

The Bridge

October 2021

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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

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

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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).

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Deadline

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

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

Diary Dates



October

Saturday 2nd

Harvest Flower Festival – 10.30 am to 4.30 pm,
St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Sunday 3rd

Harvest Flower Festival – 11 am to 4.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th

The Woodlanders - Variety Music Hall – East Woodlands Village Hall

Wednesday 6th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 9th

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

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - Antiques Valuation – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 17th

Harvest Messy Church – 3 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Wednesday 20th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 21st

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

Friday 22nd to Monday 25th

Photo Exhibition 'Closing Down and Opening Up' - 10 am to 5 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 27th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st

All Souls' Day Service of Remembrance – 4.30 pm, St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade

November

Wednesday 3rd

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 4th

Corsley Show public meeting – come along and share your great ideas! 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 17th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 18th

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

Wednesday 24th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 20th

Christmas Fair – 10 am to 3 pm, Corsley Reading Room

December**Wednesday 1st**

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Monday 6th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Lower Room)

Wednesday 15th

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7.30 pm, Thursday 4th November at Corsley Reading Room

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Would you like to help out at the Corsley Show 2022? You don't have to join the committee if it's not your 'thing', you could just join a small team to deliver a part of the Show if that's more up your street. Don't fancy being on any committees at all? Prefer to work alone? No worries – there are loads of jobs to do supporting the different elements of the Show! Maybe you just have a few hours to spare setting it up in the run-up to Show day, or taking it down, or maybe you have an area of expertise you think would be helpful to putting on the Show – don't be shy, come and join us!

We anticipate considerably downsizing the Show from 2022 onwards, so we're keen to hear what the residents of Corsley and Chapmanslade would like the Show to look like in the future. What attractions are people interested in seeing at the Show? Do you have some great ideas for new attractions? Does the Show cater for all ages? Is it in the right place? Is it on the right date? We're especially interested in hearing from people with new ideas and the capability of carrying them out.

We'd love to have you on board, so make a note of the date in your diary now!

7.30 pm, Thursday 4th November, Corsley Reading Room

If you would like to help, but are unable to attend this meeting, there will be a further opportunity to bring your ideas to the table!

(The date will be re-confirmed in the November edition of The Bridge and on the Reading Room website)

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30th October – 13th November

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

Armistice Day – Thursday 11th November

This year is the centenary year of the Royal British Legion and the 100th birthday of the Poppy Appeal. Corsley and Chapmanslade volunteers will once again be able to collect via house-to-house collections. We will have a limited supply of centenary pins so please do ask us for one.

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The work that the RBL does every day has a huge impact and can change people's lives.

If you would like to take part in some of the challenges and events that are being held to celebrate the legion's centenary, their website has all the details. There is also an online shop **www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/events/11-11-challenge**

Last year, even with all the COVID-19 restrictions, Corsley and Chapmanslade still managed to donate £1431.57. The total for Wiltshire was £287,000. Many people chose to donate online or in supermarkets as we were unable to collect house-to-house, so our villages' total was probably much higher. Many thanks to everyone who contributed!

Every donation helps and I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. If you would like to help, I would be delighted to hear from you!

Jackie Jasper

Corsley and Chapmanslade area Poppy Appeal Coordinator
01373 832301

Bob's bafflers

- 1 What is the highest Prime Number below 1000?
- 2 Concorde, Packham's Triumph, Red Barlett, Seckel and Taylor's Gold are all varieties of which fruit?
- 3 Which is the longest river in France?
- 4 In which Shakespeare play does the stage direction "Exit, pursued by a bear" appear?
- 5 Which British city has electoral wards named Denton, Kenton, Gosforth and Byker?
- 6 Scientist Albert Einstein was born in which country?
- 7 The Simplon Tunnel goes through the Alps into Italy from which country?
- 8 Who was Don Quixote's sidekick?
- 9 From which Caribbean Island did Bob Marley, Grace Jones and Usain Bolt all originate?
- 10 Who was known as the 'Desert Fox'?
- 11 In which South American country would you find the source of the Amazon River?
- 12 In 1969, David Quayle and Richard Block opened their first shop in Portswood, Southampton. The name lives on today so what did they eventually call it?

Answers on page 40

Chapmanslade and Corsley Churches

Harvest Supper

7 for 7.30pm, Saturday 9th October
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Playing Field update

Neil Carpenter reports on the latest goings-on at the field

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Firstly a big thank you to all who helped organise the social at the playing field on 4th September. We hope that everyone who attended had a great time and we would welcome suggestions for improvements for next time or for other future events. The event raised about £150 from your generous donations, which is £50 each for the tennis and cricket clubs and the playing field.

Rather upsetting, however, was the discovery that our skittles and skittle balls are missing. They cost us £370 two years ago. Could anyone with knowledge of their whereabouts please contact us or return them? The balls are pink and the skittles are all marked 'CMPF'. Fortunately the Cross Keys stepped in and let us borrow theirs. Thanks John.

Just a reminder also that the playing field is, and always has been, a 'No dogs' area. Dogs are permitted in the fenced car park area only and can you please clean up after your dog if it makes a mess? Thank you. We have had problems over the last few weeks with adults

and children stepping in dog mess in the car park which is not pleasant for anyone.

Finally, our **Apple Pressing** this year will part of St Margaret's Harvest Festival on 2nd/3rd October at the church, so bring your apples (and more donations, please!) for us to make into juice.

P.S. Just to let everyone know that we have won two grants in the last week which means that we will be installing a new piece of play equipment called a flying carpet over the autumn which we think everyone will enjoy.

If you need to know anything about the field please contact:

Dr Neil Carpenter
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Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 10th August, it was good to be back in the hall and we were pleased to welcome several villagers! There was not a lot to report – the financial situation is very good, but there are plans to spend a good sum very soon! Denise Page had indicated she would be standing down – she and Chris were given heartfelt thanks for all they have done over the years. Lou Knight volunteered to come onto the committee and she was warmly welcomed (as would anyone else would like to join us!!)

Playground and Field

The purchase of some fitness equipment has been agreed and, at the time of writing, is due to be ordered. Two benches are already on order – the second has been half funded by the history society – grateful thanks to them.

Volunteers' Day

Sunday 10th October sees our next volunteering day. We are looking for people to come along between 2 and 5 pm to help out with an assortment of jobs, with something suitable for all (including making cups of tea and coffee!) More information is on the village Facebook page or from Adam Oakley. It would help if anyone attending would let Adam know so we have an idea of numbers. This is quite a sociable occasion and an opportunity to meet villagers you haven't met before!

Light Bites is back!

Our popular soup lunches resumed on Wednesday 22nd September and will continue every fourth Wednesday of the month until next April. (Apart from December which will be our Christmas lunch – date to be announced). You will always find the dates in The Bridge.

Please come along to the Reading Room between 12.30 and 2 pm and enjoy some delicious soup with old friends and, hopefully, some new ones too! All we ask is for a donation to our chosen charity of the month.

COVID-19 precautions will be taken – we'll be using the larger room for extra spacing and more air!

We look forward to seeing many old friends and, if you have never been before, please come and sample our soups. You can even suggest a favourite for the following month!

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Chapmanslade and Corsley Churches

Harvest Flower Festival

10.30 am to 4.30 pm, Saturday 2nd October

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I write on a beautiful warm sunny autumn afternoon as the natural world gently unfolds into autumn once more, my favourite time of the year. The chickens are going to bed earlier and earlier as the nights draw in and I dare say their generous laying of eggs will slow down, if not cease altogether, as the light fades. I remember a lovely Maran hen we had when the children were at home; on a particularly a dark and gloomy winter's day she decided she wouldn't bother come out of her house at all, quite frankly I don't blame her.

Remembering is at the heart of church life and as the months pass and we head into winter the seasons of the church's year invite us to give time and space to doing just that; on 31st October we mark both All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. What picture comes into your mind when you think of a saint I wonder? It would be a mistake I think to define a saint as someone who never did anything wrong; if you delve a bit deeper you will find that many a saint led a dissolute, selfish life at some point or another before having the humility and courage to change their ways and, even then they often got it spectacularly wrong. I suppose what I am trying to say is that saints were not superhuman beings who were never tempted, but normal flesh and blood people, who like us were just trying to do their best in this messy, glorious and totally unpredictable life.

Probably, you might be more familiar with All Souls' Day when we remember with love and gratitude those we have loved who are no longer with us. This year St Philip and St James' church in Chapmanslade will be open for the weekend of the 30th and 31st October for people to come and sit a while to remember a loved one, light a candle or hang a name and prayer on our prayer tree. We are also offering to make small posies of flowers in remembrance of loved ones. These will be placed in vases around the church with a small card attached detailing the name of the person to be remembered; there is a small charge of £5 for the flowers. We will then have a short All Soul's Day service at 4.30pm. Anybody is welcome to request a posy; you don't have to stay on for the service. If this is something you would like, please do contact me.

This year our church family in the Deverills and Horningsham will particularly be remembering with sadness, love and gratitude, John Budgen who, for many years served as church organist and LLM. John was a wonderful man who served the church so faithfully and with such humility and dignity. I am most grateful for his commitment and for his friendship and support, he will be very much missed. Our love and prayers are with Janet his widow, daughter Rebecca, grandchildren and many friends.

So to end, do enjoy this lovely season and, in your remembering, whatever that may mean, may you be held and comforted by that eternal presence who never leaves us.

Love and prayers,
Pauline

October Church Diary

Saturday/Sunday 2nd and 3rd October

Harvest Flower Festival at St Margaret's Church Corsley

Saturday 2nd – 10.30 am to 4.30 pm; Sunday 3rd – 11 am to 4.30 pm



Sunday 3rd October: 18th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion at Kingston Deverill

10.30 am Harvest Morning Prayer at Longbridge Deverill

6 pm Harvest Songs of Praise at St Margaret's Corsley



Saturday 9th October

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



Sunday 10th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Harvest Festival at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Kingston Deverill



Sunday 17th October: 20th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Eucharist at Brixton Deverill

11 am BCP Matins service at St Margaret's Corsley



Sunday 17th October

3 pm Cley Hill Churches Messy Harvest
at St Margaret's Church Corsley



Thursday 21st October

Church and Community Coffee Morning

10 am to 12 noon at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Sunday 24th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley (please note this is a change of Church from our normal service pattern, just for October)

10.30am Eucharist at Longbridge Deverill



Saturday and Sunday 30th & 31st October

Time to Remember Posies at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

Find all the details on page 24



Sunday 31st October: All Saints and All Souls' Day

8 am Benefice Holy Communion at Longbridge Deverill

4.30 pm Benefice All Souls' Day service at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade

Every Month

Church and Community Coffee Mornings take place every third Thursday in the month at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome, so please come and use this chance to meet old and new friends.

Can you help?

We still have vacancies for a Churchwarden at St Margaret's Corsley and a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish. Reverend Gay Maynard is currently the person to contact for anything related to St Margaret's.

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Cley Hill Churches

A time to remember

As the 11th November draws nearer, this is the time of year when we begin to think about remembrance...

There is a much older moment of remembrance each year called All Souls' Day, the last of three days which begins with All Hallows Eve (Halloween) followed by All Saints' Day. When it falls on a weekday, we often use the nearest Sunday to celebrate it, so this year we will be having an All Souls' Service at St Philip and St James Church Chapmanslade on Sunday 31st October at 4.30 pm which coincides with Halloween. On All Souls' Day we celebrate and remember the lives of all who have gone before us.

The past 18 months has been a testing time when every evening we have heard the numbers of people who have been taken by COVID-19 during the previous 24 hours. We sometimes forget that we will all end our lives at some time and it is part of the journey we all follow. As we gradually emerge from the worst of the pandemic, it seems time to underline that, whilst we celebrate the lives of all who have passed over the years.

During the weekend of 30th and 31st October, St Philip and St James Church will be open for anyone who would like to remember the life of a loved one. It will be possible to buy a small posy of flowers along with your own message of remembrance displayed around the church, as well as spend some quiet time in the church and light a candle if you wish.

Isn't it a bit inappropriate to have Halloween celebrations going on around the villages, at the same time as marking All Souls'

Day? Not at all. Every life is special no matter whether you are here now, or long passed. It is entirely right that we celebrate all the love and good memories we have of those who are not here any more.

This is open to anyone who lives in the Cley Hill villages area, including Chapmanslade, Corsley, Crockerton, the Deverills and Horningsham. Each posy costs £5 and will include a small container with identical flowers and a card headed 'In Memory of'. Your message can contain up to 50 words, which will be printed on a card to be placed on the posy. The flowers will be seasonal and subject to availability.

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Memories of Corsley School

Old School Playing Field

David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...

The village has a unique asset in the Old School Playing Field, which is now subdivided into the Wildflower Meadow, The Woodland Area and the Little Cuckoos Grass Play Area. The Woodland and Wildflower Meadow offer fantastic habitats for wildlife, free from pesticides and fertilisers and are left largely as havens for wildlife, wildflowers, trees and shrubs. Little Cuckoos has a wonderful, large grassed area for outdoor play and sports and which must be the envy of many similar childcare facilities! Raking the hay in the Wildflower Meadow a few days ago reminded me of the first attempts the school governors made to acquire the field back in the late 1980's.

At that time, all outdoor sporting activities were mainly restricted to the small school playground or the Memorial Playing Field up at the Heath. The school Sports Day was one event that always took place on the MPF during the summer term and, for several weeks before, a coach would take the entire school up there for activities such as rounders, cricket and, of course, practicing for the various Sports Day races and events. During the winter and spring terms, an after-school football club took place up there, whilst the netball club operated on the school playground.

In 1989, the school governors approached Bob Jones, the owner of the field alongside the school, to see if they could purchase it from him as a sports field for the school. An earlier

attempt to purchase a small playing field area opposite the school, extending from the boundary wall of the graveyard alongside the lane had been unsuccessful and hopes were high that Bob would sell us the field as he had always allowed us to occasionally use the field for events like fetes.

However, whilst negotiations were ongoing an unfortunate incident occurred. Bob had a herd of cows in the parallel field alongside the lane up to Chapmanslade; one of the cows died on a Friday and he had moved the body to the side of the field and rung the abattoir to collect it. Unfortunately, because of the weekend and before they could do so, a local resident had reported Bob to the police and the RSPCA! Not surprisingly, Bob was rather upset by this and mistakenly believed it was one of the school parents who had reported him. As a result, he refused to sell and it was not until after he died that the field was acquired for the school; for several years until its closure it was a valuable resource to have.

However "it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good" and the village and Little Cuckoos are now beneficiaries of a marvellous facility which provides a tranquil haven for wildlife and visitors and a wonderful play and sports area for the under five's hopefully in perpetuity.

Corsley WI

October news

Alice Helliard rounds up the September meeting

Our 100th year celebration – at last!

On Monday 9th September, the majority of our members were back together at last, in the Reading Room, eager to celebrate 100 years of Corsley WI. Only one year late

Our celebrations started with a glass of prosecco or of Jean White's famous fruit punch. The displays of memorabilia provided a focus for discussion. All our banners and cloths were on display with our cups and shields, alongside a table showing photographs of past celebrations and our 100th year celebration bag and book. A third table was a fascinating display of household goods that would have been used 100 years ago; some of which are still in use today! Members wondered and wandered and greeted friends who had not been seen for many months.

Five circular tables were well-spaced around the room, with six members per table; they were beautifully laid, with a dressed plant in the centre. A small central table was used to display the beautifully decorated cake, which

had been made by Mandy Bain.

At 7.20pm our toastmaster (Ian Pugh) called us to order for photographs, the cutting of the cake, and to announce committee members, so that we could all be seated.

Sandy Parrish and her ladies served an excellent meal; it was lovely to be looked after so well. The talk, and wine, flowed as we all enjoyed our treat. As Sandy served coffee and a slice of the yummy cake, Ian Pugh gave us a fascinating talk about the history of the job of toastmaster, and many amusing anecdotes of how it can all go wrong in the modern world (don't involve an owl in your wedding ceremony!!).

We finished our evening with thanks to all involved, and a reminder of our October meeting: Antiques & Auctions. Guests are welcome at a cost of £5 per person which will include a glass of something (wine or soft drink), nibbles and the opportunity to bring along an antique which may be able to be valued depending on time available.

For further information, contact Alice Helliard on 07989 339632.





Closing down and Opening up

a photo exhibition

The pandemic affected us all – and still does. We each dealt with it in our own way. In this unique exhibition, 21 photographers from the Frome Wessex Camera Club give their often highly personal interpretation of what it all meant to them. It's the first local exhibition of its kind, and an official 'opening up' for the Corsley Reading Room.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the PC's latest activities

The PC met on the 9th September in the Village Hall, five members of the public attended.

After the election of a Chairperson and the explanation of the protocol of the meeting, the public were invited to speak on any agenda items. A detailed discussion occurred regarding the planning application for the Three Horseshoes pub to expand to include a farm shop. Residents' concerns were centred around the additional vehicle traffic this would create, noting that the pub car park was already insufficient to take all the cars causing overspill onto the High Street. The owner and manager of the pub recognised this and were keen to try to work with residents and the PC to have as little vehicle impact as possible. They offered to assist with funding an ancillary car park if space could be found. The Village Traffic Group will look at this at its next meeting which was scheduled to occur before the end of September once a venue is found.

A short update was given about the Meet the Area Board meeting which had allowed the Maiden Bradley and Chapmanslade 'lorry watcher' teams to meet in the margins. From this has grown new momentum to utilise the feedback from our MP's visit recently to apply pressure on Wiltshire Council to finally implement a 7.5 ton weight limit in Chapmanslade, Corsley, and Maiden Bradley after a wait of over 10 years. A small working group from the three villages has been formed

to highlight current impacts of overweight lorries and to identify proposals that might influence Wiltshire Council to finally take some action and implement the outstanding lower weight limit. This approach has the support of our Unitary Councillor and the aim is to brief our MP who has indicated his willingness to take this up with Wiltshire Council on our behalf.

Budget updates were agreed. It was agreed to send £125 to the Earl Haig fund for a poppy wreath and £75 to the local Citizens' Advice Bureau which had written requesting assistance and which, on investigation, had recently supported a number of members of our community. In future the PC will seek to continue to support the poppy appeal but will give greater emphasis to providing support to a local charity that benefits our residents. The PC was mindful that it is using public money to support a charity and felt that supporting something that had a local impact was more in line with the views expressed by villagers in the Village Plan process.

Under the correspondence section of the meeting the PC looked at the two key items:

- The Consultation for Climate Strategy and Natural Environmental Plan, details of which are on the PC website. Everyone is encouraged to respond, and Councillor Oakley will draw up a draft response for the PC will share with councillors who will work together to form the final response to be finalised at the 14th October meeting.

The response by date is 17 October 2021. The draft strategies to which the consultation applies are at:

**[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/
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and

**[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/
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- The Temporary Transport Order for the closure of the A 3098 between Dead Maids and Cley Hill Gardens for resurfacing. This work is scheduled for the week commencing 25 October 2021 and will last all week so do put the date in your diary! There will be reminders on the village Facebook page and website as the date approaches. There will also be some patching work further up the High Street filling in the worst potholes as far as Green Farm Industrial Estate. The remainder of the A3098 resurfacing to the county boundary is funded in the 2022/23 financial year.

One planning application was considered:
PL/2021/07796 Full Planning Permission for

a single storey extension and the creation of a farm shop at the Three Horseshoes public house. The PC noted the concerns about parking overflow and the possibility for greater congestion in the centre of the village but found no grounds in planning terms to object to the application. Thus, the application was supported but the concerns outlined by residents regarding traffic will be highlighted in the response to the Planning Authority.

Councillor Phil Holihead

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit
www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk
Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

Corsley Tennis Club News

The club held their Mixed Doubles Tournament on a chilly Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Playing Field.

Fourteen hardy souls braved the autumnal conditions to provide some absorbing sets, at the end of which Isobel Lewis and Peter Hardy were worthy victors. Isobel's consistency and Peter's strong strokeplay combined to produce a winning formula.

Narrowly beaten into second place were Sonia Glen and Peter Rolleston, while Mary Pyne and Simon Bruce finished a creditable third. The ladies brought some excellent refreshments and the event was organised with her usual panache by Diana Hale

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Walking through lockdown

This walk's a toughie!



This walk reaches the village of Freshford and the hamlet of Friary, both off the A36 road to Bath. Using that road, pass the wide turnings to Norton St. Philip (left) and Farleigh Hungerford (right), plus other minor turnings, but when there's a turn left on a wide right-hand curve in the road, you'll see a raised grass-and-gravel area on the right. Park there.

This isn't an easy walk and it's about four miles long; water and wellies may be advisable. From your car, walk down to the road, use the pavement for a minute and there's a footpath sign pointing right. Go that way, down 27 steps to a metal kissing gate. Through that, the ground becomes uneven, with stones and tree roots, plus stinging nettles and other greenery. Stay on that downhill track (don't go left), until you reach a wooden kissing gate. Once you're through that, the track may be easier, but you're still going downhill. That means you'll need to climb

uphill to get back to your car!

The track you're on joins a wider one (there were ribbons on the fence at the left, 2nd September). Keep going, pass what looks like a builder's yard on the left and go round an old five bar wooden gate. Next is Dunkirk Mill, Middle House and Dunkirk Mill Cottage, three buildings joined together at your left. Follow the bend round, pass the WWII red-brick pillbox on your right and turn right at the tiny triangle of grass in the middle of the road. You're walking downhill, alongside the river now, but when the road bends right and goes over a 'weak bridge', find the wooden kissing gate across the road and before the bridge; go that way. You should now be in a field, mind, not climbing steps! Keep walking, pass another pillbox on the right and big houses high on the slope at your left. Go through another wooden kissing gate and climb uphill, with the river at your right



and an intermittent wooden rail to use. This is a long, slow climb (or it was for me!).

At the top of the hill is a brick building, go left beside that and you're on a grassy area. Sit on the seat there and rest, enjoying the views of Freshford and a drink if you have one, until you're ready to move on. Stay at the left edge of the grass area and you'll return to woods again, passing a bench high on the slope at your right and going up steep steps to a road. There's another bench across the road and, left of it, a war memorial. Using the road now, go straight ahead (not right), passing a lovely 1920s cream building on your right and several possibly-Victorian Bath stone houses. Eventually, you'll go downhill a bit, until you see a public footpath sign at your left, through a wooden kissing gate.

There are steps again here, nearly 50 of them, down to a road and through another kissing gate. You should be back at Dunkirk Mill triple building again, after passing the

pillbox at your left. Soon after that, there's a gravel track left; follow that. You'll hear, but won't see unless the trees have shed their leaves, the sound of running water at your left – there's a cascade of fast-running river here. Keep on this track, maybe for a mile, taking you from Freshford to the hamlet of Friary, which is what the settlement here once was.

Friary itself is the few buildings on flat land ahead of you, when you emerge into open air. Go through a wooden (I think!) gate and turn sharp right up the hill, climbing steps to another kissing gate. Through that, the leafy mud track widens to almost lane width. Eventually, it splits and you need to go left, climbing uphill for half a mile or more. When you see abandoned corrugated sheds on your left, keep going. The track levels up a bit and your car isn't too far away. Get in it and drive left onto the main road, turning right at the wide junction towards Norton St. Philip and stopping at the farm shop there for a well-earned break!



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Whitbourne Chapel

'I have called you by your name...'
Isaiah 43:1

I have called you by your name...

Whitbourne Chapel at Corsley has recently lost its oldest member, 101-year-old Ron Stone. Generally known as 'Grandad', because most of the congregation are family members, Ron went to be with Jesus his Saviour, at the end of August.

Ron was born in Frome in 1919 and it was his home all his life. At a Church service one Sunday evening as a teenager, he committed his life to the Lord Jesus after hearing the Gospel.

In 1939, although having a hearing defect, he volunteered to join the Commandos based at Lymington in Devon. He was deployed to Burma and fought on Hill 170. The ship taking him and other troops to Burma was followed by German U-boats; Ron told everyone he met how he went to a bulkhead and sat, taking his trusty bible from his pocket and asking Jesus to help him. The Bible fell open to Isaiah 43:1-2: 'Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name and you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.' He survived the journey and the years fighting in Burma, too.

On his return to Frome after the war, Ron met Eileen, a young lady he'd corresponded with while he was away. They were married and had 5 children. He worked at Butler &

Tanner and became a local preacher, visiting many chapels in Somerset, from Frome to Street.

In her later years, Eileen became disabled and needed a wheelchair; Ron pushed her everywhere in it and a motor was added to make the work easier for him. He never used it, pushing Eileen and the motor for miles, from Frome to Nunney Catch often, along the main road! Eileen died in 2011 and is buried at Whitbourne, while Ron moved in with his son Pete and family, but still walked daily until he was well into his nineties.

Ron had a collection of Christian poems he could recite without fault from beginning to end – and he was still doing that earlier this year. His favourite was one called 'The Scarred

Hand', about a mother whose hand was burned rescuing her child, when their house caught fire. It had many verses, but he recited it to a visitor at the Chapel this Spring and, as ever, he remembered it all.

We'll remember his love for everyone he met, his generous spirit, his love of God and his joy at the thought of eventually meeting his Saviour face-to-face; these things were the trademarks of Ron's presence among us. He will be sorely missed.

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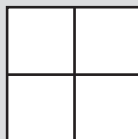
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Countryside Matters

Well autumn is truly upon us with all its colours, misty mornings and, I suspect, some rain at long last

The weather in September was good for the harvesting of crops, getting the slurry lagoons emptied and dirty water put on the ground which is especially needed for germination of the seeds as we'd had so little rain.

Farmers made sure that the manure was spread to improve the soil structure and that arable fields were direct-drilled to avoid soil compaction and to lower the costs to the farm. Straw for feed and bedding produced in arable areas was transported to the stock farms to be utilised this coming winter.

Autumn calving on the dairy farms is going well, the cows have had a reasonable summer and calving outdoors means healthier calves.

As the daylight hours shorten, the cows that have calved will stay in the covered yards at night so that their feeding rations can be strictly monitored to keep them in good condition to produce quality milk.

Sheep farmers are now making sure that their ewes are in a really healthy state, ready for the rams to join them. Fresh, clean and nutritious pastures now will mean good conception and healthy lambs come the spring.

Sadly, our summer visiting birds have moved on to warmer climates, but we look forward in the next few weeks to seeing redwing and field fare, although it does mean that the berries will be consumed in large amounts!

Bewick swans and Canada geese can be heard calling as they fly from their daytime feeding areas to their quiet and safe night-time



retreats.

Although not too popular with farmers, starlings can be seen in their thousands as they gather together in murmurations, before finding safe night-time resting areas.

The squirrels are already finding the ripening nuts and you may find them buried in your lawn!

Those of us with orchards of apples or pears are now harvesting the fruit for eating fresh or cooked, or for storing, juicing or pressing for cider. It has become even more important that we use our own fruits, berries and nuts rather than transporting them halfway round the world.

Enjoy the colours of autumn in our gardens and woodlands during this month before the November winds and rain comes in; do remember to stock up with logs, coal and oil for the winter ahead...

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



I was pleased to be able to update those present at the Annual Parish Meeting about the status of the Reading Room and invite input. The website contains some information about this and we will continue to update it.

During September we had an electric screen installed in the main hall and the projector mounted on the ceiling. More details about this and booking its use is on the website.

Coming up in October and November

Photographic Exhibition – Closing Down and Opening Up, by Frome Wessex Camera Club, October 22nd to 25th. Free entry, see advert on page 27 for full details. Please come along to what will be an interesting display. The bar will be open at various times!

Christmas Fair – Saturday 20th November

See the advert on page 17 of this edition of The Bridge.

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Tuesday 7th December

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WANTED! CRR Meeting Secretary – could it be you??

As mentioned last month, we are seeking a volunteer to succeed Jenny Rutty as the secretary for our meetings. We would very much like to have someone new to the team take on this role. It can be your choice as to whether you also become a trustee and participate more fully in the meetings, decisions and CRR activities.

If you would like more information, please contact me or Jenny Rutty (secretary@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk). Meetings typically happen five or six times a year and are about two hours long.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details on all the above and more. To hire see the website or call Gill Parkinson on 01373 832322 to discuss.

Hugh Deed

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Please note that the Editor's email address has changed to paradisefound86@icloud.com

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 997
- 2 Pears
- 3 Loire (625 miles long)
- 4 Act III of "The Winter's Tale" sees Antigonus meet death in the most unlikely of ways: at the hands, or rather the claws, of a bear
- 5 Newcastle upon Tyne
- 6 Germany (1879 in Ulm)
- 7 Switzerland
- 8 Sancho Panza
- 9 Jamaica
- 10 Erwin Rommel
- 11 Peru – deemed to be more than one source
- 12 B&Q

Local organisation adverts

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