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October 2019



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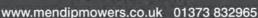
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Deadline for articles or adverts for the next issue of The Bridge is 4pm 19th October

Please note that no items will be accepted after this date

October

Tuesday 1st

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

Saturday 5th

Harvest Supper – 7 pm for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 6th

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

Sunday 8th

'The Tempest' – 3pm, The Elizabethan Playhouse (Manor Farm, Corsley)

Tuesday 9th

Biology Week – grill Nigel Brown at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade from 10 am and later in the day at 7 pm

Community Craft, Cake & Chat – 2 to 4pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 10th

Biology Week – grill Nigel Brown at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade from 2 pm Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 12th

Barn Dance - 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 17th

Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade Cinema Corsley - 'Stan and Ollie' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 19th

Corsley Wildflower Meadow - activity morning – 9.30 am to 12 noon

Book Launch – The History of Chapmanslade – $10.30~\mathrm{am}$ to $5~\mathrm{pm}$, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Sunday 20th

Corsley Wildflower Meadow - activity morning – 9.30am to 12 noon

Book Launch – The History of Chapmanslade – $11\,\mathrm{am}$ to $5\,\mathrm{pm}$, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Tuesday 22nd

Light Bites Soup Lunch - 12.30 pm - 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Dorothy House Tea Party – 2 pm - 4 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Diary Dates

Saturday 26th

House-to-house Poppy Appeal collections begin in Corsley and Chapmanslade

November

Saturday 1st

Chapmanslade Christmas Independent Makers Market – 10 am to 3 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 5th

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

Wednesday 6th

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Committee Annual General Meeting – 6.30 pm, Cross Keys

Corsley Cricket Club Annual General Meeting – 7 pm, Cross Keys

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches PCC meeting—7.30 pm, High Field, Corsley

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

Wednesday 14th

Craft, Cake & Chat afternoon – 2 to 4pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 21st

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

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

Tuesday 26th

Christmas shopping trip to Westquay Shopping Mall, Southampton

Wednesday 27th

Light Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm - 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 30th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Stable Cottage, Huntenhull Lane

December

Monday 2nd

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

Tuesday 3rd

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

Sunday 8th

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Saturday 12th October 7 for 7.30 pm Corsley Reading Rooms

Tickets and further details available from
Anne Good 832505 or
Janet Buick 832318
for the Chapmanslade supper

Fiona Carruthers 07933 081007 or Laura Gates 832825 for the Corsley supper or from PCC members

Come and join us as we celebrate harvest in the traditional way with good food and good company.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bob's bafflers

- What did Oliver Twist ask for more of?
- Who were Peter Rabbit's three sisters?
- Name two of the four creatures that the bible informs us were sent to plague the Egyptians. 3
- Which spirit is made from distilling the liquid from potatoes? 4
- In which year was the f, 1 note replaced by a coin? 5
- What did Mark Twain describe as "a cabbage with a college education"?
- Which Italian pudding's name translates as 'pick me up'?
- Who was the first BBC Sports Personality of the Year (1954)?
- A 'monkey' is slang for how much money?
- 10 Pb is the symbol for which metallic chemical element?
- 11 Which American President features on the one dollar bill?
- 12 Who has friends called Bumpy Dog and Tessie Bear and lives in the 'House for One'?

Answers on page 48

Corsley Reading Room

Future in the balance?

Lots of money needs to be spent on a new roof do you think it's worth it?

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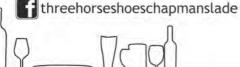
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Biology: changing the world

When will Polio be history?

24 October 2019 is World Polio Day, to raise awareness of the efforts and progress in eradicating polio

Polio is a devastating illness for those who become paralysed or have severely reduced mobility. It is caused by a virus which only affects humans and does not have an 'animal reservoir'. So, if we can vaccinate everyone who is at risk, the virus would not be transmitted, and the disease could be eradicated. Many of us of a certain age were injected with the Salk vaccine, which gave good immunity but was too expensive to be part of a global programme. Since the 1960s the oral Sabin vaccine has been used, which is relatively inexpensive.

Smallpox, which also only infects people, was eradicated through mass vaccination in 21 years. Rinderpest, which only affects cattle, was eliminated in 17 years. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative was started in 1988 with the aim of eliminating polio within 12 years. So far it has taken over 30 years, and we are not yet there. Why is that?

Conflicts in some parts of the world have made it difficult for health workers to assess how many polio cases there were and to provide vaccines. For many years Eritrea and Somalia were impossible to work in. Now that health workers have had access, they are polio-free.

Cultural and political reasons are another problem. Some cultures were wary of modern medicine and persuasion was required for a successful vaccination programme. The Taliban demonised



vaccination programmes as being a US plot, making it difficult for health workers to operate in some parts of the world. In Pakistan, for example, three vaccination workers and their police escorts were killed in April.

The current situation is that only three countries have not yet been declared free of wild-type polio virus – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria - and Nigeria is anticipated to be declared polio-free in a few months, the last cases being in 2016. However, there have been cases of so-called circulating vaccinederived poliovirus (CVDPV) in several countries. The weakened live virus strain used

for immunisation prior to 2016 replicates in the gut but does not cause disease. It is shed from an immunised individual. In very rare cases this could mutate to a disease-causing form and infect an unvaccinated person causing paralysis and going on to infect others who had not been vaccinated. This is normally prevented by having high levels of vaccination in a population. The newer vaccines do not mutate to a disease-causing form.

Thanks to the fantastic work of over 20 million volunteers and health workers in 200 countries (supported by Rotary International, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, the US Centers for Disease Control, and the Gates Foundation), more than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated at a cost of US\$14 billion. From 350,000 cases of polio in 1988, a low of 22 cases globally in 2017, there have been increases to 33 cases in 2018 and 78 cases to 11 September in 2019 (the latest figures at the time of writing from http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/ polio-now/this-week/; compared with 21 cases to September in 2018). It needs more action, but we can hope that polio will be eradicated in the next 5 years or so. To quote from the WHO fact sheet: "As long as a single child remains infected, children in all countries are at risk of contracting polio. Failure to eradicate polio from these last remaining strongholds could result within 10 years of 200,000 new cases every year all over the world."

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

Come and ask your questions about biology and other science at the Three Horseshoes on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October

Biology Week 2019

Drink in some science!

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in September

The PC is now back in business after the summer break, with one meeting held since the last brief – a quarterly on 2nd September. It was a light agenda with two planning applications and updates on regular items. As Trustees of the Len White Fund, the PC met afterwards to consider the future of this fund and there is a notice elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge edition explaining the position of this fund.

Planning Applications 19/07845/LBC

Minor alterations and refurbishments to Corsley House, Deep Lane

In all, this application comprised 25 separate documents covering alterations to fireplaces, a new bathroom, restoration of a doorway and several alterations to the kitchen area including a new window. These alterations are part of a programme of "careful planning and working to restore the original glory" of the property, based on its original listing.

The PC registered no objection to the application.

19/07344/FUL

The Coach House, Sturford Mead Farm. Demolition of outbuildings and garage. Construction of extensions and alterations to existing building

The application relates to the existing conversion of the old coach house at Sturford Mead Farm and adjacent outbuildings to create a new dwelling house on the footprint of the existing buildings, as a retirement home for the owners.

The PC spent a considerable time examining the application documents, but came to a view that there was insufficient information for any conclusion to be drawn and comment offered, unless and until the application were to be re-submitted with a better level of detail.

Two aspects, in particular, were concerning. First there is no plan, either ground or first floor, of the proposed conversion and therefore no possibility of assessing the extent of the proposed new building. Because of the orientation of the building, the elevations provided do not give a full enough picture to enable a proper assessment. Second, although the application is for development of a purely residential property, and the red line layout plan boundary is drawn to support this assertion, examination of the property on Google Earth clearly shows a boundary cutting through the building to the north of the main property with the garage and attached building, planned to be demolished, on the agricultural side of this line.

Comments were registered making these points.

Streetscene

Two major road safety projects, at the Heath and Whitbourne Springs, have been in the pipeline for some time and the costs of each are now maturing, including the likely contribution required from the PC. The general rule is that PCs have to contribute at

least 25% of the costs of such projects and the PC budgets and precept bids have included estimated amounts to cover such costs in this and the next financial year. However, to achieve the full scope in both projects, the required contribution may be higher than the nominal 25% and the PC discussed and agreed its approach against this background.

The two key projects have been described in previous briefings in The Bridge and were discussed publicly at the last Annual Parish Meeting. For both projects, anything less than full scope will be a poor response to very obvious and genuine areas of road safety concern in the village. Wiltshire Highways and the CATG are in full support of both projects and the PC has listened to village concerns and publicly made its own commitment to both projects at our last APM. Simon Jasper has worked assiduously to win the CATG over to our position. The projects and the PC position are summarised below.

Corsley Heath

The work here is a pavement and kerb realignment, plus additional road markings and signing. The aim is to improve safety for those crossing the road through better pedestrian lines of sight and slowing of traffic. Two complications have emerged, both unavoidable, which have added to the cost. The Warminster Area Community Area Transport Group (CATG) have already allocated funds towards this project, through Simon's persistent efforts in the face of many other competing schemes, but, to achieve the full scope, it is likely that a contribution higher that 25% may be required. As currently costed this is affordable in the current financial year (FY), up to a defined cap, possible with a small impact on the amount available at the end of the FY for grants and donations to local causes and a reduction in reserves. This position was agreed by the PC to allow continuing negotiation with the CATG to bring the project to completion.

Whitbourne Springs

This project is to improve the safety at the junction of the A362 and the lane through Whitbourne Springs to Longhedge and Knapp's Gate by re-working the details of the junction. The final plan is not yet fixed, and options are currently on the table. The detail will be exposed before a decision is taken to go ahead.

If left to a combination of Wiltshire and the PC, the project's current estimated cost would demand a contribution from the PC well above its normal level of spending. The intention had always been to engage with Longleat to invite a contribution, particularly as the safety issues at the A362/Sturford Lane junction arise in large part from Longleat traffic to the Safari Park and errant carayanners. The PC has now written to Longleat with a view to getting them to come to the table and talk costs and contributions with Wiltshire. Our expectation would be that they should contribute the lion's share of the required 'non county' 25% contribution, with the PC putting in an affordable and budgeted amount. It is hoped that there will progress on this project this year, with costs to the PC, manageable within normal budgets, falling no earlier than the FY 2020/21. Wiltshire Highways have already bid for their estimated share of the funding for this project.

Hedges

This is the time of year when the PC receives most complaints about overhanging hedges and, although I am sure that most already know, just a brief reminder that it is the responsibility of landowners to ensure that hedges are cut to ensure that no obstruction is caused by overhanging foliage. This applies to residential and agricultural land owners.

Date of next scheduled meeting

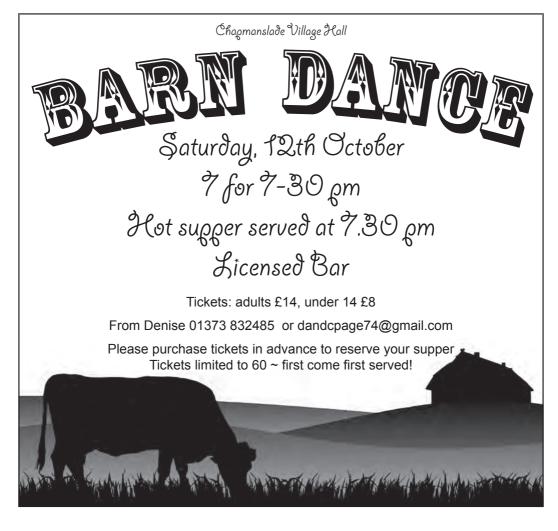
Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm, 2nd December

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Community Coffee Mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our rector, and Debbie or Candy, our PCSOs, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.





A History of Chapmanslade

After six years of research and discussion and weekly meetings of the forty history group members (and four dogs) we are now ready to launch the long-awaited book.

The launch will be at The Three Horseshoes on Saturday 19th October. Books will be on sale at f, 10 each from 10.30 am until 5 pm and on Sunday 20th from 11.00 am until 5 pm.

The Chapmanslade History Group



Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches



ALL SOULS SERVICE

4.30 pm Sunday 3rd November St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Do join us for our All Souls service. This is lovely quiet service where we light candles and remember and give thanks for those we have loved who are no longer with us.

However long ago a loved one died we still carry them in our hearts; the All Souls service is a quiet space to reflect on love given and received and the memories we cherish.

Supporting our Armed Forces community

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A visit to the Somerset Legion House delights and impresses Jackie Jasper, our area Poppy Appeal Organiser

Earlier in the summer I was privileged to visit Somerset Legion House in Weston Super Mare. This is a purpose built hotel to give respite to service and ex-service people who are in need. It is specially adapted for the selfsufficient limbless and its staff are experienced in looking after and helping those with PTSD. Those staying all arrive at the same time and take part in activities, or just enjoy the peace and closeness to the beach. It gives them a chance to be normal and take a break from everyday life, giving time for reflection and being amongst staff members and fellow guests they can relate to. It was gratifying to see the money we all donate put to such effective use. There are four such centres around the country.

You can support the work of the British Legion by wearing a poppy. Wearing a poppy is a personal choice and reflects individual and personal memories. There is no compulsion, but wearing the poppy is greatly appreciated by those your donation helps. The poppy is an apolitical symbol of hope and Remembrance.

During 2018 the villages of Corsley and Chapmanslade raised £2892.63. Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously at organised events in both villages and to the volunteers who take poppies around the village.

Our local Poppy Appeal launch will be on Friday 25th October at Bowood House.

This year's house-to-house collections will start on Saturday 26th October ready for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday on 10th November.

There is a wonderful team of dedicated volunteer collectors, some of whom have been collecting for over 30 years (the oldest is 90 years old and still volunteering). However, we always welcome and are very grateful for new collectors. 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.

Look out for our house-to-house collectors and support them by donating towards poppies (they also have badges and bracelets). You can also get them from the pubs in Corsley and Chapmanslade, Chapmanslade School, Little Cuckoos and Acres Supply.

Many thanks

Jackie Jasper Area Poppy Appeal Organiser 01373 832301



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Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I write at the close of a blue-sky day of glorious sunshine. I have written before about the beauty of the countryside at this time of year as the earth slowly turns, and once again the shadows cast by the sun lengthen, the days shorten and we experience the dying away of the light as winter approaches.

Walking the footpaths and lanes everyday with the dogs I notice the landscape changing as blackberries proliferate in the hedgerows and the trees become tinged with their autumnal colours. They will have flown away now I think, but the other day I came upon a group of house martins neatly lined up on a telephone cable making ready to undertake their extraordinary journey over land and sea to more hospitable climes. It never ceases to fascinate and amaze me that that they have the ability to make this incredible journey. I stood for a while looking up at them and talking to them about what lay ahead and that I hoped they would be safe and then be able return to us in the spring.

One of the reasons I so love living in the countryside is that close proximity to the changing seasons of the natural world; we cannot step outside the door without engaging with this autumnal prelude to winter and the darker months that lay ahead. As it is with the created order so it is with we mere mortals who are part of it; the turning of the season echoes the seasons of our own lives.

I don't want to use this letter to talk about my 'stuff' but as I have said before I can only write from my own experience of life, from where I find myself at this moment in time. My awareness of the turning of the year, and how that resonates with the seasons of our lives, has a particular poignancy at the moment as my father died very unexpectedly in the middle of August; yes he was 92 and had a good long life but still, fathers cannot be replaced and I miss him terribly. Walking in this ancient landscape has helped me more than anything; observing the gentle and beautiful journey of the trees and hedgerows towards their dying away I have felt held and supported by their presence and comforted by sense of being caught up in something far greater than myself. For all of us the meaning of that 'something' or maybe 'someone' will be different, and the journey we make in this life and across that ocean we call death will be ours and ours alone; like those house martins, we cannot stay here for ever, our bodies know this even if our minds refuse to believe it.

I wish I had room to give you a wonderful poem called 'The Other' by the welsh poet R.S.Thomas, if you can, do find it and read it, it communicates the reality of our own smallness but also how we are embedded in and held by this other mysterious being. But I'll leave you with some other words from this visionary priest/poet who said 'God is a poet who sang creation', and that divine presence is still singing today.

Love and prayers, **Pauline**

October Church Diary

Saturday 5th October

7.00 pm for 7.30 at Chapmanslade Village Hall: Chapmanslade Harvest Supper

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Sunday 6th October: Trinity 16

8.00 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Harvest Eucharist10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Harvest Festival5.00 pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Harvest Festival



Wednesday 9th October

2.00pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall: Community Craft Cake and Chat



Saturday 12th October

7.00 pm for 7.30 at Corsley Reading Room: Corsley Harvest Supper



Sunday 13th October: Trinity 17

9.30 am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade: Harvest Festival 10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist 11.00 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: 1662 BCP Harvest Matins



Monday 14th October

10.30 am at 9 Cleyhill Gardens: Time to Think group



Tuesday 15th October

7.30 pm at 93 Lyes Green: After Alpha Group



Thursday 17th October

10.00 am at The Three Horseshoes: Community Coffee Morning



Saturday 19th October

1.00 pm at St Margaret of Antioch: Wedding of John Hume and Joanna Rideout



Sunday 20th October: Trinity 18

10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship 10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

Tuesday 22nd October

7.30 pm at Honeysuckle Cottage: After Alpha group



Wednesday 23rd October
12.30 pm at Corsley Reading Room: Lite Bites Soup Lunch

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Sunday 27th October: Last Sunday after Trinity 9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist 10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Monday 28th October 10.30 am at 5 Brimhill Rise: Time to Think group

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Sunday 3rd November: All Saints Day and All Souls
8.00 am at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist
4.00 pm at St Philip and St James: All Souls service

Community 'Craft Cake and Chat' afternoon

See the advert elsewhere in the Bridge for our Craft Cake and Chat afternoons on Wednesday 9th October and Thursday 14th November. Everyone is welcome to welcome to come along and if you know of someone who would appreciate an invitation please contact Di or Gay.

Lite Bites Soup Lunches

Now that autumn is here our Lite Bites Soup Lunches resume on 25th September. They are held on the last Wednesday of each month from 12.30 pm in Corsley's Reading Room. All welcome. We do not charge for the lunch but invite you to make a donation to a charity.

Fundraising

We were blessed with fine weather at this year's Corsley Show. Volunteers from the church and Corsley WI worked extremely hard running the tea tent and the tombola stall. The proceeds, around £2,000, have been shared equally between each organization. Our thanks go to everyone who volunteered on the day and to the many people who donated cakes, scones and tombola prizes.

Operation Christmas Child

It's time once again to start filling the shoeboxes. You can pick one up from either of the churches. Many parishioners enjoy this very special task, which aims to bring happiness and love to children who live in much less fortunate circumstances than ourselves. It's also fun to choose the gifts to include in the box. Please make sure the filled boxes are returned to us by mid November.

Harvest Suppers and Harvest Services

Our Harvest Suppers will be held on 5th October in Chapmanslade and 12th October in Corsley. See the advert elsewhere in The Bridge for full details. Our Harvest services are on 6th and 13th October.

A Note from Gay Maynard

A big thank you to all who came to my Licensing Service on 5th September, making it a very happy and special occasion for me. Blessings Revd Gay.

Welcome, Congratulations and Farewell

We congratulate Christopher Millard and Lucinda Allcock who were married on 21st September at St Margaret's.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Patricia Grearson, whose funeral took place at St Philip and St James' church on 27th August.

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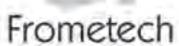
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Corsley WI

September news

Ghostly Goings On!



September's WI was not for the faint hearted! In fact I had been trying to find an excuse not to go myself as the speaker, Daphne Atkinson, was going to enlighten us on the Ghosts of Hotels and Inns.

We heard all about the spooky hauntings of old coaching hotels and inns close by and further afield. There were stories of bed clothes being pulled off people in the middle of the night, chandeliers spinning in bars, horses galloping across courtyards that are now just beer gardens, shadows of people walking through walls, feelings of people sitting on beds, lights going on and off... and the ultimate... a feeling of being strangled in the middle of the night that Daphne had experienced herself.

To be honest it was a little too scary for my liking as I hid at the back of the hall, making my notes as an excuse not to look at the pictures. And there were a few repercussions in the Helliar House that night when the bathroom mirrors reflected onto each other creating a huge white circle on the wall of the landing... and David pinched the duvet in the middle of the night (which he is known to do on a regular occasion!)

The competition for an item of lace was won by Susan with a very lovely dress. Second was Mandy and third Annie.

We all retired for Mandy's 'spooky' cup cakes which had little ghost shapes on top and red jam inside!!

The next meeting is all about 'Penguin Books' and the speaker is Barry Edwards. The competition is for an old book. Non- members are very welcome.

Other news is that the Corsley WI Quiz Team did us proud by coming 2nd in the Dilton WI Quiz. And we have a skittles social at 7pm on Friday 4th October at The Royal Oak.

The Corsley WI also have skittles, scrabble, bridge and lunch clubs which are also open to non- members. There are also a large number of County and National trips, workshops and other activities that members can join in with.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Judith Helliar on 01373 832803.

Alice Helliar

Corsley Show Tea and Cake Tent

A big thank you to all of those that baked for, or helped in the Joint Corsley WI and Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Tea Tent at the Corsley Show this year.

It was a very successful day, incredibly busy all day and we raised in the region of $f_11,000$ for each organisation.

Cinema Corsley

Thursday 17th October Stan & Ollie

Certificate PG, 1 hour 38 mins



Stan & Ollie is based on the true story of one of the most famous comedy duos, Laurel and Hardy. Set largely in the 1950s, Stan & Ollie follows the pair on a tour of post-war Britain, after spending some time apart, but now together again hoping to promote a proposed film.

It is a difficult time for the pair as they face an uncertain future and reveals much of their 'off-stage' personalities and relationships. The film's second double act of significance is provided by the duo's wives, played by Shirley Henderson, familiar to Bridget Jones or Harry Potter fans, and Nina Arianda.

Described as 'heart-warming and touching', the outstanding performances of Steve Coogan (as Stan Laurel) and John C. Reilly (as Oliver Hardy) secure the film's success in what is more of a drama than the comedy you might expect. For those of us old enough to have grown up with Laurel and Hardy this is a touching insight into a childhood favourite: bowler hats and braces guaranteed!

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets £,6 from Acres Supply (cash only please) or on the door. Refreshments and a licensed bar.

Future film night: Thursday 21st November

At our September film evening, we gave our audience the chance to help us choose the November film – and if you missed it, it's not too late to have your say. Cast your vote on the Corsley Reading Room website: https://corsleyrr.wixsite.com/corsleyrr by

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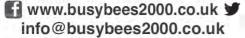
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the meeting of Chapmanslade Parish Council held on 29th August

Five members of the public attended the meeting, which was chaired by John Lewis, our vice-chairman. Three parish councillors were present.

In the Open Session of the meeting, the perennial problem of parking on pavements was raised. The placing of polite notices on offenders' windscreens seems to be having some effect. We reported that the police will talk with persistent offenders but will not take action unless motorists leave insufficient space for wheelchairs and buggies to pass. Speeding in the High Street was raised once again and we were asked to keep traffic issues as a standing item on parish council agendas. We mentioned, too, that the speedwatch team is looking for new volunteers.

A resident raised concerns about the proposed housing development behind no 102A. Local residents are concerned regarding the management of construction traffic, particularly in the narrow access road. This matter was discussed later in the meeting when the planning application was raised.

Adam Oakley also brought us up to date concerning the proposal to link Chapmanslade with other villages and towns in the area. He has recently addressed Upton Scudamore Parish Council and Frome Town Council as well as having a meeting with Sustrans, "the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle". Other meetings are planned. Adam referred to the positive response he had received at these meetings.

Barters Farm Development

We noted that, following the granting of planning consent to build forty three houses on the Barters Farm site, Hugo Haig, Managing Director of Lochailort, the company developing the site, has accepted an invitation to attend our September meeting. It is expected he will give a progress report on the development.

Planning applications

Land at the rear of 102A High Street. 19/07470/REM

An application to construct a bungalow on this site was considered. Whilst we did not object to the detail of the application, our concerns were about potential problems caused by construction traffic using the narrow access road from the A3098 to the site during construction and how this will be managed to ensure safety for others using this access road and the very busy A3098.

Thoulstone Farm 19/06916/FUL and 19/06482/LBC

The new owner of Thoulstone Farm has applied for permission to modify the interior of this Grade 2 listed building and to build a glass extension at the rear of the property. The owner had been invited to the meeting but did not attend. We had noticed with some alarm that a large section of kitchen garden wall has been demolished prior to planning

permission being granted. This, and the parlous state of a lovely barn standing on staddle stones had been drawn to the attention of the planning authority. We resolved to object, in strong terms, to the application on the following grounds:

- The heritage statement attached to the application does not address the archaeological issues of this site, which is an important part of our parish heritage. (We urged that there should be a proper archaeological investigation before any building work is carried out.)
- 2. The glassed roof extension to the side of the building is out of character with the rest of the building and detrimental to the landscape.

We had no concerns about the proposed internal modifications to the farmhouse nor about a proposed new vehicular access, which would be located some yards to the west of the current entrance.

Road Closure

We noted that the A3098 will be closed at the A36 bridge from 4th to 7th October from 7 am until 7 pm. This is so that a drainage problem on the bridge can be addressed. Diversions will be signposted.

Next meetings

In future, the Parish Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 10th October**. Our meetings are held in the **Village Hall** and start at **7.30 pm**.

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

Westquay Shopping Trip

Tuesday 26th November

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I arranged a coach trip to Westquay Shopping Centre, Southampton for our two villages last year and I have booked the coach to do the same this year. This is a non-profit making trip for all of us living in our rural villages. Lots of us are getting older and to drive all that way then, after a long shop, to have to drive home again is a big ask. The coach has a luggage compartment underneath to hold everyone's shopping however much you have!

The coach will pick everyone back up just outside Westquay at 3 pm to be home between 4.30 and 5 pm.

Westquay Shopping Centre is an undercover shopping centre so no-one needs to see the weather again until they get back on the coach! There are plenty of coffee shops and places to eat within the centre.

Should we make a little profit from the coach cost, the money will be donated to Sanitary Protection for Refugees.

René Colet



Campanology News

Well, the bells are in, we have practiced hard and the rededication service took place yesterday 15th September. What a lovely service we had and how pleased we all were that so many came to join us in the celebration.

Thank you to Pauline, our Rector, for the beautiful service, Geoff Titt for playing the organ, the church members who helped on the day, the villagers who attended and the visiting bellringers who came and also rang afterwards. We could not have reached our target without all the assistance and support we have received.

I also thank the ringers for their dedication to ringing and their support I receive. We have a very committed and lively band who all make the practices and service ringing a joy to be part of. I'm pleased to say we laugh a great deal!

Just a quick word of warning that on the 25th October at 10 am I am attempting to ring my first and only peal. This takes in excess of 3 hours so hopefully, if I am successful, that is how long the bells will continuously ring. Wish me luck!

> Marion Moldon 01373 832672



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Whitbourne Chapel

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge... (Proverbs 1:7)

News on our younger Chapel members

Tom Mead has now finished his A Levels and is starting his Sports Degree at Bath University. He will be training in sports management and coaching. Tom has a keen interest in football, supports Arsenal and spends many weekends with his cousins watching football.

Sam Mead is Tom's older brother and is working in some of the local schools, delivering and supporting after-school clubs. The clubs are based around engaging children in science and enthusing them to explore the world around them. The kids enjoy getting messy and Sam normally ends up messy too! Sam supports Manchester United and is a true football enthusiast.

Rosie Carr is just starting her PGCE in Primary teaching at Bath Spa University. She is about to start her first placement and will be a qualified teacher by next summer. Rosie got engaged last year to James Wicks. James works in banking and they are getting married in 2021.

Harry Carr is Rosie's younger brother. Harry is half way through his Public Services Course, which is run through Bath and Radstock College. He is hoping to end up working for the police once he has finished his course.

I am James Mead, uncle to Tom, Sam, Rosie and Harry. In January, I joined a local primary school in Wiltshire as an Assistant Headteacher. I've been teaching in the Wiltshire area for over six years now and I think having four nieces and nine nephews paved the way for my interest in teaching and working with young people.

James Mead

Come, ye thankful people, come!

The Chapel recently held its Harvest Service, with Chippenham-based preacher, Jonathan Brain, as our leader. Last time Jonathan joined us, his wife Heather came too and played the organ, but this time, our music was of the electronic kind, all slotted into a slideshow!

Having mentioned our younger members already, our oldest Chapel member, 99-yearold Ron Stone, grandad and great-grandad to some of our young people, found the slideshow format ideal. He was sitting next to a loudspeaker so he heard every note of music and, as the words to our favourite harvest hymns were up on the slideshow screen, he could read them all, too! Ron will celebrate his 100th birthday in November!

> Gill Redman 01985 215062 paradiselost@btinternet.com

Regular times

Services every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45) Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 12 noon for 15 minutes Bible study sessions as announced



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Cross Keys News

A community Free House



Our managers, John and Jo offer a full food menu with plenty more events and special evenings planned for the coming months.

Every Friday evening

Our delicious fish and chips platter is available to eat in or to take away. If eating in the pub, add a glass of prosecco for just f, 1.

Every Wednesday evening

Pie and a Pint for £10; with a choice of fillings, our pies are sure to impress.

Sunday 27th October

Pub Quiz – starting at 6:30pm; a maximum of six people per team at a cost of f, 2 per person, or $\cancel{\cancel{\xi}}$,5 per person to include a light supper. Book your place by calling the pub. If you'd like supper, please book by Friday 25th October.

Thursday 28th November

Friends of The Cross Keys Christmas Meal, book now to join us.

Christmas Party Menu

We are now taking bookings – two courses at £19pp or three courses at £24pp. Table decorations and crackers included. The full menu is on the website with printed copies in the pub. Monday - Friday lunches free bottle of house white/red wine for every six guests (must be pre-booked). Not available on Sundays.

Throughout December, you can also book skittles or a disco in our function room, perfect for before or after any party menu. Please contact us for more details. Thursday, Friday & Saturday evening only, buffet options also available.

See the website www.crosskeyscorsley.co.uk, our Facebook page Cross Keys Inn Corsley or call into the pub for full details of all events and our menus.

We look forward to welcoming back our old customers and making new friends

Opening hours

Monday

12 noon to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm Food served 12 noon to 2.30pm and 6pm to 9pm

Tuesday

6pm to 11pm No food

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Corsley Wildflower Meadow

We are pleased to report that our meadow has now been mown - many thanks to Adam Oakley for managing to fit this into his busy schedule! We would also like to thank our team of volunteers who met in September for the hard labour of removing all the mowings. And thanks also to the volunteers who sowed the Yellow Rattle seed we had collected in August into the part of the meadow where it wasn't already growing. We have decided not to sow any other flower seed in the meadow for the time being but to wait until next year to see what comes up. If we need to enrich the biodiversity further, we may sow more seed in 2020 but, for the time being, we will leave things as they are and rest until the spring.

There is still work to do on the banks surrounding the meadow, however. These have been covered in a colourful mass of annual flowers this year, attracting a huge variety of bees and butterflies and other insect life. It has been amazing and we would like to replicate this in the coming year. That means we have to remove all the dead plant material having allowed the seeds to drop - and sow some fresh seed. This is the plan for the next activity mornings, which are on Saturday 19th October and Sunday, 20th October from 9.30 to 12 noon.

This is probably the last volunteering opportunity until the Spring so please come and help if you can. We hope to see you there!

A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Climate change is having a discernible impact on our farmers, our countryside and ultimately everyone's lives

Another unusual year for the weather! We've had the highest ever temperatures, early chilly nights, and another very dry year.

For farmers, October sees more harvesting, ploughing and re-seeding, and the start of hedge trimming. The dry soils are easier to work, but high winds and heavy showers can remove soil; a precious resource that is very slow to be replaced.

For our countryside and its wildlife, October is a month of big changes. The leaves of deciduous plants start to change colour, they then start to drop revealing the berries beneath. In many ways, it's a time of plenty; a time for harvesting and storing food for the coming winter months.

Haws, hips and blackberries are probably the most obvious fruits in the hedgerows; all ones which we can eat and preserve. In some areas, you can find wild apples, peaars, damsons and bullace. For the wildlife, there's spindle, ash and field maple seeds. Everyone wants the hazel nuts, but the grey squirrels usually get to them first! You can tell which small mammal has eaten these nuts by the pattern of teeth marks around the shell.

You should still be able to see some butterflies on warm days in October. They will be feeding on the sugar in the very ripe blackberries and in any fallen fruits; these sugars often start to ferment, so you can find some rather tipsy wildlife in your garden! Butterflies such as peacock, small tortoiseshell and brimstone overwinter as adults; do remember to leave them access to sheds and

outhouses so that they have somewhere to hibernate.

October is not the last month for seeing swallows; some will even linger into November here in the south west. However, most of our summer birds will have flown south. Those with longer wings tend to fly further; swallows can go all the way to South Africa; chiffchaffs rarely go further than the Mediterranean and West Africa, whilst some stay here with us. As the winter weather sets in, many of our resident birds also fly south; your garden robin amongst them!

The weather will also determine how quickly and in what numbers the winter birds arrive here. Most come from Scandinavia, although geese and swans move in from Iceland and even Greenland. We think of fieldfares and redwings as being traditional winter visitors, but they will be joined by other thrush species, and other common garden birds. Do watch out for the birds in your gardens and the surrounding countryside; make sure they have enough to eat and have access to plenty of fresh water.

This is a time of harvest suppers and church services; a time of traditional countryside events. Make sure your time of plenty is a time of plenty for the wildlife; not just in the months ahead, but also for the future. Planting the right trees and shrubs in your garden now can feed the wildlife in the years ahead; and give you the pleasure of watching them in your garden, and in the surrounding countryside. Eve Tigwell

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

Coffee Morning

The October Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 1st October. It is a great way to meet other villagers and catch up on the "gossip"! All welcome – coffee/tea is only £1.

Cinema Corsley

The next film is 'Stan & Olly' on Thursday 17th October. See advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge for more details. As announced at the September film night, YOU can help decide the November film by voting for the films you would like to see. If you didn't vote at the September film night and would like to, then please visit the Reading Room website to view all the trailers then vote online. Voting will close on Thursday 10th October.

Annual General Meeting

The Reading Room AGM is on Wednesday 6th November at 7.45 pm, doors open at 7.30 pm. The AGM is open to all Corsley residents

and we would welcome attendees with whom to discuss the future of the Reading Room. It will need significant investment over the coming years to remain a resource available to the village. It is important that residents are aware of and support the actions under consideration. The bar will be open!

Committee Membership

New members/trustees are always welcome, but we will not pressure you if you come to the AGM!

Bookings

Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss. See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

Hugh Deed Chairman of Management Committee Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk 01373 832897

Run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning: First Tuesday of the month

10 am - 12 noon

Cinema Corsley: 'Stan & Ollie'
Thursday 17th October, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

Other regular events NOT organised by the Management Committee

Lite Bites Lunches: 4th Wednesday of the month
Yoga: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
Pilates: Tuesday afternoons
WI: second Thursday of the month (evening)

Small ads

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

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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

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