The Bridge

monthly village magazine

'Cut out and keep' guide to The Bridge

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Please submit your articles either by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or take them along to the drop-off points at either Barters Plant Centre in Chapmanslade or to Acres Supply Garden Centre in Corsley.

If you are advertising, please don't forget to include the advertiser's fee.

Events

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Local organisations i.e. churches, playgroups, clubs, or societies in either Chapmanslade or Corsley who are advertising forthcoming events. We charge £2.00 per advert – the size of advert is dependent on availability at the time.

If you would like a full page advert, our fee is £5, however, this again is dependent on availability at the time. We need to maintain a healthy balance of advertising and articles – the success of The Bridge depends on it!

News, reports, thank you's, advice, etc.

These are from individuals or local organisations and are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming! Please feel free to include good quality photographs.

Small ads

Generally stuff for sale which appears on the inside back cover. We charge 80p PER ITEM for sale.

Downloads from the internet (including pictures)

Please don't download anything from the internet for submission. As a rule of thumb, consider everything to be copyrighted and therefore unsuitable for publication in The Bridge.

Trade advertising

Please see the inside back cover for rates, sizes and contact details for our Trade Advertising Coordinator.

Deadlines

All articles or adverts for the next issue of The Bridge should be submitted by 4pm on the 19th of the month. Please note that no items will be accepted after this date.

Formats

I **can** accept hand-written/typed articles, Microsoft Word, Indesign, or articles sent as email text.

I **cannot** accept WordPerfect, Microsoft Publisher files or Microsoft Word files saved as .docx. Please re-save them as .doc files.

Queries

If you have any queries regarding file types, costs, sizing, etc., please contact viv.thomas146@btinternet.com

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Viv Thomas, Editor

What's on

September

Saturday 1st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading

Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Loose Women – Adam Young giving a talk about bats

Saturday 8th

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' – from 10.00am

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 13th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 15th

HowdenJones in concert at Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 19th

Light Bites - Soup and Ploughman's Lunch - 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

PCC meeting – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes

Friday 28th

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 10.30 - 12 noon, Corsley House

Saturday 29th

Harvest Supper – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall (C & C Churches)

October

Tuesday 2nd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

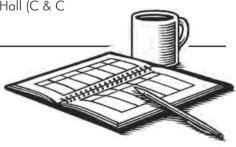
Thursday 11th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 13th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Wine Tasting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room



Monday 15th

Bag2School Textile Collection – 1pm, Little Cuckoo's, Lyes Green, Corsley

Wednesday 17th

Light Bites - Soup and Ploughman's Lunch - 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes

Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Village Hall Quiz Night

November

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 7th

PCC Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 8th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 10th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 24th

Christmas Market – 10am - 1pm, Corsley Reading Room

December

Saturday 1st

Coffee Morning and 50/50 Draw – from 10.30am, Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

Coffee Morning, High Field, Roddenbury View, Corsley

Community Carol Evening – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 8th

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Roaring success

The following pupils of Debbie Rickhuss have been successful in achieving success with examinations set by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

James Rutt Prep test

Pia Anderson Prep test

Laura Shorto Grade 1

Eve Rickhuss Grade 2 with Merit

Sarah Paul Grade 2 with Merit

Hannah Bradley Grade 2

Maggie Thackway Grade 3

Daniel Fairgrieve Grade 4

Imber Nowlin Grade 4

Georgia Lawrence Grade 4 with Merit

CONGRATULATIONS to you all!

Debbie Rickhuss 01373 832829

Chapmanslade Loose Women

Thursday 6th September

Adam Young will give a talk about bats, with an outdoor demonstration of listening equipment (weather permitting)
Wine and nibbles
7.30pm at 5 Brimhill Rise

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Saturday 13th October 2012 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

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Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on **Saturday 8th September**. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson 01373 832845

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month.

Our next 'pick' is on **Saturday 1st September** – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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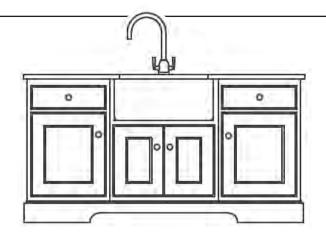
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Corsley Tennis Club news

On Sunday 29th July the Club held a mixed doubles tournament. Fourteen hardy souls braved the windy conditions to provide some entertaining sets.

Victory went to Alison Plummer and Dave Johnson, thanks to the consistency of the former and the quicksilver brilliance of the latter. In the decisive rubber, they defeated Isobel 'Golden Retriever' Lewis and the stylish Brian Young 3-1 to clinch the title by one point. Isobel and Brian in turn finished one point ahead of Marlene Latchem and Cornelius Clarke. Alison and Dave will now go forward to the Grand Final.

All the competitors performed well, but special mention should be made of the promising talent of George Sandoe.

The afternoon culminated in a fine tea organised by Marlene. Thanks go to Sonia Glen and Geoff Levitt for runnig such a successful event.

Cake Monster

The second weekend of the Mixed Doubles took place on the 12th August. A sunny afternoon of exciting tennis ensued with some expert serving and interesting volleys and spinnies! There were many close matches with the outright winners of the day being Brenda Levitt and Michael Clarke. Tea was enjoyed in the Pavilion after the tournament.

Brenda and Michael will play a finals match against Alison Plummer and David Johnson for the Mixed Doubles Tournament Cup 2012.

Refurbishment of the double courts is due to start on the 3rd September and again we apologise in advance for any possible inconvenience caused.

Sonia Glenn

Thank you!

A great big 'thank you' to Corsley Cricket Club and in particular Fred Latcham and Ped (Roy) Pearce for all their help and skill in teaching the juniors on a Thursday; also to Marion Ligourice for the tea and biscuits.

Fun was had by all and the commitment to the young children was well noted when they extended the season to make up for the bad weather. There are some budding players in the making for the club! We finished this season with a cricket tea and each child was given a 2012 medal presented by Ped.

We look forward to next year. Keep practicing kids!

With much thanks

Susan White

Thank You

I am moving house and would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'Thank You' to friends and neighbours in Birchwood Close and the Royal Oak for their love and support since my dear husband John died a year ago. I will you all so much.

Dorothy Ross

Bob's bafflers

- 1 What was the first issued decimal coin in Britain?
- 2 If A is Alpha and B is Bravo, what is F?
- 3 What does a misogynist hate?
- 4 Where on your body is your philtrum?
- 5 Who has a friend called "Pie Face"?
- 6 What is the capital of Sri Lanka?
- 7 Which word can go after "gall" and before "hem" to form new words?
- 8 Which Shakespeare play begins with a storm at sea?
- 9 Which chart topping 1960s pop group was named after a 1956 John Wayne film?
- 10 In measuring a horse, how many inches are there in a hand?
- 11 Where in the UK would you find Dyce Airport?
- 12 What is the only English anagram of "Alsatians"?

Answers on page 31

Harvest Supper

Saturday 29th September 7.00 for 7.30 pm Chapmanslade Village Hall

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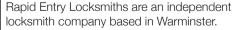
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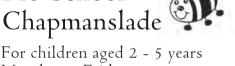
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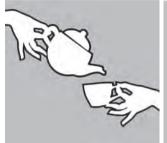
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Corsley Reading Room Committee will be rolling out the bunting and putting their considerable baking and other skills to the test at the monthly coffee morning incorporating the



Big Brew Up

10 am to 12 noon Tuesday 2nd October Corsley Reading Room

Our monthly gatherings are a great way of catching up and if we can raise money at the same time for the amazing work that SSAFA Forces Help does, that's even better! It's really a great feeling to know that we will be joining thousands of people across the world from Afghanistan to Cyprus and Germany to Britain, in raising a mug or cup to our service men and women; they do such an amazing job and we're thrilled that we can show them our support through the **Big Brew Up**.

Spread the word among friends and neighbours and join us in the Big Brew Up!

Would you like to help or need information? Please contact Dick Collins on 01373 832789

Harvest Thanksgiving 4th October at 7pm

This is the 20th Anniversary of this popular and successful fund raising event. I have arranged the evening ever since Reverend Rod Thatcher became Market Chaplain.

There is a short service with appropriate readings and well known hymns. This is followed by an optional ploughman's, coffees or drinks from the bar.

Next comes the auction, light hearted but always well supported. Inner Wheel,

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Frome, have been a great help and this year, Jenny Hulbert, President, who lives in Chapmanslade, has chosen 'Headway' to be the charity to receive monies from the collection and the auction. Gifts of produce, wines, cakes and unwanted presents will be gratefully received on the evening.

Dennis Barnard 01373 832262

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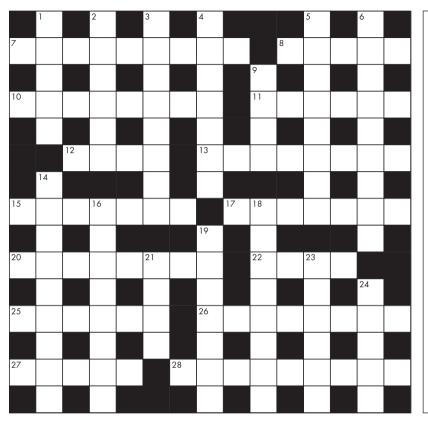
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Clues across

- 7 Author at the races? (9)
- 8 Catcalls to drunken mowers? Not right! (5)
- 10 Drift maker owns up to autumn in New York (8)
- 11 Thunderstruck at brief commercial about labyrinth (6)
- 12 See 9 down
- 13 Tangled and twinned up with Newcastle finally (8)
- 15 & 22 ac Thrilled as an Apollo astronaut? (4,3,4)
- 17 Send about fifty with hesitation, Slim (7)
- 20 A quiet dad makes himself known (8)
- 22 See 15 ac.
- 25 Means of expunging various careers, but not 100! (6)
- 26 Aggressively burn out a small car (8)
- 27 Seemingly dusty den (5)
- 28 Relative showing off if involved in fling? (9)

Clues down

- 1 Numerate nobleman (5)
- 2 Impale Wesker crudely? (6)
- 3 Plain Ann has a five organised (8)
- 4 Responded to a salesman who fibbed (7)
- 5 Aunt's right to happiness? (8)
- 6 Tangled net we'd seen having added sugar (9)
- 9 & 12 ac Metallic alibi will set you free (4,4)
- 14 Just arrange a tape over and it'll dry up! (9)
- 16 Stirring music to excite a shy prod (8)
- 18 Modulus in form, lacking definition at first, is glowing (8)
- 19 Commence the French surprise (7)
- 21 Be paid in the tax year not declared (4)
- 23 Goes round the trendy bistro (6)
- 24 Streams of fire? (5)

Corsley WI

Our President, Judith Helliar, welcomed members to the meeting on a balmy August evening and Val Benbow was warmly thanked for the charming vase of flowers on the table.

Gardening Club

The Club thoroughly enjoyed the outing to Cranborne Manor, in spite of the heavy downpour just before tea. The next event is a visit to **Camerton Court** near Bath on the **19th September**. This is a private visit as the garden is not normally open to the public. If you would like to take part in our outings and meetings, we charge a subscription of £5 per family – payable to Rosemary Collins.

We were reminded that this was the last opportunity to order calendars and diaries for the coming year. Please contact Anne Carruthers if you would like either of these.

We have received a warning that there is a scam being carried out at the moment – WI members are being contacted by email to help a WI member who is on holiday and has lost all her money. This is completely untrue – please delete the email immediately.

The Calne Food Festival is on the 8th September and WFWI will be there if you would like to pay them a visit.

The next **coffee morning** will be on the **4th September**.

Calling all bridge players!

Please note that the day for playing in the Reading Room has changed. It is now on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month.



There is to be a skittles social evening at the

Royal Oak on the **28th September**. Please let Charlotte Beswick know if you would like to come along; don't forget to order supper before playing! This event is open to friends and partners and is always a fun evening.

Judith then introduced our speaker for the evening, Mrs Terry Edwards, who came to talk about the women of Oman. Terry worked as a teacher and was sent to the town of Salalah in Oman after the war there with communist insurgents from Yemen. It was decided to develop this small town, many workers from all over the world arrived and so a school was needed. As the children only had lessons in the morning, Terry decided to learn Arabic so she could make contact with the local women. She then travelled into the mountain regions and gradually, over 25 years, built up a rapport with many of the tribal women. She fascinated us with her descriptions of their lives and revealed that she was always called Fatima when she was with them! If readers ever get the opportunity to listen to Terry's talk, we would strongly recommend it. Liz Irving, one of our members, had also visited the region during the time Terry was there and discovered they had friends in common, which delighted them both!

Our **next meeting** will be on the **13th September** and will be a demonstration of sugarcraft and cake decoration by Lesley Batstone. The competition will be for a photograph of the Jubilee celebrations.



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As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains

and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our Pre-school on Monday 15th October 2011. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Little Cuckoo's Pre-School, Lyes Green, Corsley before 1pm and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

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From the opening ceremony to its finish, the games created something quite unique. It was an event which was inclusive, where people from all walks of life came to together in unity, and with one focus, to celebrate and support for the athletes who had committed so much of their lives to training for this one event.

The spirit of the games has been infectious and has left us with a legacy to hand on to the next generation, which Lord Coe pleads should not be wasted. I would like to think that, as well as sporting achievements, this legacy also includes the spirit of friendship and unity that was created so well by the volunteers who greeted everyone so hospitably and warmly during the games, and will continue to do so in the Paralympics. I experienced this at first hand.

Amongst the many highlights, there is one that will remain with me for a long time. It was the handing on of the Olympic torch, by Sir Steve Redgrave, to a new generation of athletes. Described by Sally Magnusson on BBC Radio 4 as a symbolic rebirth and hope of a new generation, done with courage in faith and love, this symbolic act has not only set an example to all of our athletes, but to our country as a whole.

To our Churches, it is a reminder that we, too, have a responsibility if our Church is to survive, a responsibility to hand on the light of Christ, torch of hope, to a new generation which will carry it forward in the spirit of love, hospitality, unity and faith, continuing Christ's mission on earth, which began over two thousand years ago.

Best Wishes

Di Britten
(Associate Minister)
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September Church Diary

Sunday 2nd September: 13th Sunday after Trinity 9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley Eucharist

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Tuesday 4th September
7.30pm After Alpha Tuesday Night Group
Contact Richard Dean 832590

**

Saturday 8th September from 10am Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride & Stride' We hope to have all three churches open during the day

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9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple Matins

**

Tuesday 11th September 10.30am Time to Think Contact Phil Jefferson 832845

**

Sunday 16th September: 15th Sunday after Trinity 9.30am at Chapmanslade School/Church Commissioning Service to welcome our new Head Teacher, Berkeley Basinger-Adams, and other new members of staff of Chapmanslade School

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Tuesday 18th September
7.30pm After Alpha Tuesday Night Group
Contact Richard Dean 832590

Wednesday 19th September 12pm to 1pm at Corsley Reading Rooms Church Mouse – Soup and Bread Lunch

7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley Parochial Church Council

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Thursday 20th September
10.30am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church and Community Coffee Morning

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Sunday 23rd September: 16th Sunday after Trinity 9.00am at St Mary's, Temple Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley Special Family Worship to celebrate Harvest

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Tuesday 25th September 10.30am Time to Think Contact Phil Tefferson 832845

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Saturday 29th September
7.00pm for 7.30pm Parish Harvest Supper
Chapmanslade Village Hall
Contact Anne Good 832505

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Sunday 30th September: 17th Sunday after Trinity 10.30am at St Michael & All Angels, Brixton Deverill Benefice Service

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Sunday 7th October: 18th Sunday after Trinity 9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley Eucharist

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Church Events for your diary

Saturday 29th September from 7.30pm
Parish Harvest Supper at Chapmanslade Village Hall
Tickets from PCC members or phone Anne Good 832505

Saturday 1st December from 10.30am Coffee Morning and 50/50 Christmas Draw

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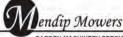
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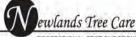
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A series of coincidences

For many years I have had in my possession a document handed down from my grandfather via my father to me. The document is a Log kept by my grandfather whilst in a lifeboat. He was a Captain in the Merchant Navy and on 1st November 1941 the ship he was Master of was sunk following enemy action.

The 1st entry simply states 'torpedoed' and gives their position – approximately 300 miles off the coast of Africa. All the crew were saved in 2 lifeboats, 22 in each. The lifeboats became separated during the first night.

The crew on my grandfather's lifeboat sighted land on 5th November but they were unable to find anywhere suitable to land until Monday 10th. There they were given shelter and tended by villagers. By the 15th they had been rescued and the entries in the Log then stop just after my grandfather writes the date – 16th November.

When I first saw the Log I was about 15 years old; my grandfather having died several years before. Obviously I had many questions to ask my father who had shown me the Log. What happened next? The other lifeboat? The name of the ship? None of which my father could answer. In those days there was no such thing as Google so research of things like this incident were very difficult. So apart from occasionally looking at the log, it mostly remained in a drawer.

At the end of May this year I was looking at the Log – now over 70 years old it is showing signs of wear. I decided to try and place it in a museum and with that in mind I emailed the details to the Imperial War Museum. Two weeks later I received a reply saying they could only accept the Log as a gift or donation. If the Log was

donated there was no guarantee it would be displayed but more likely archived. This really did not fit with what I had in mind, after all, I could wrap it up and lock it away myself. What to do next?

Next, the series of coincidences. Friday 15th June was a typical day of the month, cold and wet; too wet to do any gardening so my mind returned to the Log. My grandfather sailed out of Cardiff, so why not try Cardiff museum? As I started to write an email to them I realised I was not sure how to correctly spell the name of the company he worked for. I could have got out of my seat walked 10 feet to where I keep my grandfather's papers and got the correct spelling; but no, I Googled it instead. I now had the correct spelling and scrolling down the entries I saw the company, although no longer trading, had a website. Clicking on the site it became clear that it was for former employees. There were two email addresses, so thinking someone might like to see the Log I emailed the first address enclosing all the details my name and phone number.

When the phone rang 20 minutes later I found myself talking to a former Merchant Navy Captain, Mike Jones. At that very moment he had been writing an account of the whole episode! He was fully aware of my grandfather and was able to fill in all the details for me; the name of the ship, what happened to the other life boat (all survived) and that the 1st mate kept a Log of their voyage.

An apprentice in my grandfather's lifeboat had also written an account, albeit from memory some years later: now Mike had access to documentation that completed the whole story. Captain Jones is a mine of information and now all the other documents I have of my grandfather's

make sense. He has also taken the trouble to explain them all to me and has traced my grandfather's naval career from 1902 - 1951.

Mike has written an account of this episode and posted it on their website. It covers what the ship was doing from 1939 until it was sunk November 1st 1941 and the amazing story of how 44 men survived. If you would like to read the account log on to reardonsmithships.co.uk access the Forum scroll down to "the loss of the Bradford City" click on 'view' thread then click on http://reardonsmithships.co.uk/bradfordcity3010. php from that page you can download the whole article or just read the log.

I am still in contact with Mike and as a postscript to this story, he remembered he'd had an email from one of his members who had received an enquiry about my grandfather from one of his other grandchildren. Although it was four years ago, he still had a copy of the email and

sent it to me. I range the contact number on the email and left a message. That evening I had a phone call from a cousin who reliably informed me we had not met for 47 years! He is older than me and has better memories of our grandfather than I and now we swap information and pictures of mementos.

Mike has also been able to trace some of my father's naval career (with the same company) He was sunk twice but that's another story!

I can not find words to express my thanks to Mike. His knowledge and willingness to read all the documents I have sent him and translate it all into a history of my grandfather's career is remarkable.

This whole story has come about because the Imperial War Museum showed a lack of interest, our lovely summer weather and the fact I was to lazy to walk 10ft!

> Richard Paul 3 Park Cottages, Corsley



News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

Hope you all had a wonderful summer holidays and are refreshed ready for a brand new school year. We look forward to hearing about the children's holiday adventures this week.

It was great to see you at The Corsley show I hope you had as much fun as we did!

As we said a fond farewell to our play leader Kate Young last term we now say a huge hello to our new play leader Hayley McMahon. We hope she will be very happy at Little Cuckoo's!

And just to remind you that we have our next Bag2School textile collection on Monday 15th October 2012, please see advert for more details.

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Countryside Matters

When I saw the signs for the Corsley Show going up I realised that very soon our summer would be over: if you can say we had a summer this year! The signs for our local Frome Show remind us this is one of best shows in the country featuring the finest cheeses made in the UK – cheeses that are a product of our dairy industry.

I hope that as many of you as possible support these shows — they are the countryside's example of volunteers working locally for everyone's benefit. Local charities, local and national companies, entrepreneurs — all craftspeople appear, whilst the shows are also the starting point for so many horse and pony owners and riders.

September for farmers is another busy month – harvesting grain, hauling it to the farm for winter feed or loading onto lorries to go to the mills. Straw is being baled as bedding for the cattle through the winter, or chopped up finely then mixed with grass or maize silage for feed.

As soon as one crop is harvested the plough goes in to get the whole process going again for the next year's harvest – hopefully a better one than this year!

Calving is also keeping everyone busy on the farm: care of the pregnant cows and the healthy offspring is all-important. Sheep farmers are busy selling the lambs born earlier in the year. Then they can buy in new rams for improved stock and younger breeding ewes to maintain and increase flock numbers.

Our countryside can look especially good in September as the trees begin to change colour. The fruit in our orchards ripens and our hedgerows are laden with blackberries and other delicious fruits. Many of our summer migrants begin to move south: some will also be eating those blackberries – fattening up for the long flights ahead. Although the Cuckoos and Swifts will be long gone, Swallows will still linger while there are still insects on which to feed, so do watch out for them over your countryside.

Enjoy our early autumn month!

A note for your diary:

Coffee Morning

High Field, Roddenbury View, Corsley

Saturday 1st December 2012

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Judith Helliar

Stolen books

I am saddened to report that 24 hours after putting a plastic tub containing about 75 books outside the lay-by gate at Apple Garden, Corsley, that both books and the tub were stolen. I was devastated as they would have brought in over £50 for the Forever Friends charity and the new Cancer Centre at the RUH (possibly more had the books been recycled). We had put together a super selection of books and it could have been a nice little on-going money raiser.

However, Vanessa's mother-in-law has given the Forever Friends a cheque for £50 as compensation for the lost books. This was very generous of her and has gone a long way to restoring my faith in human nature. Vanessa died from breast cancer in 2007 – raising funds for the Oncology department at the RUH where she was treated, is most important to us.

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Counselling: What it is and what it isn't

Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley

I'm back - did you miss me? I've moved as well - I now have the use of a cosy,

characterful room in St Margaret's Church, courtesy of the Reverend Norma Payne and the PCC – thank you! So, on with the myth-busting: Myth #5 – counselling inevitably goes on for years.

Well, it could. But it doesn't have to. If you've got a specific issue that you want to discuss and if we work in a focused and efficient way, we can be done in 4 or 6 sessions. Sometimes the work we do starts to touch on other, deeper matters. If this is the case, it's up to you whether we extend the number of sessions to explore those matters. Usually, I ask a new client to commit to 6 sessions (once we have the initial 'getting to know you' meeting). This

is to give you time to settle into what is a unique relationship, to start to trust me and to feel comfortable enough to be deeply honest. Some people take longer than that to get to the real heart of the matter but not everyone does. As I've said before it's up to you how much time you devote to counselling. If you do stop, you can always come back later if you want to. Often, a break is good and I try to be flexible if my diary allows. I'm ethical: I don't want to keep you in therapy when you don't need to be there. So, don't let the fear of acquiring a Woody Allen-style addiction to therapy stop you seeking help if you think you might benefit from it – a short burst might be just the thing.

If you've got something you'd like to explore, get in touch or find me at www. carolinelevine.co.uk. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. 07817 192008; le vine@sky.com

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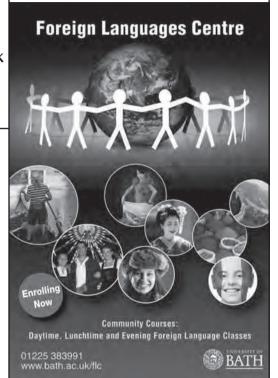
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5pm Mr P Stinchcombe – see Preacher Feature below

23rd Mr J Lukins, sports journalist 30th Mr J Coxhead, retired builder

Preacher Feature

For our evening service on the 16th, our preacher will be Frome solicitor Paul Stinchcombe, who was brought up in a Christian family and regularly attended Services.

In his early teens, Paul wanted the assurance that he'd go to heaven if he died, while at the same time wanting to live his own way. He was eighteen when he accepted that Jesus died in his place for his sins and he trusted Him as his Saviour and Lord, which meant that he must live God's way. Paul's never forgotten the joy and peace he felt then.

Also when he was eighteen, Paul began working in a solicitor's office. As he'd left school with few qualifications, he didn't think he'd ever qualify as a solicitor and puts his success in this field down to the 'enabling of the Lord'.

It's appropriate that Paul's leading a Harvest Service as he has a deep love of nature, passed on to him by his Dad. He and his wife Shirley are avid birdwatchers.

A favourite verse of the Bible, for Paul, is Psalm 103, verses 2/3: 'Praise the LORD,

O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases'.

As Paul is preaching at the evening, hymnsinging Service, on the 16th, come along and hear his wonderfully-deep voice and ioin all of us for tea afterwards.

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C for "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11.28

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James S Stewart

The New School Year

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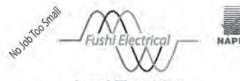
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Gardening tips for September

- Buy spring bulbs for next year. Most bulbs, including daffodils, hyacinths, lilies and small bulbs are best planted this month or in early October. Tulips are better planted towards the end of October
- Give evergreen hedges a final trim to ensure they are neat for the winter
- Now's the time to go around your garden collecting seeds from perennials and annuals. Collect seed heads in paper bags and leave them in a warm place to dry for a few days, before cleaning and storing in small envelopes. Some gardens that open to the public offer seed collecting days a great way to find something unusual. Most seeds are best sown in spring
- ◆ Sweet pea lovers may find that sowing seed in autumn produces stronger plants. Do not soak the seeds as they are liable to rot. Use Seed and Potting Compost and sow the seeds in root trainers, sweet peas tubes, pots or trays. It has been found that dark coloured seeds germinate well in fairly damp compost, but pale seed require compost that is only just moist. Cover the containers with glass or put them in a propagator and keep at around 15°C (59°F). When the seedlings

- appear transfer them to a cold frame. Pinch out the growing tips when the plants are about 10cm (4 inches) high
- ♣ Shrub roses and ramblers can easily be propagated from stem cuttings at this time of year. Take a length of stem about 30cm (12 inches) long and trim it off just below the bottom leaf. Remove the soft tip just above a root joint. Take off all but the top two or three leaves and push the cuttings into a well dug trench in the garden to about half their length. They should be left for 12 months to root and develop
- If rambler and climbing roses have got a bit out of hand, spend a bit of time tying them in
- Acrate the lawn with a fork or special tool then apply 'Scotts Autumn Lawn Food to nourish your lawn through the winter months.

You can continue to re-seed bare patches on your lawn. It's also a good time of year to prepare the ground for sowing a new lawn, whilst the earth is still warm

Tour summer bedding plants will probably still be looking so good that you can't bear to throw them out yet. Keep them going until they look tired. Remember that you can over-winter many tender plants. Take them out of their pots and brush off most of the old compost so that you can trim back the roots; also trim the top growth. Then place them in a tray with some damp, but not saturated, peat covering the roots and store them in a frost-free place.

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Corsley Gardening Club

2.30pm, 19th September Visit to Camerton Court, near Bath

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Cost £5 with a small charge for tea.

2.30pm, October 17th Visit to Westonbirt Aboretum

Group charge £6 (£5 seniors). Please let Pauline Scott know ASAP if you can come as we need a group of ten+ to get the reduced rate.



To take part in any of our outings or meetings and to cover the rising cost of speakers, a yearly family subscription of £5 is payable to Rosemary Collins.

For further information please contact either Pauline Scott 01985 215760 or Hilary Vallis 01373 471183

Neighbourhood Watch

The Warminster Neighbourhood Policing Team's July-September leaflet has a repeat of the warning to be alert to cold callers and don't give them any personal information. The article was printed in the July edition of The Bridge in the Corsley Neighbourhood Watch article on page 30 for those of you who want to read it again. The only other article of interest relates to those readers who like to park up and walk at our beauty spots and it is worth repeating

Crime prevention advice

Beauty spot thefts still remain a problem in the area. Vehicles are parked and usually left unattended for a couple of hours while their owners head off on their walk. Thieves often smash windows to gain access to items of value left inside even handbags that have been stored under seats. We are patrolling the areas and sending letters to drivers at home addresses should we see such items in vehicles. Please leave valuables at home.

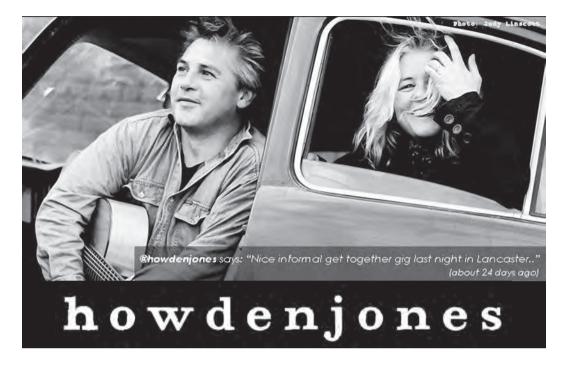
The areas most affected are:-

- Cley Hill
- Heavens Gate
- Shearwater
- Park Bottom Sherrington

Just be mindful that anywhere you leave your car for a length of time it could become a one-stop-shop for a thief.

Finally just a reminder to lock up your sheds where you keep your garden tools when you have done your gardening for the day.

Mike Bird Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Jill Wilmott Chapmanslade Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator



Part of the 'Beautiful Music in Beautiful Places' Tour

Saturday 15th September 2012 Chapmanslade Village Hall, 7pm for 7-30pm

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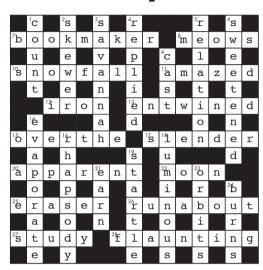
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