

The Bridge

October 2017

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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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 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.

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

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Full page ads cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

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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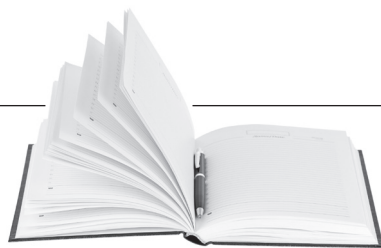
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Deadline

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

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

October



Sunday 1st

Operation Christmas Child launch – 9.30 am, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Tuesday 3rd

Parochial Church Council meeting – 7.30 pm,
St Margaret's Church

Saturday 7th

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

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Harvest Supper (Chapmanslade) – 7 for 7.30 pm,
Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 8th

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

Auditions for Chapmanslade Players' Pantomime – 2 pm (full info on village website)

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting 'What WILL We Be Eating?'
by Emeritus Professor Nigel Brown

Friday 13th

Budgie's Big Birthday Bash – 9 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 18th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Consultation Meeting re St Mary's Church – 7 pm,
St Mary's Church, Corsley

Thursday 19th

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

Cinema Corsley - 'Hidden Figures' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

Poppy Appeal collections in Chapmanslade and Corsley begin

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

Sunday 29th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

Diary Dates

November

Saturday 4th

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

Fun Quiz – 7 for 7.30 pm start, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'All Wrapped Up For Christmas', a demonstration by Annie Campbell

Corsley Memorial Playing Field AGM – 7.30 pm, Cross Keys (back room)

Corsley Cricket Club AGM – 8 pm, Cross Keys (back room)

Thursday 16th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Cinema Corsley - 'Their Finest' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 25th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

Coffee Morning

Sunday 26th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

December

Saturday 2nd

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

Monday 4th

Corsley Parish Council – quarterly meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 6th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Bungalows at Baytree Close, Corsley

Construction of the five Wiltshire Council affordable rental bungalows for the over 55s on land at Baytree Close will commence in early October; they are due to be completed in spring 2018. Further information regarding the bungalows and how to apply for tenancy will follow in the next few months. Should you wish to discuss, or have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Mead, Commissioning Officer (AndrewM.Mead@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01225 716672), who will be pleased to assist.

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Saturday 7th October, 7 for 7.30pm

Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 28th October, 7 for 7.30pm

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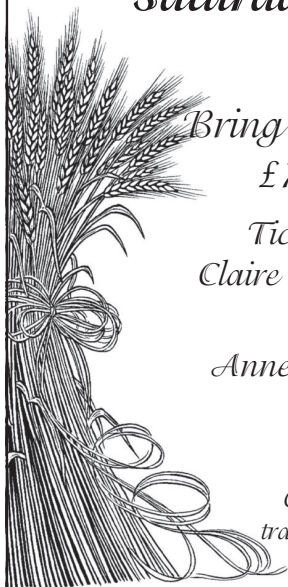
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for the Chapmanslade Supper

or from PCC members

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Auditions will be held at 2pm on Sunday 8th October (venue to be confirmed).

Full details will be posted on the village website (chapmanslade.org.uk) so look out for more info.

If you don't fancy being on the stage, we have lots of positions to fill behind the scenes and we'd love to hear from you if you think you'd like to be part of the team.

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- 3 Which is the distaff side of a family?
- 4 Which composer was so inspired by the cave on the Hebridean island of Staffa, that he wrote the overture 'Fingal's Cave'?
- 5 Which North African city has a name meaning 'white house' in Spanish?
- 6 In the Bible, whose parents were Zacharias and Elizabeth?
- 7 What is the capital of Latvia?
- 8 Which US President used to soak his wooden false teeth in port to give them flavour?
- 9 'Blood and Fire' is the motto of which organisation?
- 10 In which US State would you find Fort Knox?
- 11 According to the saying, what will never make a silk purse?
- 12 What would you do with a wandering sailor?

Answers on page 48

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 7th October – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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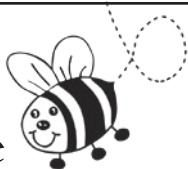
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Biology: changing the world

Safeguarding and enhancing our natural environment

What is it and how can it help us?

Chapmanslade is working on a new village plan. The initial consultation showed that the topic of “safeguarding and enhancing our natural environment” was a significant consideration for many villagers, and I was asked to write about this and what science can offer.

Environmental research in the UK is largely funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and some by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC). When I worked at BBSRC, I used to joke with NERC staff that there was no such thing as the natural environment in the UK, apart from beaches between the low and high water mark. Due to centuries of urban development, agriculture and industry, everything else is a managed environment, and so it should be managed as best we can to safeguard and enhance it.

So, what do scientists contribute to this and how can we help them? Ecologists look at the relationships between animals, plants and the environment and need data on local conditions and how they vary with time to perform their studies. Plant biologists may be interested in crop and tree diseases and need reports of crops or trees showing signs of disease or invasion of alien plants. Geologists will be interested in the



landscape and how heavy rain or snow may affect rivers, and they need access to land to measure river flow, for example. Agricultural scientists will be interested in the crops that are grown and the interplay of land, crops, animals and pests.

However, many of us are not scientists or significant landowners. So, what can we all do? As a gardener, you can do this by managing your lawns, hedges, flower beds, vegetable plots and fruit trees. These can give both visual pleasure and food, and can help protect insect and bird life. As a walker, you can do this by not damaging fences, not dropping litter, and ensuring that your dog's faeces are collected and taken away, thus safeguarding the visual amenity that the environment provides.

We can provide the simple numbers that are essential for the scientists. How many trees

are there? What variety of plants are found? What types of soil are there and where? Where and when are animal tracks found? Are there areas where waste accumulates through natural processes (e.g. wind and streams)? Has waste been dumped? Have any public footpaths or bridleways been blocked? There are sometimes "citizen science" projects to collect such information for use by naturalists and other specialists.

We can also be proactive. We can report blocked public ways to the Parish Council. We can seek to control (or persuade others to control) harmful weeds, such as Japanese Knotweed or Himalayan Balsam. We can report signs of animal invasion of fields or forests to landowners. We can report diseased trees to the Forestry Commission.

Enhancing the natural environment is a step beyond safeguarding what is already there. Examples include developing communal space or creating community gardens. However, not everyone will approve of changing the existing environment, and such developments need public discussion. Nevertheless, we each can enhance our environment by keeping the appearance of our homes, gardens and workplaces neat and tidy, which will make our living and working environments more pleasant.

The House of Lords is currently examining the effectiveness of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 which helps protect the natural environment and biodiversity while promoting the needs of rural communities. Their conclusions will be of importance to us all.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and suggestions for future articles at niglbrown48@gmail.com

Poppy Appeal

28th October to 11th November

Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise £2904.31 during the 2016 Poppy Appeal. Once we have had our gift aid added, we expect the total raised to be over £3000.

This year Chapmanslade and Corsley will again join forces to help raise funds for the British Legion during their annual Poppy Appeal. House-to-house collections will start on Saturday 28th October ready for Armistice/Poppy Day on 11th November and Remembrance Sunday on 12th November.

There is a wonderful team of dedicated regular collectors, some of whom have been collecting for over 30 years. However, we are short of people to help collect, especially in Chapmanslade. If you are interested either in collecting, or feel that your venue would be suitable to host a collection box, please do contact me (details below). It needn't take up too much of your time and you can collect at any time convenient to you during the two weeks.

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.

The British Legion 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 Corsley and Chapmanslade, Chapmanslade School, Little Cuckoos or Acres Supply.

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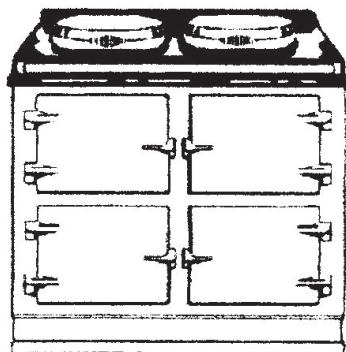


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

The Parish Council (PC) met once in September for an occasional meeting, but one with a fairly full agenda, including traffic safety issues raised by residents living in the vicinity of Corsley Heath, three planning applications, an update on progress with superfast broadband installation in Corsley, and other regular items. For the items on road safety and the broadband update, eighteen residents and Fleur de Rhe Philipe, our County Councillor, were present.

Corsley Road Safety Issues

The Parish Council had been approached by Mrs Gill Sheppard who reported increasing concerns over the speed and volume of traffic using the A362 through the Village, from those living in and around Corsley Heath. These concerns centred on the dangers regularly faced by residents when making the crossing of the A362 at the Heath and the risks were particularly felt by parents whose children need to use the buses to get to and from school, or the War Memorial Playing Field, and by elderly residents in the face of vehicles travelling at or around the 40mph speed limit. The latter, coupled with the limitations on visibility and the "triangle" layout give very little time for a safe crossing of the road or for vehicles to join the A362 safely from either side of the road. Mrs Sheppard had written to all the residents of Birchwood Close, Heathway and Whitbourne Moor and, as a result, the PC had received a further ten written representations about the traffic issues.

Mrs Sheppard addressed the meeting and all those residents who attended were given the opportunity to make their own points. There was wide ranging discussion based on responses to Mrs Sheppard's letter covering:

- Pedestrian safety – children and the elderly at significant risk
- Speeding – the 40mph appropriate is inadequate and routinely ignored
- Excessive heavy traffic – general increase in numbers and heavy vehicles breaking westbound weight limitation
- Difficult junctions at Corsley Heath – obstructed visibility and acute angles

Simon Jasper gave a detailed resumé of the PC's long-standing and ongoing dialogue with Wiltshire, answered questions and statements from residents and explained the current position on the two main issues, speeding and HGV traffic. In summary:

- The speed limit will not be reduced to 30mph in Corsley Heath under current national guidelines. Wiltshire is constrained to follow these guidelines and the last national audit of speed limits in 2009 stands. A speed check in Corsley in 2014 indicated average speeds were within limits, which precluded the village from the speed watch programme at that time.
- Introduction of an 18 tonne limit for eastward travelling HGVs awaits work on the A350/A303 junction, which is currently regarded as unsafe for heavy HGV traffic. This would be the route taken

by HGV traffic if the weight limit were to be imposed. (The relevant documents and summaries of emails are on the village website under A362 Road Safety or www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk. Fleur de Rhe Philipe amplified the background to this issue and explained that there are three Villages affected by the problem, Chapmanslade, Corsley and Maiden Bradley. Application of a weight limit in any one of these would exacerbate problems in the other two, both of which are equally concerned about their own road safety and HGV traffic.

The PC is entirely sympathetic to the issues raised, which add to those already part of the ongoing dialogue with Wiltshire, including the Lane End and Sturford junctions, and agreed to follow three lines of development:

- To support a Lorry Watch under Gill Sheppard's leadership with the aim of reducing HGVs over 18 tonne illegally travelling in a westerly direction on the A362. Initially this will be a Pilot Scheme seeking to qualify for official Wiltshire Council Lorry Watch status. It will commence in early October.
- To apply for a "metro test" (speed test) on the A362 to update the one carried out in 2014 with the aim of qualifying for community speed-watch.
- To request a review of road safety in Corsley Heath by the Wiltshire Council Traffic Officer with emphasis on pedestrian safety and the exit by White Horse Motors onto the A362. Out of this informal visit the Parish Council will seek to gain authority for any work through the Area Board and the Community Area Transport Group.
- Consideration to be given to including an uplift in next year's Precept to cover the Parish's 25% contribution to any work.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs Sheppard and the residents of the Corsley Heath area for re-energising these issues and producing the volunteer capacity to do something about illegal HGV traffic.

Broadband

Hugh Deed, Chairman of Corsley Broadband Ltd (CBBL), gave the meeting an update on the status of the superfast broadband roll-out in Corsley. CBBL is the Company formed to contract with BT Openreach to deliver the additional Village funded capability required to give the whole Village access to superfast, to which he PC contributed from the precept. Essentially the latter is the new box at St Margaret's Church.

The details can be found on the Corsley broadband web site (hdwebsites.wixsite.com/broadband) and Hugh summarised the position:

- In general, BT Openreach commitments now mean that nearly all residents can, or will by year end 2018, be able to get access to better broadband service; in most cases this means at least 24Mbps and in most cases far higher up to 80Mbps in some (very lucky) cases.
- The new (additional) cabinet at St Margaret's church has now been installed. It has yet to be commissioned. This is the cabinet which was paid for by the contributions from Longleat, Elizabethan Evening and Corsley Parish Council. Not long to wait now for the residents who can be served by that box to be able to order higher speeds if they want. This site will be updated when orders can be placed.
- Anomalies in the advertised availability of superfast broadband in specific locations, eg Roddenbury View and Birchwood Close believed to be errors on BT's part and do not reflect the reality of the infrastructure.

- Power to the long waited box at Deep Lane/ A362 should be laid by September with cabinet installation and commissioning following swiftly after. Provisional indications are that customer orders from those to be served by this box may be able to be taken by end September/ early October. Red Cottages should benefit from this installation.

New Planning Applications

17/07555/LBC – Court Farm, Court Lane

Conversion of outbuilding to workshop, and erection of double garage with studio over

Court Farm is a grade 2 listed building and this application covers both listed building and full planning consent. The listing relates to the house and the proposed changes have no direct affect on the house and its listing features. The external appearance of the workshop will be unchanged by the changes; the new garage will be visible alongside the house, but is set back from its line. Its style is not considered to detract from the setting of the property or the immediate vicinity.

No comments had been received from any other parties and the PC resolved to record no objection.

17/07846/FUL - Deerleap Cottage 112

The Hollow Corsley BA12 7PD

Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, addition of access drive

This application raised considerable discussion. The application comprises four plans, difficult to read in electronic copy, the latter now being the only format offered to Parish Councils, and there is no supporting case for the proposed change.

The PC had two major concerns over this planning application. First, the lack of documentation accompanying the application to provide any justification for

the proposed change of use and, second, the size of the area proposed for change of use effectively doubles the domestic curtilage, with associated potential for further development applications for the area proposed.

However, the Parish Council resolved to have no objection to this application provided that it were possible to make it subject to a condition that the land within the proposed extension of domestic curtilage was not allowed any permitted development rights.

The PC received one strong objection to the application, by E mail, but too late for consideration at the meeting.

17/06979/FUL – 25 Birchwood Close

New detached workshop

This application was made on the basis that the existing garage at No. 25 was soon to be converted to living accommodation for an elderly family member and a new space was therefore required for equipment currently stored in the garage. The proposed new workshop is placed on the rear boundary of the property.

No comments had been received from any other parties and the PC resolved to record no objection.

Previous Planning Applications

17/06496/FUL - 36 Temple, Corsley

Erection of timber summerhouse

This is an application replace two existing garden old sheds by an attractive wooden summerhouse on the same site.

This had been approved by Wiltshire with standard conditions, plus a requirement that the old sheds be demolished.

17/03946/FUL – 83a Lane End

Erection of boundary fence panel, designed to mimic the appearance of a hedgerow
In the last Bridge brief, Wiltshire's approval

of this application was reported, as was the PC's strong objection to the decision. A reply has been received from Wiltshire, on behalf of Mike Wilmott, Head of Development Management, which will be placed on the Bridge web site.

His major conclusion was:

".....Whilst I accept that parish councils may have a good understanding of local conditions, the local planning authority when assessing any planning application must take account of the expert advice provided in the technical guidance and over-arching national policy. In this case, the technical advice was carefully applied; and, I have set this out below....."

....Given the above technical confirmation I am satisfied that the application was subject to a thorough, full and informed analysis. In these circumstances, the Council's decision was properly arrived at, and whilst I appreciate that the parish council is disappointed at the outcome, the decision will not be reviewed. "

This is a very disappointing response, but one which the PC now has to accept. However, the PC will now do its utmost to ensure that the visibility at this junction is as good as it can be, within the limitations imposed by Wiltshire's decision, and will be examining the potential for adjustments to the hedge to the east of the boundary of 83a.

Dates of next meetings

Quarterly meeting 4th December 2017

Annual Parish Meeting March 2018 (exact date to be confirmed)

Annual PC Meeting 7th May 2018

Quarterly Meetings 4th June, 3rd September and 3rd December 2018

There may be occasional meetings at short notice; please watch the Village notice-boards.

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Chairman

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Lorry Watch volunteers

Due to the concern shown about the weight of lorries travelling on the A362 from East to West, a pilot lorry watch scheme will commence in October.

We need volunteers from the village in order to implement the scheme. If you are able to spare some time, however small, please let me know via email.

Full training will be given. Please help to make our village a safer and more pleasant place to live for everyone.

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Harvest Festival Family Communion Service

Sunday October 8th
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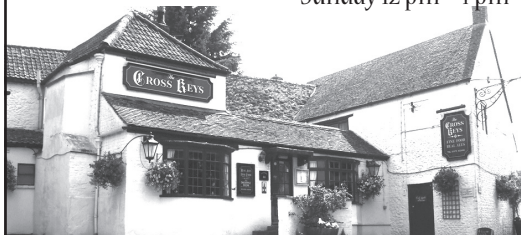
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Dear Friends,

Walking the dogs this afternoon I found that my normal route was unavailable as the gate onto the footpath was closed. So necessity dictated that I walked along the road, which is always a bit perilous because although it is a little country lane basically, it has lots of twists and turns and cars travel along it at alarming speed. But actually, I really enjoyed my walk and was struck by how much we miss when we drive around in our cars, probably preoccupied with thoughts about the next thing we have to do, or in my case, what I'm going to say in the sermon and what on earth we are going to have for dinner!

Travelling at speed through the country lanes at this time of year we remain blissfully unaware of the extraordinary bounty the earth offers us. I drive along said road several times a week and I hadn't noticed the lovely red hips and hawes, the gorgeous glossy acorns nor the plethora of juicy purple blackberries that stained my fingers as I pulled them off the branches. I'm afraid my walk took longer than necessary because I kept stopping to eat them; no chance of them making it into a blackberry and apple pie!

If you think about it, the seasons are ordered in a really clever way. Nature gives us calorific sustenance in the form of fruit and nuts that are energy dense to keep us warm in the winter months; we need those calories when the cold and wet come. Of course we have lost our sense of reliance on this natural harvest because we can trip down to the supermarket and buy whatever we want whenever we want. But for our forbearers these berries, fruits and nuts would have been carefully harvested and stored and would have been vitally important for their survival. Our disconnect with the earth has had and continues to have appalling consequences for the well being of the created order in the widest sense. We have seen evidence of this in the terrible hurricanes that have battered parts of the world recently, they didn't come from nowhere; their severity is a result of global warming.

Reading around this theme I came across a concept called 'reverential ecology' which really spoke to me and chimed with the Christian calling to care for God's earth and all living things.

'Reverential Ecology adds an extra dimension of profound feelings of reverence towards all life. Reverential Ecology operates upon the principle that all natural things are holy, possessing the divine, not as a transcendent presence but rather as an immanent one. In place of controlling, owning or possessing, mankind participates in the process of the intricately woven web of life, acting no longer as masters or stewards of the earth; rather as participants and co-creators of the earth.'

Now I am going to hold my hands up here and admit that the Christian church does not have a good track record in this area. We have taken God's injunction in the book of Genesis to care for the earth as permission to dominate and exploit it purely for our own ends with total disregard for the impact of our actions on the natural world. We need to rediscover what it means to live in harmony with mother nature and what it means to live with reverence for all created things, for after all, as the psalmist so beautifully put it 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Love and prayers,
Pauline

October Church Diary

Sunday 1st October: Trinity 16

8am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Harvest Festival & Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Harvest Festival



Tuesday 3rd October

7.30pm – details from Richard on 832594
After Alpha Tuesday Night Group – details from Richard on 832594
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Parochial Church Council



Sunday 8th October: Trinity 17

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chap: Children's Messy Church Activities
10am at St Philip & St James', Chap: Harvest Family Communion
10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist
11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Harvest Matins



Monday 9th October

10.30am to 12pm at 9 Cleyhill Gardens, Chapmanslade
Time to Think Home Group – details from Phil on 832845



Sunday 15th October: Trinity 18

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: BCP Holy Communion
10.30 at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist
10.30 at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship



Tuesday 17th October

7.30pm – details from Richard on 832594
After Alpha Tuesday Night Group – details from Richard on 832594



Wednesday 18th October

7pm at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley
Consultation Meeting to consider the future of St Mary's

Thursday 19th October

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



Sunday 22nd October: Trinity 19

**9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist**



Monday 23rd October

**10.30am to 12pm at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade
Time to Think Home Group – details from Phil on 832845**



Wednesday 25th October

**12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley
Light Bites Soup Lunch – donations in aid of Shelterbox**

Sunday 29th October: Bible Sunday

**10.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Benefice Eucharist
4.30pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: All Souls**



Sunday 5th November: All Saints Day

**8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Family Worship**

St Mary's Consultation

There is an important meeting at St Mary's on the 18th October at 7pm. Please make every effort to attend if you have any views or can offer help to support this wonderful church. Please see the letter elsewhere in the Bridge.

Operation Shoebox

We shall be handing out Shoeboxes at our services from Sunday October 1st at all our churches. If you wish to participate please collect a shoebox, as many as you wish to fill, and the necessary leaflet and label. Please return the filled Shoebox at the services on November 5th or 12th. We shall then arrange transport to the local distribution centre. There are more details elsewhere in the Bridge.

Harvest

Our Harvest celebrations take place throughout October this year. The first Harvest service will be on Sunday 1st October at St Margaret's. On Saturday 7th October Chapmanslade will hold it's Harvest Supper at the Village Hall; tickets from either Anne Good on 832505 or Phil Jefferson on 832845. On Sunday 8th October there will be a Messy Harvest Family Communion at Chapmanslade and Harvest Matins at Temple. The Harvest celebrations will come to an end on Saturday 28th October when Corsley hold their Harvest supper at the Reading Rooms; tickets from either Claire da Costa on 832113 or Laura Gates on 832825. We find it necessary to hold two Harvest Suppers as there is no location big enough in the Parish to seat everyone if we held just one supper.

Fundraising

We had a very successful stall and raffle at the Corsley Show and raised the magnificent total of £1270 for church funds. Many thanks to everyone who supported our stall either by donations or purchasing goods or raffle tickets.

We are looking forward to our coffee morning on November 25th. Further details will be in next month's Bridge.

Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell

The funeral of Janet Lucy Naylor took place on 20th September at Kingston Deverill. We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family.

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Corsley WI

September news

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



‘Crowns and Tiaras’ was the title of the riveting talk at the Corsley WI meeting in September. The speaker was Daphne Atkinson with some fascinating facts, details and a brief history of the numerous tiaras and crowns owned and worn by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family on ceremonial and special occasions.

Many of the beautiful tiaras, glittering with huge amounts of diamonds and precious stones, were made as gifts for Royal Weddings. Each one is aptly named and they have been passed down through the generations. The St. Edwards Crown is only used for Coronations, whilst the Imperial State Crown, containing over 3,000 precious stones, is only worn for the State Opening of Parliament. Over the years there have been alterations to some tiaras and crowns, several were broken up into brooches and necklaces, some sold, some apparently lost and others just never seen in public for many years, whilst new tiaras have been created for certain younger members of the Royal family especially for their own weddings.

Daphne was able to give us just a glimpse into the priceless collection of Crowns and Tiaras owned by the Queen and other family members, but of course there are other similar items owned by foreign Queens and Princesses...! Pauline Scott gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for an Evening Bag was won by Clare Firman-Ford, with Ann

Campbell second and Di Dowling third.

Congratulations go to Anne Carruthers for winning the A W Carter Perpetual Challenge Shield, which was awarded at Corsley Show to the WI member with the most points gained in the classes in the Horticultural & Crafts competition.

On **Thursday 12th October at 2.30pm** there is an **OPEN meeting**, when Professor Nigel Brown will be asking us ‘What WILL We Be Eating?’. The competition for members is for a jelly mould. As usual, details of the various events organised by the Wiltshire Federation will be available at the meeting as well as information about all our other activities.

Are you new to the area? A friendly welcome awaits when you come and visit us and we would like to recruit new members. Our meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month in the Reading Room at Corsley. From October to March they begin at 2.30pm. The exact times are mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report and also in The Bridge Diary Dates or ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 for information.

If you would like further details of our Bridge Club, Gardening Club or Lunch Club, please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215760, as the venues vary each month. These events are for everyone, not just WI members.

It's Shoe Box time!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Appeal Launch – 9.30 am, Sunday 1st 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 50 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 2017 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 eighth year our church will be taking part, and if you would like to contribute, please contact:

- Pat Ryan 832650
- Phil Jefferson 832845
- Keith Muston 832755



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 £5 per box required by Samaritan's Purse to cover the distribution, transport, processing and promotion costs – if you donate online, you can find out which country your box was sent to. Why not bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to our church on our Shoe Box Celebration Services on 5th & 12th 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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The Barton Will Trust, St Mary's Temple

Dear Parishioner

St Mary's Church, Temple – Looking Forward

Did you know we have an ecclesiastical and architectural gem in our midst here in Corsley? No? Perhaps you have never been inside St Mary's, Temple. Perhaps you don't even realise it is there! It is tucked back from the road and can be easily missed. Under the provisions of her will, the late Mary Barton of Corsley House left a sum of money in trust to build a small church at Temple "... to serve that part of the parish..." in memory of her late husband and son.

St Mary's was dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on 30th July 1903. St Mary's is a particularly beautiful small church and has been described as a real gem of the arts and crafts era in late Perpendicular style. It really is an extraordinary place and has many attractive decorative features and fine altar frontals.

Although it is most certainly a church and, as such, generations of villagers have worshipped in it, unlike most church buildings and grounds which are owned by the church, St Mary's is the responsibility of the Barton Will Trust. Services are conducted as mutually agreed between the Trustees, PCC and incumbent of the Parish. We still hold regular services at St Mary's. Normally one Matins service and one Communion service are held each month using the 1662 prayer book.

Sadly, congregation numbers have been falling to a worrying low level. This is largely due to age and infirmity, and people moving away from the parish, although at Christmas and Easter there is still a good-sized congregation.

St Mary's was, and is, a much loved building and we want to make sure we look after it in the best way we can. Following meetings between the Trustees, the Priest in Charge and the Churchwardens, it was agreed to proceed with a full consultation process to consider the future of St Mary's. It is hoped a way forward can be found to keep the church viable in one form or another, but it is accepted there are difficulties, particularly the lack of car parking and the steep access via steps.

Everyone in the parish and any person interested in St Mary's are invited to attend a consultation meeting in the church at **7pm on Wednesday, 18th October**.

In the meantime, the Trustees would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to be considered as a Trustee of the Barton Will Trust and is able to give the necessary commitment to care for this unique building. It is the prerogative of the existing Trustees to appoint succeeding Trustees. Three of the four current Trustees are well into their eighties and all four are anxious to hand over the reins.

If you have any questions or need more information, do please contact one of the Trustees.

Sincerely

Reverend Pauline Reid
(Priest in Charge)

Shirley Chapman (Corresponding Trustee) 01373 832378
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on
31st August and events since the meeting

Weight restriction

We shall continue to pressure both Wiltshire Council and Highways England regarding the ineffective signage at the slip road on the A36. There appears to be a serious difference between Highways England and Wiltshire Council over the costs of the changes proposed by Highways England. The Parish Council has again written to both parties expressing our concern that this is now a safety issue emanating from the sub-standard signage. We have asked Fleur de Rhe Phillipe to raise this matter in the appropriate department at Wiltshire Council.

Village Plan

It was reported to the meeting that the team working on the questionnaire had processed 356 questionnaires. A short report of the results was given to the meeting. It was agreed that an open meeting would be held in mid-November (since confirmed as 16th November at the Village Hall) when the village would be given a full report back. The team on the Village Plan were thanked for all their hard work in analysing the questionnaires.

New housing proposal

There was a very full discussion of the proposals from Wiltshire Council over the allocation of land for future housing developments. The discussion was able to

view the results of the village questionnaire and it was clear that even though there was a significant number who were undecided the view was very much in favour of smaller developments in the village. It was clear that the village was very much in favour of affordable housing, be it shared ownership or rented, but the issue is that such provision will only come if the overall number of new houses is sufficiently large for the development to have such a provision. The conclusion of the discussion was that for the period in question that the parish Council felt that current and future infill/windfall developments would be sufficient. It was resolved that the Parish Council would respond to the consultation and oppose the proposals as shown in the Wiltshire Council consultation paper.

It was also resolved to oppose the change in the settlement boundary and that the Village Hall and the amenity area should remain outside the settlement boundary as now.

Planning Applications and Issues

There were two applications to be considered at the meeting.

The first is a single-storey extension to 10 Cleyhill Gardens – planning application 17/04325/FUL.

The second is a revision to the previously approved application to build a car-port

at 53 High Street – planning application 17/07384/FUL. The revision is to include a study in the roof-space of the car port.

There were no objections to either proposal.

Since the meeting there has been another event at Thoulstone Park. Although we recognise that Thoulstone Park has permission for six events per year this last one has given rise to several complaints about noise. The Chairman has arranged to meet the Events Manager in the near future to discuss the issues.

The Parish Council did enquire of the status of the rebuilt shed situated alongside the bridleway just down from the High Street. The Parish Council has been advised that planning permission will be required for the structure and no doubt such an application will be discussed at a future meeting.

Speeding

The Parish Council is very aware that traffic issues are a matter of great concern in the village and certainly features prominently in the questionnaire. The challenge will be finding solutions! I have to report that we were unsuccessful with our application to purchase two speed indicating devices for the village.

Highways

The Chairman reported that the problem with getting the road gullies emptied is ongoing.

Footpaths

John Foster reported that there was a serious problem with the flooding of the bridleway due to water emanating from an adjoining property. John Foster to report the issue to Wiltshire Council (since done).

Keith Muston, Chair
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Campanology News

In July I decided that as our learners had made so much progress over the year we would enter the Branch Rounds Competition which involves ringing for four minutes. This sounds easy but takes considerable concentration throughout. It was held at Edington on 8th July and seven bands from across the area took part. We practiced three times a week leading up to the competition and I am delighted to say we won! Well done everyone for all the hard work! The band were: Liz Attenborough, Mariella O'Brien, Ed Henderson, Peter Baker, Mike Attenborough and me.

We were then asked to enter the Salisbury Guild Competition, again ringing for four minutes, which is open to seven Branches drawn from an area from Marlborough to Dorchester and East Dorset to West Dorset. ~~We were determined to take part and.....~~ the practice started again. It is a Novice Rounds Competition and was held on 9th September at Zeals. The band rang the best they ever had and the result was that they won and received a beautiful trophy which was kindly delivered to us at the Cross Keys. The band were: Jane Shewring, Mariella O'Brien, Liz Attenborough, Anne Russell, Robert Thackway and Thea Mackie.

Many congratulations to all of you who have put in so much hard work and commitment, the result was justly deserved. A special thank you to Robert who travelled up from Winchester to practice and take part.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to try ringing. It's great fun and very satisfying.

Marion Moldon
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Corsley Memorial

Playing Field news

Marion rounds up the latest happenings at Corsley's very own fun-filled free facility

It has now been 5 years since the Playing Field Committee worked so hard to win the Lottery grant that transformed the playing field from an unused field with a rusty football goal and a few bits of old play equipment into the amazing free facility that is now the envy of local villages and towns.

We need more volunteers to support the field by joining our committee and bringing their fresh ideas and enthusiasm to take the field forward over the next few years. Please contact Marion, details below, for more information.

Looking to the future and thinking about how we can improve further, perhaps outdoor gym equipment and an exercise trail would be an idea? As before we would like to get your input. Please contact Marion with any comments or suggestions.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Cross Keys on **9 November** at **19.30hrs**. Do come and meet us.

As the summer draws to a close it has been another very successful year for the playing field. Fun in the Sun, funded by Wiltshire Council, had its most successful year with 25 children attending on each of four weeks to enjoy free multi-sports coaching provided by Bath Rugby and Wiltshire Cricket. They even managed to continue on the veranda when it rained!

The cricket club has also managed to play every match, except where the opposition did not turn up, despite some difficult weather conditions. This is a testament to Ped's brilliant work as groundsman with Simon's support and by the excellent choice of the original founders in choosing a spot at the top of a hill on greensand with wonderful drainage. They will be completely refurbishing the cricket square over the winter so expect it to play even better next year.

Badgers were a great problem in the spring, scraping the turf away over huge areas of the field and leaving their mess everywhere. After considerable research, doing a risk assessment and seeking approval from our insurers, it has been agreed that specialist electric fencing will be installed around the boundaries of part of the field to deter the badgers. It will not harm the creatures or affect users and will only be turned on during the hours of dusk till dawn, when the field should be devoid of users.

There have also been lots of bookings for children's parties and what better venue could you think of for lots of children with cake and fizzy drink? Plenty of space to run around, for organised games or a bouncy castle. You don't want then charging about your house!

The playing field has also been hired for a local company's annual staff barbecue and for local groups to play croquet, amongst other things.

It is worth noting that we do not just hire out the pavilion. You can also hire the marquee, pop-up gazebo and barbecue if you have a function at home. We have a portable PA unit for the playing of music and can arrange a license if alcohol is to be served at an event in the field. Table tennis is always available at the field and we leave a couple of bats and balls out at all times for you to enjoy. We have also allow our mower and long grass cutter to be used on the old school field and scarifier to deal with moss in lawns. Parking is available at the field, but we do not permit dogs anywhere on the field apart from the car park.

To close out the year we have our annual apple pressing day on the **8th October**. This year we will be using our new electric apple mill (thank you to SA Group for supporting the purchase). It is a monster machine capable of reducing the time taken to process a bucket of apples to pulp for pressing from about half an hour to five seconds. The equipment is also available for hire for those unable to attend on 8 October who are keen to make their own cider.

Finally, we have not scheduled a Halloween event this year. Whilst they are very popular with the children and parents they are a lot of work to organise for the very small team that run the playing field. However, if any parents are keen to hold an Halloween event and want to organise it, we will be happy to support them. We have a box of halloween kit that could be used.

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Chapmanslade

Village Plan update

Adam Oakley reports some of the findings of the recent questionnaire

There was a fantastic response to the questionnaire with a total of 357 being completed and a response from an estimated 68% of homes in the village. Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire and thank you to all who have worked over the summer recording all of the data and comments.

Presentation of results

We are making a presentation of the results at the Village Hall on November 16th at 7.30pm which will follow an earlier than normal Parish Council Meeting. There are a huge number of statistics to absorb so we plan to make the evening interesting with short presentations followed by a question session where we can discuss the way forward for each topic. Everyone is welcome and there will be a second presentation on Sunday 19th November at 2.30pm to make sure everyone gets an opportunity.

We are still recording all of the comments that were made on the questionnaire and realise that many residents are passionate about different subjects. We have all of this data being built into a database that will hopefully provide answers to all sorts of questions. Over the coming months we can discuss this data and the comments and hopefully develop some projects and activities. We need people to get involved in the things that matter in our community.

Already action has begun to take shape on a number of topics including improvements to the playground, environment enhancement and our roads and traffic. Much more can be done and there is opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Below are just a few of the results

- A huge 86% agree that traffic congestion at drop-off and pick-up times at the school is a cause for concern. 58% strongly agree and just 2% disagree.
- 66% of respondents believe that pedestrian safety requires review regarding pavements
- Only 1% disagree that more social events could include the elderly and vulnerable in our community but 49% agree or strongly agree.
- 70% want more eco-friendly dog waste bins and 65% want more litter bins
- 38% would like to see green space used for a car park while 18% disagree
- 61% would like to see any homes built affordable to buy.

There is much more to be revealed and many opportunities for all of us to do our bit for Chapmanslade. If you would like to help with the presentation evening give us a call or drop an email to plan@chapmanslade.org.uk or 832437

Adam Oakley



Cinema Corsley

We are pleased to announce that the second film of the new season showing at Corsley Reading Room (using our new equipment!) is...

Thursday 19th October Hidden Figures (PG)

(Running time 127 mins)

In October we will be showing Hidden Figures, which delves into the untold stories of three incredible African American women, Katherine G Johnson (Taraji P Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe). The contributions of this visionary trio were central to the

US' success in the great Space Race. Known as 'human computers' these brilliant women crossed boundaries of race, gender and known science to put astronaut John Glenn into orbit; an achievement that was the tipping point in America's race against Russia.

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Thursday 16th November Their Finest

(Running time 1 hr 57mins)

A former secretary (Gemma Arterton) is newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films in order to give 'a women's touch' to the female dialogue. So she joins the cast and crew of a major production, while the Blitz rages around them. It is an intoxicating blend of social drama and shrewd wit, alert to the poignancy and irony of the way that new opportunities became available to women during wartime. A top-flight British cast excels, none more so than Bill Nighy, who is irresistible as the fractious, gloriously vain, past-his-prime movie star.

Thursday 7th December

We are planning a special evening focusing on the Corsley area: more information to follow!

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‘..the righteous shall live by faith’ Romans 1.17

A wild boar and a bull

As Pope Leo sat down to relax after an exciting wild boar hunt a messenger arrived with a draft of a ‘bull’ – not the bovine species, but a document that the pope had to authorise. The bull began, ‘Arise, O Lord, a wild boar has entered your vineyard...’ and condemned a German monk, Martin Luther, calling on him to recant of his writings.

For some years Luther had been a thorn in the side of the medieval Church because he wanted to reform things, especially after he nailed a notice on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg on 31 October 1517 – 500 years ago this October. The notice set out 95 points Dr Luther wanted to discuss and is widely regarded as the start of the Reformation that spread like a wildfire around Europe, including England.

Luther’s views arose from the struggle that he had gone through to find salvation. He had thought he must do all he could to make himself righteous. Eventually, Luther understood that God in His love and grace had provided a Saviour in Jesus Christ who died for our sins and by trusting in Him we receive the gift of Christ’s righteousness. Romans 1:17 became his theme: ‘the righteous shall live by faith’.

Luther appeared before the Diet of Worms in 1521 where he boldly said: ‘... my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I

cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me’.

The ‘wild boar’ could not be contained and after being imprisoned by ‘friends’ for a while, he returned to Wittenberg to carry on his reforms. He married an ex-nun – Katherine von Bora – who was a great help to him. The ‘bull’ was consigned to the dustbin of history.

*Mr John Hobson
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Note: A presentation on Martin Luther’s life is to be given at Clink Evangelical Church, Frome, BA11 2EN on Thursday 5th October, 7.30–9.30 pm. Please see church website for details: clinkevangelical.co.uk

Corsley Show

The Chapel stall was busy all day. Richard Wilson, who delivers the Good News papers locally, handed out papers and tracts, with only the briefest pauses for refreshments. Trevor Brain joined us from Operation Mobilisation, a Christian organisation doing great work among refugees arriving in Europe from the Middle East. The Bibles and New Testaments Trevor brought along were soon snapped up by visitors. After lunch, Jim Short and his wife Carol joined us from Clink Evangelical Church.

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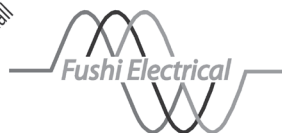
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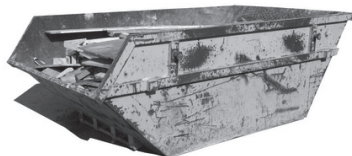
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Tales from the passenger seat

Last month I drew readers attention to the new legislation that has been agreed concerning learner drivers being allowed on motorways [albeit only with a qualified instructor in a dual controlled car]. This is a purely voluntary arrangement and will not form part of any new driving test requirements. I suffer misgivings on this proposal, since a less experienced driver on motorways is not, in my view, a good thing. The government thinking is to give people motorway experience [if they so choose] before they pass the test, so that once they have passed, they are not loose on the motorway without having already had a go.

This seems a good idea in principle, except it ignores the fact that instructors already offer motorway lessons to pupils for when they have passed the test. There is also a scheme, called Pass Plus, which not only includes post test motorway experience and other aspects of driving, but also runs in conjunction with a number of insurance companies, who offer discounts on new driver insurance if they have taken a Pass Plus course with a registered Pass Plus instructor. Such instructors [I am one], carry certified documents that are accepted by the industry which prove a person has undertaken such a course.

Therefore if properly planned, motorway experience could be obtained ahead of a new driver going on a motorway for the first time unaccompanied, but the pupil would be that much safer on the motorway, having already passed their test.

The exact date for this new legislation, due to commence in 2018 will be announced in due course.

The other day I was asked by a parent on the merits of them taking their offspring to practice in the family car. Private practice is generally considered to be a good thing, but it is not essential. Certainly it allows a pupil to practice lots of the manoeuvres, and to get better physical control over a car, ie build up muscle memory. And if a pupil finds learning generally hard, then extra practice is most definitely of immense benefit, and this can help in reducing the total amount of lessons needed.

If, however, a pupil is naturally gifted at driving, very coordinated and good at reading the road, then such extra practice, whilst beneficial, will not result in a mass reduction in lessons required since such a pupil isn't going to need a lot of lessons anyway.

The best time to get maximum benefit from parental input, is to go out with a parent after the pupil has had a few professional lessons, been taught hillstarts and has covered all the manoeuvres. They are not only safer, but able to have a go at practicing what they have been taught. Going out with a parent when the pupil is virtually ready for the test is all a bit late and although obviously a bit helpful, does not succeed in making best use of parental time, since at that stage, the pupil is being taught the final touches, rather than the basic car control skills.

But it is not the wisest decision to go out before having had lessons if the pupil cannot do hillstarts... we don't live in Holland !

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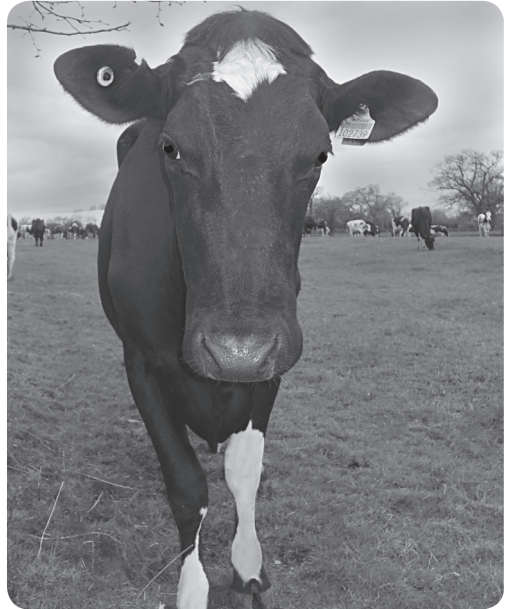
Whilst the usual author of Countryside Matters is admiring the crops of maize and sunflowers over the waters in France (but will be back by the time this is published) I write from the slightly wetter and more challenging climate of Corsley!

August, September and October are always a nervous time for all farmers. The run up to harvest is always worrying having spent such a long time cultivating the land, planting the crops and nurturing and watching them grow. To bring them in at exactly the right time can be very challenging. Heavy rain, strong winds and morning frosts, all of which we've been having recently, can damage a long growing season. So, a considerable amount of time is spent watching the weather forecasts for a clear few dry days, examining crops to catch their optimum ripening and on the phone to contractors to ensure the large and expensive harvesting machinery and its drivers are free. All a very fine balancing act but essential for us to feed stock and others to sell crops.

Those growing wheat, barley, oil seed rape, etc have largely finished harvesting. We have had some luck already with some feed being bought in including a large number of round bales of hayledge (dry grass silage), some of which you may notice have been wrapped in pink bale wrap this year to support breast cancer awareness. These have already been placed in fields planted with kale which will be grazed by cows over the winter. We, and others, just have crops such as maize,

potatoes, fodder and sugar beet etc left in the ground as I write.

It's also a very lovely time of the year on our farm for welcoming new life to the world. Our herd of cows is split into a spring and autumn calving group.



Our 350 lovely autumn calving heifers and cows will produce about 350 calves (it's quite simple maths!) most of which will be born under close supervision in the calving paddock in front of the main farmhouse, so that we can be on hand 24/7 to deal with any issues that may arise. We have a rate of about 10 calves a day at peak times, which keeps us all busy.

Alice Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

Due to the combination of holidays and cut-off dates for this article it is necessarily brief this month.

The first Cinema evening for the new season is 28th September, with the dates following being 19th October, 16th November and 7th December. See the entry elsewhere in this publication of the details of what is on, buying tickets etc.

The **IT Club** restarts on **27th September at 10am** and then **18th October** at the same time. Want to get answers to "How do I...?" then why not come along? £3 a time and that includes coffee/tea and a biscuit.

We are hopeful we may have found someone to take over from Vanessa when she leaves, but we remain keen to have some new committee members.

The **AGM** is on **November 8th at 7:30**, why not come along? We are interested in your views if you do.

If you would be interested in joining the committee please let me or Jenny Rutty know, or talk to any member. Committee 2017 Members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Rutty, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact any of us.

The hall and facilities are available to hire. Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website or call Gill Parkinson to discuss.

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Hugh Deed

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Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

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Corsley Cinema

Our first film is 'Viceroy's House' on

Thursday 28th September, 7 for 7.30 pm

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Pilates: *Tuesday afternoons*

Committee members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Rutty, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers.

Small ads

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Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 The Tabard at Southwark
- 2 Greece
- 3 The female side
- 4 Mendelssohn
- 5 Casablanca
- 6 John the Baptist
- 7 Riga
- 8 George Washington - yuk
- 9 Salvation Army – Quote "the blood is the Blood of Christ and the fire is the fire of the Holy Spirit." The 63rd Infantry Division of the US Army also has the motto 'Blood and Fire'
- 10 Kentucky
- 11 A sow's ear
- 12 Oh no you wouldn't!... You'd plant it!

Local organisation adverts

£2.00 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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