, scientists will usually use statistics to determine whether there is a relationship between two factors, such as the consumption of fatty foods and obesity. Without such statistical analysis you cannot draw a definite conclusion.

"Correlation is not causation" was drummed into me as a young scientist. Just because one thing relates directly to another does

causes another. For example, the divorce rate in Maine, USA correlates well with the consumption of margarine!

Other close correlations include autism with organic food consumption, deaths by hot objects with the age of Miss America, reduction in US traffic fatalities with import of lemons from Mexico, and many others too numerous to mention! Always remember, just because there is a good correlation,



not mean that one thing causes the other. In newspapers and other media, you will often read arguments that X causes Y because of some apparent relationship between X and Y. Correlations have been behind the claim that vaccines cause autism, as the signs of autism are often only apparent shortly after the time of childhood vaccinations. Following one, now discredited, publication by Andrew Wakefield in 1998 claiming causation, numerous large scale studies have found that there is absolutely no link between autism and vaccination.

Some simple comparisons show how ridiculous it can be to argue that one thing it does not prove that one thing causes another. Such apparent relationships need to be checked carefully before any conclusions can be drawn.

So, when you next read a headline "X causes Y" remember the headline writer's job is to catch your attention. Seek the evidence behind the article.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to nigelbrown48@gmail.com

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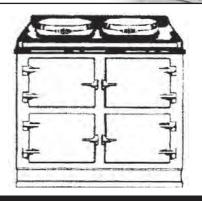
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### **Corsley Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Chairman, Neil Britten, reports on the PCs September meeting

There was just one meeting of the PC in the last month, an occasional one to deal with a number of pressing current issues and one planning application. Judith Helliar took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman.

### Corsley Heath – the triangle

The PC had been made aware of some issues in the area of the bus stop opposite the Royal Oak and made a site visit to examine them at first hand, in company with Cath Aylesbury who raised the issues. These were:

- Difficulty for approaching bus drivers to spot waiting passengers at the bus stop, and for the passengers to see an oncoming bus, because of the very overgrown grass verge and tree. The restricted view is exacerbated by cars parked on the area adjacent to the bus
- Tree roots lifting the concrete/tarmac surrounding the bus stop.
- The bus stop is an eyesore, although still sound structurally.

'Ownership' of the area comprising the bus stop, the verge and the car parking area was not clear and it was agreed that enquiries would be made with Wiltshire on this point and the possibility of including the verge

as part of the amenity cutting programme in future. Colin and Cath Aylesbury kindly agreed to cut the grass in the meantime and John White agreed to prune the tree.

No decision on the issue of the tree roots would be made until the land ownership question had been clarified. There is a possibility that grant monies could be found to replace the bus stop shelter in conjunction with the new stops planned as part of the Bay Tree Close development (as reported last month).

### **Planning Application**

16/07827/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension at 72b Lane End, Corsley.

The proposed extension is at the rear of the house, facing west, away from Lane End. The PC had no objection to the application.

#### Street Scene

As a result of a request from Wiltshire for a list of priority areas for the new Parish Steward to commence work on the following were gareed:

- Temple 'Green' area (subject to flooding)
- Corsley Church road verges and run off
- Corsley Heath bus stop grass cuts (twice annually)

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This list should become somewhat secondary once the Parish Steward has been briefed and 'on board' but is still useful, particularly where identified standing tasks are concerned. In time this should become reactive to the needs of the Parish as tasks. arise.

### Maintenance of verges and hedges

Concern had been expressed at the last PC meeting that Wiltshire's current policies for maintenance of verges was inadequate and that the PC should investigate alternative strategies. The current policy is one cut per year with additional attention where there are safety concerns. On occasion it does happen that there are additional cuts, but the rationale for these is not always clear. which may be a function of communication issues at the local authority. The frequency of the service is driven by the resources (money) available and it is undoubtedly true that the rural areas suffer.

The option could exist for the PC to contract this service directly and some potential costs were aired. If the PC were to go down this route then funding would have to come via the precept, i.e. rate payers, who would have to agree to accept the bill to get tidier verges. Offloading such services to smaller authorities is something that Wiltshire is already promoting and they would probably be happy for the PC to go down this route. The current contract is for five years and has only just been let so if the PC were to entertain this idea it is unlikely that there would be any money coming from Wiltshire, other than via the precept, for this period.

It was agreed that the PC should once again voice concerns at the Community Area Transport Group and that the question of the PC taking the task on should be discussed again either at the precept setting stage

or that it may be considered as a possible topic at the Annual Parish Meeting, if not specifically for verge cutting but as part of a aeneral discussion about decentralisation of services.

It should be noted, however, as has been made clear in the past, hedge cutting is very much the responsibility of the land owner.

### **Next planned meeting**

Quarterly Meeting

5th December

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village noticeboards for these.

> John Willcox Clerk, Corsley Parish Council corsleypc idw@aol.co.uk

### Chapmanslade's **Defibrillator** Thank you!

Through the generosity of Chapmanslade villagers, we have been able to donate £45 to the Friends of Frome Hospital for the ongoing defibrillator scheme.

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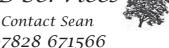
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I write on a glorious autumn day with just a hint of nip in the air and the first leaves beginning to fall; I love this time of year both in terms of the season of the natural world and of the church. As the light fades and the nights draw in we remember how fortunate we are as we give thanks and celebrate at our Harvest Festivals.

Thinking about this and about the abundance of autumn fruit we are blessed with I remembered how my mother used to bottle fruit and make endless pots of jam and chutney. We usually had an enormous glut of raspberries and she would make raspberry vinegar, which we would have with plain steamed pudding; gosh, steamed puddings, now there's a good memory, especially the treacle one with unctuous sticky goo at the bottom!

Now of course we have freezers stuffed full of fruit and veg all the year round, and if yours is anything like mine there is enough food in there for a siege. But what if we didn't have all this food at our disposal, what if the blackberries and apples, vegetables, crops, and animals that our farmers raise for meat, what if that was all there was? Wouldn't we be much more grateful and appreciative? Wouldn't we treat the land and those who farm it with more respect? Wouldn't we be far more frugal in our ways and stop the appalling waste of food that is a daily reality because, to put it bluntly, we are greedy and thoughtless and fail to realise that having more than enough to eat, every day, is an incredible privilege? Actually, it's a sobering thought that apparently, if there is not more investment in farming Great Britain will have to import half its food within a generation; the UK's failure to produce more food will leave households more vulnerable to volatile prices and potential shortages. So, lets not just mouth the usual platitudes at out harvest services, lets be truly thankful and vow to support those who produce our food in what ever way we can.

Memories can trigger so much can't they and we will be doing a lot of remembering over the next few weeks. There will be an All Souls' service at Horningsham on October 30th at 4.30 pm; do come along to this lovely reflective service where we will remember those we have loved and lost and light candles in their memory. If you would like the name of someone you want to remember read out but don't want to actually come to the service please either contact me, or one of the churchwardens who will be happy to help.

And then of course there are our Remembrance Day services in November, always incredibly moving occasions as we remember those who have lost their lives in the service of their country. Do join us if you can.

With love and prayers, Pauline

### October Church Diary

Sunday 2nd October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
8 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Harvest Festival

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Tuesday 4th October After Alpha Home Group – 7.30 pm

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Thursday 7th October
School Harvest Festival
9 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

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9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade:
Messy Church Harvest Communion
10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist
11 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Harvest Matins

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Monday 10th October Time to Think Home Group – 10.30 am

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Saturday 15th October

Harvest Supper – please see advert for further details
7 pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

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Sunday 16th October: Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity 9 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist 10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship

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Tuesday 18th October 7.30 pm After Alpha Home Group

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Thursday 20th October
Church & Community Coffee Morning
10 am to 12 noon at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Sunday 23rd October: Bible Sunday 9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist

Monday 24th October Time to Think Home Group – 10.30 am

### Wednesday 26th October

Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch – Donations in aid of Warminster Foodbank 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

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### Saturday 29th October

Harvest Supper – please see advert for further details 7 pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall



Sunday 30th October: All Saints' Day 10.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Harvest Benefice Eucharist 4.30 pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: All Souls



Sunday 6th November: Third Sunday before Advent 8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP H Communion 9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist 10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

### Messy Church - Messy Harvest Service

On Sunday 9th October at 9.30 am, we will be having an exciting new kind of family service at St Phillip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade. This service brings together all the usual Messy Church activities that families love and blends them with a specially written communion service, which everyone can understand and be part of. You don't need to be confirmed. Young people will be doing readings and some of the more mysterious parts of the communion service will be explained. We are also collecting donations of food for the Warminster Food Bank at this service.

This is the first of our freshly family-orientated services which we hope will encourage the widest possible involvement of our community. If you came to our Christingle at Candlemas and the Good Friday services earlier this year, you will know that these services are for everyone and for any age. You are all very welcome.

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### Baptisms, wedding congratulations and farewells

We welcome into our church family Oliver Mead baptised on 4th September and Molly Jones baptised on 11th September, both at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill.

On 3rd September at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill Anthony Burtonshaw married Melanie Robertson. On the same day at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill James Defroand married Naomi Corp. Our warmest congratulations to both couples.

On August 9th at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill there was a funeral service for Maureen Harley. The funeral service for Gordon Ledbury took place on 26th September. Gordon was for many years a bellringer at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley. Our prayers and sympathy to both families at this time.

### **Fundraising**

Our Christmas Coffee Morning this year will be on Saturday 10th December from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and we will be returning to Godswell Grove Farm. The Coffee Morning was a great success last year and we hope that you will come and join us for a cup of coffee and be tempted to buy something! At the Christmas Coffee Morning we will have the Christmas Draw for the 50/50 club. There will be ten prizes ranging from £200 to £25 in cash. Membership costs £24 per year and if you want to be included in the Christmas draw please contact either Neil Britten or Keith Muston as soon as possible. If you are already a member you are not limited to a single membership – you can enter as many times as you wish!! The more members the bigger the prize pot!!

We are making plans for another Silent Auction in February so please start thinking about what you might be able to offer to go into the silent Auction. This is a major fundraising event and we usually have some very tempting items up for auction.

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

# September news



At the meeting of Corsley WI in September our talk was about the 'Frome Hoard' which was discovered in 2010 by David Crisp. David is a keen metal detectorist and spends many hours of his spare time searching in various areas, finding all sorts of metal bits and pieces.

One day when David was scanning in a field, he found a Roman Silver Silguae coin and was surprised to find several more in the same area. He returned a second day and discovered more, then on the third day, he uncovered a small cache of Roman bronze Grots which dated back 100 years earlier than the silver coins. David contacted the local authority expert for identification and valuation and when the archaeologists investigated, they unearthed the top of a large pot full of coins. The British Museum was informed before any further excavation could proceed and then all the coins in the pot were removed, labelled, washed, dried, sorted and counted. It was the largest single hoard of Roman coins ever found and there were 52,503 coins in total. Some of them have been on display in Frome Library and the British Museum, but the pot and the story of the find is now in Taunton Museum. Jenny Candy gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for members for an old coin was won by Caroline Higham, with Val Sandoe second and Elisabeth Irving third.

Our stall at Corsley Show was very successful thanks to the organiser Hilary Vallis and all the volunteers and helpers – especially the husbands who helped erect the tent in the terrible rain on the day before! Congratulations go to Anne Carruthers, for winning the A W Carter Perpetual Challenge Shield – for the WI member having the most points overall in the classes in the Horticultural and Crafts competition.

Corsley WI has skittles and scrabble teams, gardening, bridge and lunch clubs and we also hold other events and outings, including our annual flower, handicraft and produce show. Why not come and join us? We welcome any new members! Come and visit us at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month, in the Reading Room at Corsley. The dates and times are listed in The Bridge Diary Dates and in this monthly WI meeting report.

On Thursday 13th October, visitors are welcome at the open meeting beginning at 2 pm in the Reading Room at Corsley, when Andy Fussell will talk about 'Liquid Gold' and the history of Fussell's Rape Seed Oil. The competition for members is for an item of gold.

For more info about Corsley WI please phone Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

### Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club
Gardening Club
Lunch Club

First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4 pm, Corsley Reading Room Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme

Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30 pm, various venues

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

# Corsley **Tennis Club News**

### **Corsley Tennis Club's 60th Anniversary Celebration**

On Saturday 10th September current and previous members of the tennis club came together at the Playing Field Pavilion for a barbecue lunch to celebrate the Tennis Club's 60th Anniversary.

The day was damp but nearly 50 members and ex-members were in high spirits as they were welcomed by our Chairman, Diana Hale, and a toast was proposed to the club and the next 60 years. Ages of members ranged from 7 years to 90 and it was a real pleasure to meet some of our ex-members who some of the current members had not met before. It was also a change to renew the acquaintance of old friends we had not seen for some time. Charlotte Beswick, our President and a founding member of the club, was present, as were Val Sandoe and the Whatleys, Sandra and John, Val Benbow and Honor Voller.

Diana and her lunch-planners Sonia Glenn, Sue Newell and Jenny Bishop had set out the room beautifully with dark green and purple Wimbledon-coloured groups of balloons, tennis ball bunting, smart tablecloths, splendid vases of flowers, '60th birthday' balloons and Isabel Lewis's deliahtful cakes.

The Tennis Club hired the Playing Field's super barbecue and master chef Neil Carpenter to cook the sausages, burgers and kebabs. All was perfectly cooked and served with pork and salads. Pimms and wine helped to wash the feast down, followed by strawberries and blueberries.

In spite of the drizzle, all of us were dry and snug in the pavilion's main room. The excellent veranda with its bench seating doubled the space and even kept the chef

We had considered playing tennis, boules and croquet but, due to the weather, everyone enjoyed socialising instead! At the end of the afternoon a group did brave a game of boules after which we all went home content and replete from a memorable celebration.

Marlene Latchem

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For inspiration on putting together a great entry - plus information on categories and previous winners - check out Aviva's submissions toolkit on the website.

Find out how the Aviva Community Fund could help by visiting https://communityfund.aviva.co.uk/acfcms/get-involved

#### It's Shoe Box time!

# **Operation Christmas Child**

Shoe Box Appeal Launch – 10.30 am, Sunday 2nd October, St Margaret's Church

#### 'Go' boxes now available!

Put some of your Christmas goodwill into a shoe box – and send it to a child in need. Over 60 of you did it last year, so let's do it again this year.

When you start planning your Christmas this year, why not share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2016 unless you send it to them in a shoe box. This year, as last year, the boxes from our area will be sent to the following countries: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Kenya, Kosova, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

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 again 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 seventh 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 per box required by Samaritan's Purse to cover the distribution. transport, processing and promotion costs. Why not bring your filled and wrapped shoe box to our church on our Shoe Box celebration service on 6th 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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- Replace the soil.

A little bit of colour on the side of the road or through the lanes on an afternoon walk can bring a little burst of happiness to everyone. Corsley's daffodil planting scheme will be busy in October planting a variety of daffodil bulbs and would love people in the village to come together in groups and plant some bulbs around the village.

Acres Supply will be helping with planting and distribution of the daffodil bulbs. It's a great time to get involved with the community so come along and help spread the happiness!

If you are looking for something to do in October please contact John Helliar:

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## **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in September

The parish council met on 8th September. I'm indebted to Dennis, who chaired the meeting in my absence whilst I take a break for two months.

### Traffic in the High Street

An overweight lorry caused an added problem in our High Street just after 3 pm one day last month, shortly after the start of the new term. We did take this up with the vehicle's owner and expressed our concern and maybe in the long term the episode will help us win our argument with Wiltshire Council. We reported at the meeting that we are in discussion with officers from Wiltshire's Highways Department. They have undertaken to carry out a topographical survey, which could then be used to formulate further suggestions for helping to ease the congestion. Slow progress, perhaps, but one day we will get there!

We agreed that the community, including the school, and Wiltshire Highways must continue to discuss the issue of congestion and road safety until a solution to our problems is found. It was suggested that a one-week survey of overweight lorries going through the village might be beneficial for identifying the extent of the issue. If we proceed with formulating a village plan, this might give us the opportunity to organise such checks.

On a brighter note, we learned that, in the Speedwatch check which took place on the same day as the incident referred to, no speeding traffic had been reported. Our High Street does get busier, 550 vehicles passing through in one hour is no longer unusual.

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#### 16/05260/FUL 53 High Street

Proposed single storey rear extension, new detached car port, and new entrance steps from public footpath.

Our meeting was attended by the owner. You will recall that, at our July meeting, the parish council decided to object to the proposed obliteration of the public highway fronting the property, which we felt was part of our village heritage. One concern was that, at some date in the future, the piece of land in question might be needed if the Highways authority wanted to widen the road or footpath at that point. After a lengthy discussion, and after hearing the views of the owner of no 53, we decided to withdraw our objection. This was supported by four of the five members present with one abstainina.

#### 16/06570/FUL 12 Brimhill Rise

Proposed extensions to front elevation and over existing garage.

### 16/06450/FUL 140 High Street

Increase in size of existing single storey extension

We noted that both of these applications have been approved by the planning authority.

#### 16/06626/FUL The Old Kennels 164 Short Street

Change of use of land for the siting of three safari tents (tourism business use)

A decision on this controversial application was due the day after our meeting but at the time of writing has not been announced. As I mentioned last month, Fleur de Rhé-Philipe has asked that, in the event of the case officer recommending approval, the application be considered by elected members but it is likely that this will depend on the advice the highways authority give the planners concerning road safety matters.

#### 16/08350/FUL

Temporary rural workers dwelling and alterations to access (resubmission of 14/09500/FUL and the subsequent appeal)

We received details of this latest planning application on 11th September and we will discuss the application at our next meeting.

### A new plan for Chapmanslade?

Adam reported that, as yet, no-one had come forward to volunteer to serve on the steering group but a good attendance at the meeting on 29th September was hoped for. We will report back in the November Bridge.

### **Highways**

Keith reported that the Parish Steward system

seems to be working quite well, with a dropped drain cover having been replaced and other areas of highlighted work being carried out. We discussed the need for resurfacing the road surface near Dead Maids. We will be asking Wiltshire to include this in next year's programme.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Phil Holihead reported that we now have a full complement of coordinators covering the whole parish.

## **And finally**

We need your small change to help save lives! Our village defibrillator, which is located on the wall of The Three Horseshoes, was donated to the village through the generosity of The Friends of Frome Hospital. Our commitment is to raise funds to go towards the maintenance of the machine and others like it in the Frome area. Already, with the support of Toby Brett, owner of The Three Horseshoes and various village residents, we have made one donation to The Friends but it is now time to make a further one

So, please do look out for our collection box at forthcoming village events, including the Loose women meeting on 6th October, the coffee morning at the pub on 20th October and the church harvest supper on 29th October. We are only asking for your small change but it will make all the difference. It could be your life, or a family member's, that might be saved one day! If you would like to make a contribution but will not be at any of these events please give me or John Lewis (01373 832875) a ring and we will arrange for someone to visit you.

continued...

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is due to be held in the village hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th October. Do come along to the meeting if you can, to speak or maybe just to listen.

And do remember that if you want to keep in touch with what is going on in Chapmanslade visit our website at www.chapmanlslade.org. uk. We regularly refresh the website with news and details of coming events. As you may know, too, I often circulate an email around the village with news of events: if you are not on my circulation list and would like to be, please drop me an email.

> Phil Jefferson 01373 832845 phil.jefferson@virgin.net



# Volunteers needed!

The Julian House Charity shop in Frome would love your help! They are in need of volunteers to help process donated clothes, music, books, bric-abrac, etc. It is a vibrant shop with a lovely working atmosphere. Any number of hours would be welcome. If you are interested please contact Angie Smith on 01373 467940 or email angies@julianhouse.org.uk Julian House help the homeless and vulnerably housed people to access shelter, food, help and support in the Bath area. When it initially started it was only able to offer food and shelter but over time other projects and services have been developed which not only address the symptoms of homelessness but also the underlying reasons why men and women are forced onto the streets. Indeed, projects such as the Meaningful Occupation Programmes offer training and preparation for employment.

Claire da Costa



# Corsley Festival Choir

Singing in the shower? Why not sing with the choir? Rehearsal – 7.15 pm, Mondays at St Margaret's Church, Corsley (meet fellow choristers + wine + nibbles)

# Christmas Concert

Sunday 11th December

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# News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from Little Cuckoo's PreSchool in Lyes Green, Corsley.

We're already half way through term one of the curriculum year 2016-17! We have welcomed nine new families into the nest and this term has helped to settle the children in. This term we're focussing on the subject 'all about me'; this learning theme is a vital part of a child's understanding of themselves, their family and the world around them.

Recently, there has been media coverage about the importance of Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PHSE) lessons within schools. At the nest we feel it's important to introduce the school curriculum to our pre-schoolers in a casual format, arming them with knowledge and understanding, helping them on their journey towards their primary education.

We are absolutely delighted to be using our new larger area of outdoor space! Working alongside Corsley Parish council we have taken over an area of the old school playing field. This fabulous outdoor learning space will provide us with opportunities to learn more about nature and the local environment, as well as being an enormous space to run off some energy! We are very keen to utilise it in an organic learning environment, so are

happy to welcome any ideas, help and suggestions to assist us with our quest.

We would like to welcome readers of The Bridge to join us for our Little Cuckoos Hallowe'en-themed Party – please check out our website www. littlecuckoos.co.uk for all the spooky details...

Oooh! Who's this? It's Pat and Jess iust one of the new families we have welcomed to the nest!



Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm Term-time mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10 am - 11.30 am For more information, please contact Hayley McMahon on 01373 832298 www.littlecuckoos@hotmail co.uk

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# **Whitbourne Chapel**

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#### A fantastic Corsley Show!

For me, Corsley Show began on Sunday evening at the 'Songs of Praise'. How wonderful to see the refreshment tent full of people keen to sing praise to God! Geoff Titt's organ-playing was rousing and our voices responded to his joy in what he was doing.

On Show Day itself, it was good to see so many people coming onto the field in the sunshine. Business was brisk at the Chapel gazebo, with Bibles, tracts and other Christian materials fast disappearing.

Richard Wilson did as he always does for Corsley Show; he wandered the field all day, handing out 'Good News' papers and tracts, too. Trevor Brain visited us from Chippenham and divided his time between the gazebo and the sunshine. I stayed mainly inside – it was too hot for me!

We packed up at 3.30 pm, reflecting on the day as we returned our equipment to Chapel and thanked God for every chance we had to speak His name to others.

If you missed meeting Trevor at the Show, he'll be our preacher at Chapel on 2nd October at 11 am – come along and meet him then!

### **Memorial Service for Fred Carpenter MBE**

Sylvia and family would like to thank the many friends from Corsley who attended the Memorial Service at the Chapel on Saturday 3rd September.

The only reason Fred left Corsley was for his health. He'd always felt very much at home in the village, having lived here for over 30 years. During that time, he was a Parish Councillor, the Flower Show Secretary and a commentator at Corsley Show. Fred drew all the line illustrations for the Corsley and Chapmanslade Millennium book and the Corsley Painting Group was organised by Fred.

He loved a challenge and probably his most difficult and rewarding one was the planning and fundraising for the MS Therapy Centre in Warminster. He continued his support for MS research while in France as President of MS Research Treatment, Bristol.

There are many reminders of Fred still to be seen at the Chapel.

## Forthcoming event

Evangelist Clive Williams recently retired from working with the Open Air Mission. He'll be preaching at Whitbourne on Sunday 16th October, leading both our usual 11 am Service and a special Afternoon Service at 5 pm.

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## **Regular times**

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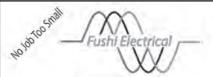


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# Tales from the passenger seat



It is interesting how the mental attitude of an individual can directly affect their ability to learn to drive.

Sometimes it can be a positive benefit and sometimes the complete reverse. Nothing new or surprising in these statements of course, but a few recent incidents reminded me of some former pupils.

Andrew was a very gifted driver in that he very quickly mastered control of the car and was able to perform all the required manoeuvres in just three lessons. The trouble was, because he knew he was good, he couldn't be bothered to make any effort to retain or put into practice the essential good driving tips, information, etc that I was giving him. As a result, he was sloppy, but didn't care because he had the ability to recover a bad situation fairly quickly. It took a fair bit of careful and diplomatic persuading to get him to mature a bit before he was ready for the test. Although he still ended up not needing many lessons, he could have passed in even fewer had he not had such a careless attitude

Sarah was quite the opposite. She found controlling a car very difficult and, even when she finally mastered the basic essential skills, her spatial awareness was so poor that it took a lot of practise both in mine and her parent's cars before she got past the 'really dangerous' stage. However, her attitude was so strong and positive and she was so determined not to give up, that although she took a lot more lessons than Andrew, she

ended up a far safer driver. Once she had mastered control of the car and had had enough practise to learn spatial awareness and to 'read the road', her positive but more mature attitude means she is now driving, whereas Andrew is not; having crashed his car too many times he cannot now afford the rather high insurance premiums.

John had a sensible attitude, was learning at a pretty good rate – everything was coming along nicely with all targets on my syllabus reached, until his A level exams drew near. Suddenly, everything turned turtle and John became the most inattentive, careless and clumsy driver you could ever wish to meet. From being very nicely on track to taking his test, he completely regressed to a state of mind where his physical ability was worse than when he started first learning and now had to concentrate really hard on how to drive: his mind was severely distracted by his impending studies and exams. Normally having lessons whilst coming up to exams is no bad thing, since it gets a person out of the house, de-clutters the brain and proves that a change is as good as a rest. In John's case, he was so concerned about his exams that he was unable to function normally. We stopped his lessons until after his exams - all of which he passed - after which we resumed lessons, he took his driving test and passed.

All of which goes to show how important the mind is over how the body performs.

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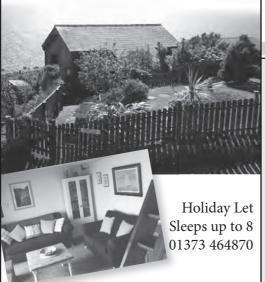
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## A view from over the hedge...

# **Countryside Matters**

We have now said goodbye to our summer visiting birds and are left to wonder at their ability to fly and navigate such distances.

I manage to get inspiration from many

sources for my monthly entry in The Bridge. Watching 'Victoria' on the TV recently, Lord Melbourne described to Queen Victoria (in a romantic way!) that rooks mate for life. My husband John who, even after the sad loss of our elms some 30-40 years ago, has noticed how many rooks are now balancing precariously in all manner of trees.

Thankfully, they clear the fields of larvae and insects that would devastate newly planted grass and root crops. Although they're not particularly popular birds, they are part of the food chain which keeps a balance in our natural world and, as one of the first to start nesting in the spring, long before the leaves appear, they bring an early sign that spring is on its way.

I also had a lesson from my eight-year old grandson on how to tell a rook from a jackdaw: a jackdaw has a grey strip of feathers on the top of its head. We are never to old to learn – or is it that I just need new specs?!

Starlings are another bird that are not known for their popularity, but in the next month or so when they begin to gather in their thousands (a murmuration), swooping and whirling, making beautiful patterns in the sky at dusk, it's a sight well worth looking out for. The sheep farmers are now buying in new rams to mate with their ewes to ensure bloodstock lines will be improved in the young lambs born next spring.



Some rather awesome noises will be heard in our woodlands and high moors as the deer go into the rutting season and the stags ward off any young bucks by roaring as loudly as they can.

Maize, the last and biggest harvest crop, will soon be brought into the silage pits to be stored for winter feed for the cows. It is a areat relief when we see the last load come off the field and the clamp is covered.

Harvest in the countryside is celebrated in our churches and also in our village halls with services and suppers – do come and ioin us!

## **Postscript**

Farmers are being asked to wrap their silage in pink wrap next year instead of the usual black wrap with a contribution going to Cancer Research, we would appreciate any sensible comments...

Judith Helliar

## **Corsley Reading Room**

# Your 'village hall'

Chairman, Hugh Deed, brings us some exciting news about Corsley's 'village hall'

For the next few months The Bridge will feature a page to ensure the villagers and other potential users are aware of what the hall has to offer and what improvements are planned over the next few weeks and months.

We are delighted to report that we are now licenced for the sale of alcohol (on the premises and take away). This will save us money given the frequency with which we were applying for temporary event notices (TENs) for events, especially now we have the cinema nights. Users may apply to use our licence and, provided the committee agree, they can then save the costs and hassle of applying for a TEN. Use of the licence must be approved by the management committee for **each** event.

If you visit the main hall now you will probably notice it is distinctly brighter during the daytime, this is because we have had the windows alongside the main road cleaned! To keep the light out we have installed blackout roller blinds to darken the room when required. It is expected that the season for Cinema Corsley showings can be extended by their use.

By early October the electrical system will have been modernised/upgraded so the controls meet modern standards. A commercial dishwasher and fixed hot-water boiler will be installed. We have been given a Warminster Area Board grant towards

these costs. These works are being timed so as not to disrupt any regular or existing bookings. The 'pound-in-the-slot' electricity meters will remain, so users only pay for what they use.

Don't forget the monthly coffee mornings; first Tuesday of the month, 10 am - 12 noon, these are a good opportunities to give committee members your views as well as catching up with friends and neighbours. October's Cinema Corsley evening is on 20th – 'The Man who Knew Infinity'; tickets are on sale at Acres Supply. IT for Silver Surfers is on October 11th at 10 am.

The Corsley Reading Room charity now owns the telephone box outside the building. Many thanks to Colin Aylesbury who has spruced it up. We are considering what to use it for – we have some ideas, but if you want to let us have yours please do tell one of the committee members.

### Management Committee members

Chairman Hugh Deed Secretary Jenny Rutty Treasurer Vanessa Hyde **Bookings** Gill Parkinson Liz Garrett, Jackie Jasper, David Carruthers, Pat Mizen and Sue Kerfoot.

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