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October 2026

monthly magazine for the villages of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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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 (Barters Plant Centre or Acres Supply). We can also take BACS transfers – please email the Editor for all the info.

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

Please note that no items will be accepted after this date

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October

Wednesday 7th
Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 10th
Parish and Community Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 13th
Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Wednesday 14th
Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 15th
Community Church Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 17th
Wine Tasting Night – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 25th
Clocks go back at 2 am

Wednesday 28th
Lite Bites Soup Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room
Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Friday 30th
Halloween Children's Event – 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field
Friday Night Club – 6 to 8 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

November

Wednesday 4th
Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Corsley Memorial Playing Field AGM – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 7th
Makers Market – 10 am to 4 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 10th
Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Wednesday 11th
Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm

Friday 13th
Quiz Night – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 19th
Community Church Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 25th
Lite Bites Soup Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 27th
Friday Night Club – 6 to 8 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Saturday 28th
Fun Quiz with the 2 Bobs – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

December

Wednesday 2nd
Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 5th
Dolce Singers – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 8th
Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Wednesday 9th
Lite Bites Soup Lunches – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th
Community Church Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

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!

Chapmanslade

Village Hall News

The trustees of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground have begun work on a plan for the future, looking at how the hall and playing field might develop over the next 10 years.

We need your help!
We want the decisions we make to reflect the views of the people who use the hall and recreation ground, as well as residents of Chapmanslade. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey and help us shape a future that will benefit the whole community.

It's easy to take part, simply visit **www.chapmansladevillagehall.co.uk** and click on the big blue SURVEY button.

If computers aren't for you, please contact me on the number below and I will arrange a printed copy.

And don't forget to look out for the **Fun Quiz with the 2 Bobs** on Saturday 28th November, with a delicious supper, raffle and bar. Further details are on the website, and tickets can be booked online now.

Finally, good news, we have been successful in securing a grant from SSEN for additional battery storage to add to our solar installation making the hall even more sustainable for the future.

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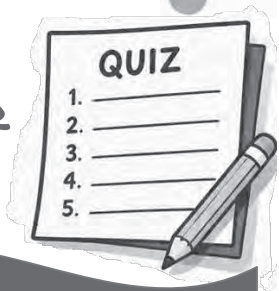
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Latest news

Councillor Bill Parks reports on Wiltshire Council's Local Plan, Planning Committee changes, roadworks and traffic management, Wiltshire Freight Strategy, Household Recycling Centres and car park charge increases

Local Plan

You may be aware that Wiltshire Council withdrew the draft Local Plan earlier this year. In my view, this was a significant mistake. The Local Plan provides the framework that determines where development should and should not take place, ensuring that new homes are accompanied by the necessary infrastructure, services and environmental protections. Without an up-to-date plan, there is an increased risk of speculative development proposals coming forward in locations throughout the area that have not been strategically assessed. Recent large-scale proposals in locations such as Warminster and demonstrate the pressures Wiltshire is already facing.

The withdrawal took place against a backdrop of substantially increased housing requirements from central government. Wiltshire is now expected to accommodate approximately 81% more housing than under previous targets. In my opinion, this makes it even more important that Wiltshire has an adopted Local Plan to guide future development rather than leaving decisions to be driven by speculative applications and planning appeals.

Wiltshire Council has started work on a new Local Plan. The first stage was a Scoping Consultation which ran throughout September, seeking views on the challenges and opportunities the plan should address over the coming decades. The consultation will form part of a new 30-month plan-making process.

Parish Councils were invited to attend specific engagement events – and I suggested that Warminster North and Rural Parish Councils joined me at the event at County Hall on Monday 21st September. This was an opportunity to find out more about the process and ensure that local priorities, infrastructure needs, environmental concerns and community aspirations are properly reflected in the new Local Plan from the outset.

More engagement events were planned throughout September.

Planning Committee changes

Significant changes are being introduced nationally to the planning system. Currently, Wiltshire councillors can "call in" controversial planning applications for determination by a planning committee, allowing applications to be considered in public with residents and parish councils able to address councillors directly.

Under new planning arrangements, developments of nine homes or fewer, together with smaller commercial applications, are expected to be determined by planning officers without a public committee meeting. For larger applications, requests for committee determination will be subject to a new approval process involving senior planning

officers and a designated councillor.

I am concerned that these changes could reduce local democratic oversight of planning decisions and limit opportunities for residents and parish councils to present their views in a public forum. A briefing for Wiltshire Councillors was scheduled for Tuesday 8th September where I had more detail about the future arrangements.

Roadworks and traffic management

I know that roadworks and traffic management continue to be a source of frustration for many residents, particularly given the number of schemes currently underway across Wiltshire. These include essential highway maintenance, emergency utility repairs and major infrastructure projects such as Wessex Water's water mains replacement programme in Horningsham.

To help residents stay informed, Wiltshire Council, utility companies and other organisations publish details of roadworks, road closures and traffic management measures through One.Network, which provides up-to-date information on both current and planned works. Residents can search by location and date range to see what works are taking place over the coming days, weeks and months.

Schemes likely to affect the local area:

- Church Street, Horningsham: 23rd July to 9th October.
- High Street, Chapmanslade: 26th to 28th October.

Further information is available at

https://one.network

Wiltshire Freight Strategy

Wiltshire Council is launching a consultation on its new Freight Action Plan, which will help determine how heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) are routed across the county. The consultation ran from 26th August to 23rd September.

The plan aims to support the movement of goods while reducing the impact of freight traffic on communities, improving road safety and protecting the environment. Proposals include updating Wiltshire's advisory freight route network, encouraging HGVs to use the most appropriate roads, supporting lower-emission vehicles and increasing the use of rail freight where possible. I hope that the strategy will provide a platform for reducing the impact of HGVs on our villages. The plan and consultation are available at

https://wiltshirefreight.commonplace.is

Household Recycling Centre booking system

A reminder that Wiltshire Council have introduced a booking system at six Household Recycling Centres in the north of the county with the intention of introducing the system across all the centres. Residents will be required to book a time slot in advance, either online or by telephone. The Council says the trial is intended to improve site operations, reduce queues, improve safety and enhance the customer experience before deciding whether the scheme should be adopted more widely.

I continue to challenge the Council on the rationale for introducing this scheme. In my experience, and from the feedback I have received from residents, there is little evidence of significant queuing or delays at many of these sites that would justify the introduction of a booking system. I will continue to press for clear evidence that the benefits outweigh the additional bureaucracy and inconvenience imposed on local residents.

Car park charging increases

I am concerned about the changes to parking charges that were introduced across Wiltshire from the 1st September, which include an average 20% increase in pay-and-display charges and extended charging hours in many short-stay car parks. These increases come at a time when many residents and local businesses are already facing significant

financial pressures. There is a real risk that higher parking costs could discourage people from visiting town centres and impact local high streets.

Moreover the final proposals do not appear to deliver a consistent approach across the county. Following consultation, a number of changes were made, including the decision not to introduce Sunday on-street charging in Salisbury, Marlborough High Street and Cross Hayes in Malmesbury, while other towns will continue to face increased charges and extended charging periods. Residents and businesses rightly expect parking policies to be fair and equitable, and I believe questions remain about whether all Wiltshire communities are being treated equally under the revised arrangements.

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Corsley War Memorial Playing Field

Annual General Meeting

7 pm, Wednesday 4th November
Corsley Reading Rooms

If you would like to come along, provide some input or even volunteer to help next year, you would be very welcome

Corsley War Memorial Playing Field
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Sunday School

Our Sunday School is a friendly and welcoming group where children can learn about the Bible, explore stories through crafts and activities, and have fun together.

Each week, the children go out into the group and begin by sharing a Bible story together. We then enjoy a craft or activity linked to the story, followed by games, colouring or other fun activities. Our younger children also have a toy area where they can play and explore at their own pace.

We welcome children of all ages and can adapt the stories, activities and crafts to suit different ages and abilities. We currently have children from 18 months to 5 years old.

We love finding creative ways to bring Bible stories to life. Some of the crafts made by the children are on display here, including our lost sheep, Joseph and his coat, mosaic rainbow, and our junk-modelling world and tree.

Our aim is to provide a safe, happy and welcoming place where children can have fun, make friends, be creative and begin to discover the stories and teachings of the Bible.

Whitbourne Baptist Chapel
Sunday School
Sunday 11 am to 12 noon

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2 On which river is Jerome K Jerome's book 'Three men in a boat' set?

3 What is the name of Paddington Bear's aunt who resides in a home for retired bears in Peru?

4 Glossectomy is the removal of all of or part of which body part?

5 Which actor played Captain Jack Sparrow in the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' films?

6 According to the kiddies' song, what do the wheels on the bus do?

7 Which country gifted the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

8 Who painted the Mona Lisa?

9 In human anatomy, what does the hallux refer to?

10 Audrey Hepburn played which character in the film "Breakfast at Tiffanys"?

11 Who was the first president of the United States?

12 The cocktail 'Sex on the beach' contains which spirit?

Answers on page 44

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning

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Wednesday 6th January

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Wednesday 3rd February

Corsley Tennis Club News

Suddenly the weather is not a certainty for tennis but, while the rain is welcome, there are still sunny days. **September Junior Coaching Sessions** are running on Sunday mornings from **13th September to 18th October**. Imogen has four sessions on those days, assisted by some of the tennis leaders. One of the mums recently told me she could really see that her children's tennis was improving, and that they are enjoying the sessions.

Whilst not quite as exciting as Ben Shelton and Carlos Alcaraz in the US Open, the Men's Singles at Corsley on 21st August did keep its small audience rapt with attention. Colin won the day, but the photo below shows all entrants.

The American Switch tournament was held on 6th September. This is the one where you change partners several times and carry an individual score in games with you as you go. Results are very unpredictable. And this year it was won by Pete and Liz – photo below. There was an entry fee for this tournament which raised £100 for the Alzheimer's Society. Big thanks to Nicola and Kate for organising the tournaments. They have been great social occasions as well as good tennis.

Just a heads up: if anyone is looking for a role where they can work with a team to support the club there will soon be a vacancy for a secretary on the committee. If you want to know more, please contact me as it would be good to have a handover period. The task really only takes a couple of hours a week.

Membership for the remaining half of the year will be £55 for adults. Other membership options are detailed at

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You can take part by prebooking workshops or just turning up on the day to enjoy the fun. Many activities are completely free. All proceeds from workshops and donations go to support the charities involved.

With thanks to our events sponsors: Somer, Future Fashion Works, Bath & West Community Energy

Event details

Saturday 10th October – 10 am to 4 pm
Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution
16-18 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN

Firefly Celebration Evenings

Open to anyone who wishes to dedicate a light on a firefly, our Firefly Celebration Evening will take place at the Hospice on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. This event is an opportunity to come together and experience the fireflies alongside others who have dedicated a light in memory of a loved one.

www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/support-us/fireflies

Take on a challenge this autumn and support Dorothy House....

Hike to the Lights

Taking place on Saturday 14th November, lace up your walking boots and take on Hike to the Lights, a spectacular 15-mile sponsored hike to raise vital funds for hospice care. Sign up and choose your starting point in Devizes, Chippenham or Keynsham, before setting off on your journey to Dorothy House in Winsley.

As you cross the finish line, celebrate your achievement at **Moments of Light**, a breathtaking large-scale light installation by internationally renowned artist Bruce Munro. Take in the magical display, celebrate your achievement, and mark the incredible difference your fundraising will make to people and families across our community.

Sign up today and be part of an unforgettable experience.

By taking on a challenge and fundraising for Dorothy House, you'll help make a real difference to local people and families when they need us most. Sign up today at

www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/get-involved/events



Dorothy House Hospice Care, Winsley, Bradford on Avon, Wil

Moments of Light

Dorothy House is honoured to announce Moments of Light, an extraordinary large-scale three-month art installation created by internationally acclaimed light artist - and Dorothy House Ambassador - Bruce Munro.

The world premiere of this artwork will transform acres of the Hospice's Winsley grounds from Thursday 1st October to Thursday 31st December, marking the organisation's 50th anniversary with a breathtaking immersive experience offering reflection, connection, and remembrance.

Event details

Thursday 1st October to Thursday 31st December 2026

Dorothy House Hospice (full address at the bottom of this page)

Tickets are free and bookable online at

https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/MomentsofLight

Light up a Life Services

Light up a Life is a special time of year where we invite our community to join us in remembering their loved ones by sponsoring a light on our beautiful Christmas tree that shines brightly at Winsley House. Each light is both a lasting legacy, but also a symbol; an offering of light that shines for those that so dearly need it. An offer of compassion and hope to those families who need our help and support now.

Join us at Winsley or Bath Abbey where we will be hosting a Light up a Life service to remember the lives of those we love.

Event details

Sunday 22nd November

Dorothy House Hospice (full address at the bottom of this page)

Tuesday 24th November at Bath Abbey

Tickets will go on sale when our Light up a Life Appeal launches later in the year.

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OPEN DOOR WARMINSTER

We will be welcoming a visit from the Cancer Support Team Leader from Salisbury Hospital on Friday 2nd October to discover what support we offer to our visitors and how we can work cooperatively for the benefit of those affected by cancer, their family and friends.

On Friday 16th October our Macmillan Support, David, from Royal United Bath, will be at the Café to chat with visitors and volunteers. Our colleagues from both hospitals are always welcome to drop by for coffee and a chat.

All our Chat Cafés are free to attend, there is no booking system just come when you need and family and friends (and dogs) are welcome to come with you.

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Corsley Memorial

Playing Field News

As the summer comes to a close it has been a very busy time for the volunteers at the Playing Field

Following the success of the Hazel Day we then had the wonderful Corsley Fayre. Like every year, we have fun running the skittles, which this year we raised £60 towards upkeep of the Playing Field as well as allowing many children to have a go and develop a love for skittles for the first time.

We also used our tractor to mow the showfield (well done Jon De Groot) and provided four marquees of various sizes to support the Fayre. Getting them up and down was a bit interesting with the strong winds but we didn't loose any so well done to all the team who helped!

By the time this edition of The Bridge is published we will have had our 'Friday Nighters' get-together on the 25th September and our final cricket match on the 27th. We should also have had some apple pressing for villagers to bring up their apples to get pressed for juice and cider.

We also have two events in October on the 30th...

A Halloween Children's Event in association with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for the village children. This is an amazing event where the children collect materials from around the Playing Field to make brooms, draw pictures, crafting, etc. Places go fast so please let us know if you have children that want to attend.

This will be followed by the final Friday Nighters get-together of the year, which will be a 'bring and share' event. They are always great fun and with the added Halloween theme should be a great end to the season.

That will leave us with the 'winterisation' of the field and clean up. We would welcome any support from villagers as it is a lot of work for the team on top of everything else they do for the village.

Finally, after a very busy year we have our **AGM at 7 pm on the 4th November** at the **Reading Rooms**. If you would like to come along, provide some input or even volunteer to help next year you would be very welcome.

Corsley Reading Room

Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 11th November
Corsley Reading Room

All are welcome!

The Reading Room is your 'village hall' providing a space for community events and family celebrations

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Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Corsley War Memorial Playing Field
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HALLOWEEN
Children's Event

Friday 30th October
1.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Corsley Memorial Playing Fields

Free

Nature activities and crafting including:

- Making a witch's broomstick
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Liz Garrett secretary reports on upcoming events at the hall

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Saturday 17th October

This event promises to take you on two French 'river cruises' – through the Loire and the Rhine. You will hear the stories behind the wines and the places they come from. See advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge with details of what's on offer and how to book.



Quiz Night
November 13th

Somewhere in the village the questions are being prepared! Tickets £5. Bring a team or join with others on the night. Details on how to book on advert opposite.

For both events, there's more on our website **https://corsleyrr.wixsite.com/corsleyrr**

We really hope to see you at one or both of those events. Your support helps us keep the Reading Room running. Thank you.

Some of our costs are funded through a grant from the Parish Council and we have also recently received grants from Warminster Area Board and the Fudge Trust.

These allow us to continue with a programme of refurbishment so that the Reading Room is a more comfortable and cheery place for village events and meetings.

Booking the hall

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On Sunday 13th September I was blessed to have a wonderful licensing service at Longbridge Deverill led by Bishop John Inge and the Archdeacon of Wiltshire Louise Ellis. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to what was a wonderful service and the joyous afternoon tea that followed. I am also grateful to all who attended in support and for the very warm welcome you have given me, including representatives from our communities.

As part of the licensing service, I receive and take up symbols of this ministry in which I am called to share. There is a vessel of water representing baptism and encouraging others in following Christ; a paten and chalice for the sacrament of Holy Communion and a Bible for the study and proclamation of God's word. It is awe-inspiring to receive each of them in turn.

At my farewell service in August in The Vale of Pewsey Team, it was a moving experience to do this in reverse – returning and laying down those same symbols to mark the ending of my ministry there.

There is a time for laying down and a time for taking up.

The Bible tells us that at the right time Christ died for us (Romans 5 v6). This is what inspires me above all else in my ministry. Jesus, the Son of God, laid down his life for me and you. This is not a vain hope that died with him. Jesus promised that he would lay down his life, in order to take it up again. The love of God for us in Christ Jesus truly is stronger than death. I hope and pray that you might come to know this more deeply personally. It is the heart of the good news that I look forward to sharing throughout my time here.

Pastoral Visiting
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October Church Diary

Sunday 4th October
10 am Harvest Eucharist, St Margaret's, Corsley
10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill

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Sunday 11th October
10am Eucharist, Kingston Deverill
3 pm Harvest Celebration, St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

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Sunday 18th October
9 am Eucharist, Brixton Deverill
11 am Matins, St Margaret's, Corsley

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Sunday 25th October
10 am Eucharist, St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist, Longbridge Deverill

Church and Community Events in October

Corsley Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th October – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Rooms

Crafternoons

Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 28th October
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Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 15th October 10 am to 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

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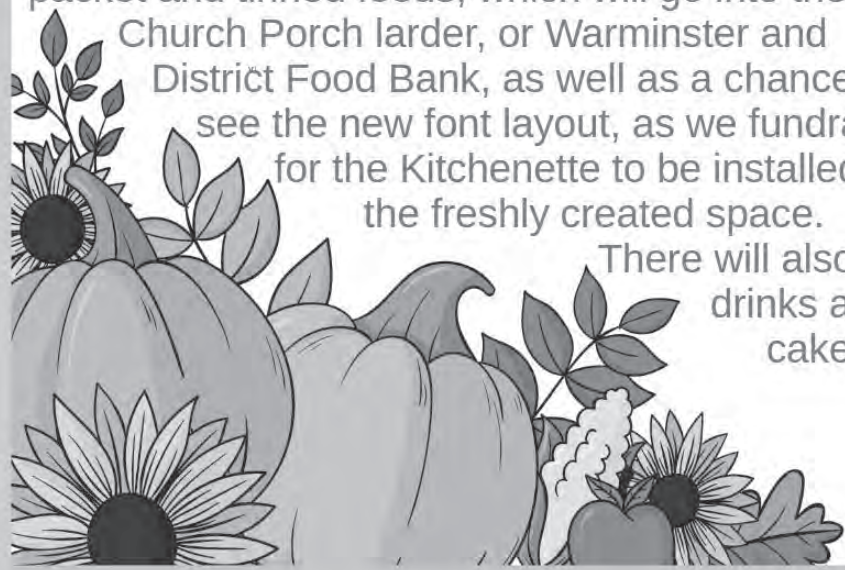
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Harvest Supper on Saturday 10th October
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In this magazine

Family Harvest Celebration on Sunday 11th October in St Philp and St James Church Chapmanslade at 3pm. Another chance to donate packet and tinned foods, which will go into the Church Porch larder, or Warminster and District Food Bank, as well as a chance to see the new font layout, as we fundraise for the Kitchenette to be installed in the freshly created space. There will also be drinks and cakes!



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Corsley WI

September news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the September meeting

The speakers at our September meeting were Maggie and Charlie Thackway. They spoke about 'Children in Sudan', in particular about the education of children at Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School (JDMSS) which was set up a year after the peace agreement between North and South Sudan in 2005.

The school operates under the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, which provides administrative and spiritual support as well as overseeing the development of more buildings on the school campus by overseas donors and the Friends of JDMSS, who help to fundraise for capital projects as well as provide bursaries. They work in what is still a volatile part of the world with ongoing civil wars and where food security is a big issue.

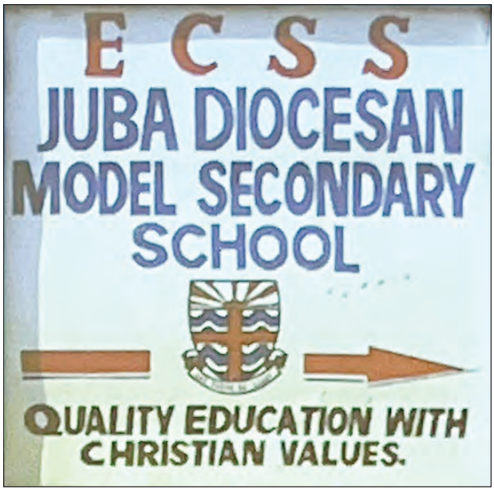
St Francis' Church in Salisbury helped to establish the school by providing practical help and gave 10% of the fundraising for their own church to support the setting up of the school in Juba.

A site was identified and work began to create a staff room and three classrooms for sixty pupils, 40 boys and 20 girls. As the school grew a boarding house for 60 girls was added enabling them to focus on their education away from household tasks expected of them at home. Demand for this was so high that this year a second boarding house has been built by Gibraltar Cathedral, one of the school's donors. The school receives support from networks like this and the Diocese of Salisbury continues to maintain strong links too.

Currently there is only 30% adult literacy in South Sudan and education is highly valued. Primary education begins at the age of 5 or 6 and continues to the age of 14. Children take entrance tests at the end of their primary years to continue into Secondary education.



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Twenty years on the school is flourishing despite the ongoing political instability. As well as classrooms and the girls' boarding houses, it also has a science lab and an IT classroom. The campus has strong perimeter security, protecting against looting and providing a safe environment for the pupils. The current project is to provide a girls' dining area; then a boys' boarding house and increased use of solar power are on the list of priorities. Maintaining and developing the school is very much an ongoing project. An interesting and informative evening ended as usual with coffee and cake.

If you would like to know more about Corsley WI please contact Alice Helliar on 07989 339632. New members are always welcome.



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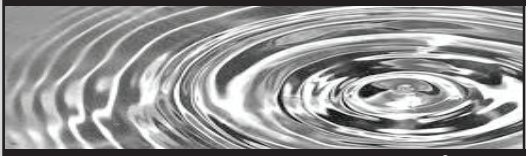
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As well as being a much-loved evening of summer fun for theatregoers, the event raises vital funds for local charities. This year's primary beneficiaries, the Youth Adventure Trust (YAT) and Frome College Young Carers, both provide essential services to vulnerable young people in our community.

On receiving this year's donation, YAT's Philanthropy Manager Natalie Levin said: "On behalf of everyone at the Youth Adventure Trust, I want to say thank you for the incredible impact your gift of £2,000 will make. It will help young people build resilience and confidence through the power of outdoor adventure. This support covers the cost of four young people attending their summer residential camp. It's wonderful to have partners like you involved in making a difference for young people."

While we recognise the importance of our donations to organisations such as YAT, we are also striving to provide a valued and well-supported event for the village. In recent years we have been concerned to see a smaller percentage of the audience is from Corsley. With this in mind, and due to Illyria almost fully booked for next summer already, we are re-thinking our 'offer' for 2027.

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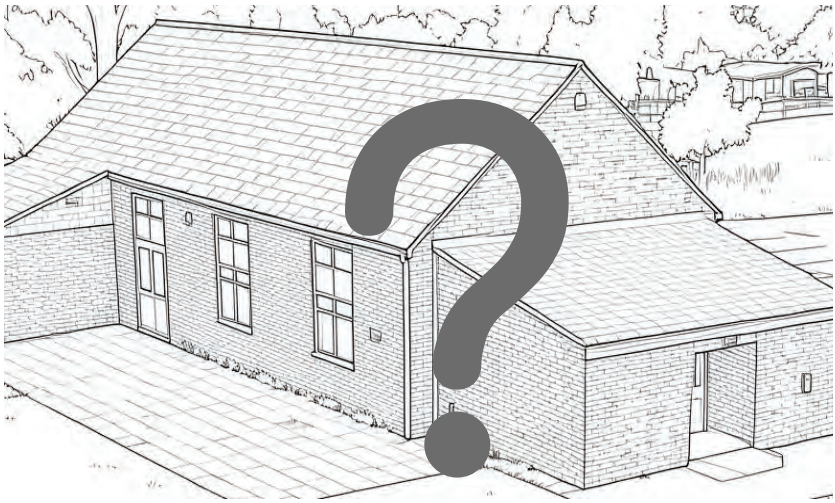
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'You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth'
Isaiah 37:16

A promise to Noah…

'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.' Genesis 8 v 22. I am sure that besides other verses this was one of my father-in-law's favourite verses. It was a promise to Noah after the flood.

Recently a verse on my tear-off Daily Verse block was the following: 'Everything in heaven and earth is yours'. 1 Chronicles 29 v 11.



We have, according to the experts, broken temperature records in isolated places. Being older and allegedly being in danger of extreme heat, I elected to sit on the sofa in front of a large fan and amused myself piecing together portions of a jigsaw that I had been given as a birthday present.

In 1976 a very hot summer lasting from June to 1st September caused the fields of Somerset to burn off, causing farmers to start feeding fodder they had prepared earlier for winter. This year's summer did not last even until 1st September and, as I write this article, the lawn has recovered and is needing to be cut!

Another recent verse was from Isaiah 37 v 16. 'O Lord Almighty, You alone are God over all the Kingdoms of the earth.' But, of course as a nation we do not believe that! Instead, we are brainwashed in evolution.

In the book of Jonah there is an account about Jonah sulking. God forgave the people of Nineveh, after Jonah told them they needed to repent. He was so angry, he went out of the city and made a booth to sit in. God prepared a plant to grow to make a shade over him when the sun rose. The next day God prepared a worm and it made the plant to wither and the sun beat down on Jonah. God told Jonah that he had pity on the plant, but had no pity on the 60,000 people who God had spared because they obeyed God's Word which Jonah had delivered to them. God showed His power over the things of nature and of salvation.

We have just had a partial eclipse and God has so ordered the heavens that experts can tell us when the next one will happen.

Why do we not put our trust in Him for temporal things and for our salvation, as it can be found in trusting the Lord Jesus as our own personal saviour.

Ray Mead
Chapel Secretary

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If you need help, please google 'Whitbourne Baptist Chapel' or log in to our website, www.whitbournechapel.org.uk

Wiltshire Council, Centre for Sustainable Energy and UK Government

Heating Oil Support

for eligible Wiltshire households this winter

If you live in Wiltshire and are worried about the cost of heating oil this winter, help may be available through a Crisis and Resilience Fund-funded scheme.

Warm and Safe Wiltshire, a free service delivered by the Centre for Sustainable Energy, is running a heating oil support scheme for eligible households.

This project is funded through the Government's Crisis and Resilience Fund, which we are managing locally.

Find out if you're eligible for financial support https://orlo.uk/VzTbN

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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

What a joy to see our countryside greening up after months of very high temperatures and little or no rain

Rainfall

August 56mm

Giving a total of 480.8mm for the first eight months of 2026

September 18.5 mm (up to the 19th)

Thankfully, even this small amount of rain has been sufficient to get the grass growing again, allowing the cattle to graze out in the fields after nearly four months of being housed day and night.

Crops such as maize are still being harvested and main crop potatoes are being brought in for storage.

Might I suggest that if you have room in your garden shed (frost free) you buy a few bags of potatoes from a local farm or farm shop, in brown paper bags – it might save you a considerable amount of money this winter as potatoes will be very scarce.



It is quite obvious from the amount of berries in our hedgerows that the wild birds will be well catered for this winter but, due to the excess growth of the hedges, they will have to be trimmed back for safety and better visibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

October will be celebrated in our villages with Harvest Services and Harvest Suppers. Do go along and enjoy the traditional gatherings of village friends, new and old.

Hopefully we may still be able to harvest grass silage during the month of October which will help to replace some of the feedstuff that they consumed while being housed during the summer months.

Autumn calving continues on the farm,with experienced staff training new students and workers. Practical work on farms can be very rewarding but the unsocial hours, physical work and weather conditions can be hard on new employees.

The breeding sheep will be introduced to the rams and the lambs brought in for fattening up through the winter which will keep the shepherds busy.

Traditional work such as hedge laying and ditching will be done by contractors over the next few months so don't be alarmed if you see old hedges being cut down then retrained to create a better boundary and shelter for the farm animals in years to come.

Enjoy the autumn colours and be grateful for whatever weather we have this coming month.

Judith Helliar

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