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November 2025

*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!

File types

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

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(churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2.50 per month for a boxed advert.

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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 November**

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

Diary Dates



November

Monday 3rd

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 5th

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

Thursday 6th

Festive Fair – 2 to 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 12th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Tuesday 11th

Armistice Day

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

Wednesday 12th

Corsley War Memorial Playing Field Annual General Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Cricket Club Annual General Meeting – 8 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI - Caroline Robinson of Champagne Glass – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 15th

Chapmanslade Christmas Market – 10 am to 4 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 19th

An Evening with Ned Boulting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 20th

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

Christmas Fair – 10 am to 2 pm, Codford Village Hall

Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Corsley Tennis Club Presentation Evening – 6 pm, The Full Moon, Rudge

Corsley Fayre AGM – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 28th

Christmas Tree Festival – 3 to 5 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Saturday 29th

Christmas Tree Festival (with Christmas Coffee Morning) – 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

The Great Village Barn Dance – 7 to 11 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 30th

Christmas Tree Festival – 11 am to 12.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

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Wednesday 12th November

Wednesday 26th November

December**Wednesday 3rd**

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

Saturday 6th

Rural Police Community Drop-In – 3 to 5 pm, Chapmanslade Church

Dolce Singers - A Ceremony of Carols with the Royal Harpist – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – 1 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Reading Room AGM – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

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7 pm

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**Christmas
Lunch**

1 pm

**Wednesday 10th December
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- 3 What is the third official language of Belgium along with Flemish-Dutch and French?
- 4 Introduced in 1948, which chocolate covered snack food consists of two biscuits with a marshmallow and jam filling?
- 5 What was the name of Elvis Presley's only child?
- 6 In geometry, what name is given to an angle of greater than 180 degrees?
- 7 Who composed the opera 'Carmen'?
8. According to the tradition proverb, what is "the road to hell" paved with?
9. What do the initials HB on a pencil stand for?
- 10 What is the name of the dog in a Punch and Judy show?
- 11 Which river flows through Glasgow?
- 12 Which five-letter word can mean to shoot at, to criticise or as a noun for a species of wading bird with a long straight bill?

Answers on page 44

Rural Police Community Drop-In Come along and have a chat!

3 to 5 pm, 6th December, Chapmanslade church

We'd love you to pop by for a cuppa and a chat about what matters most in your area. This is a great opportunity to:

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Ian Curtis reports on the PC meeting of 16th October

The meeting considered four planning applications:

PL/2025/06391 – Full planning permission to convert and extend two barns to create a dwelling house with ancillary accommodation including the erection of an outbuilding and associated works at Water Farm, Corsley, BA12 7QD. No objection – although ecology comments regarding more detail on bats and lighting noted

PL/2025/07174 – Householder planning permission for proposed alteration to convert the existing roof space and extension to form family room at 147 High Street, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AP. No objection with a comment regarding lack of information on any statement on energy efficiency of what is a large extension.

PL/2025/07387 – Householder planning permission for a single storey bedroom and kitchen extension to rear of 55 High Street, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AN. No objection with note regarding parking comments from Highways involving the potential removal of part of the public highway.

PL/2025/07610 – Householder planning permission for construction of rear conservatory and external pool at 2 The Grange, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AN. No objection. However the PC noted a new building to the north of the site, and could find no record of a previous planning approval.

Other main items on the agenda:

Telephone Kiosk at junction of High Street and Huntenhull Lane.

The future of the kiosk was the subject of a special parish council meeting held in the church on 6th October. This was well attended by members of the community. The decision from the meeting was to request BT to retain it in full operational order for a further review period to monitor usage; and to continue to pursue with Highways the need for more appropriate safety measures to reduce the risk of collision at the telephone box junction. The Chair contacted BT with this proposal, but they declined on the grounds that it did not meet OFCOM requirements for level of viable usage. A final request for an intervention by Wiltshire Council was also unsuccessful. The telephone box will be removed as part of BT's ongoing programme. The PC is very aware of the disappointment this will cause to some villagers, but the balance was tipped against its retention as it was when previously reviewed in 2019.

Reduction of weight limit along A3098 through Chapmanslade from 18 to 7.5 tonnes.

Plans are now in hand for Highways to change the signage in Wiltshire as a traffic regulation order – with confirmation awaited from Somerset on signage from Lodge Hill. The PC has allocated £5,000 from the

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to cover the required 25% of the costs, with the balance coming from Wiltshire Council.

CIL application for Chapmanslade Village Hall Integrated Energy Solution.

The purpose of this project is to future-proof the energy supply to the village hall. It will assure supply of energy even in the event of a major power outage with air source heat pumps and a solar heating system, as well as improving the ambient environment with air conditioning and low-level background heating. The application was for £10,500 being the balance of the unallocated CIL funds. The total cost is estimated at £40,500 with the balance of funding secured. The PC gave its full support – recognising this as a legacy project that would help ensure the future of the most heavily used village meeting place.

Funding for maintenance of St Philip and St James’ churchyard.

The PC approved the allocation of £1,000 for grass cutting and tree surgery. This follows a

positive letter from the Diocesan Secretary/ CEO thanking the PC for its ongoing support in regard the churchyard and associated development of the facilities for wider community use. He confirmed that Bishop Andrew will soon be advertising for a full-time post for the Cley Hill Benefice (the earlier proposal was for this to be part-time).

Short Street Junction with A3098.

White lining was recently completed, which helps delineate the threshold of the junction with the main road. The recent Warminster Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) will be considering the need for better signage and highway markings in their November meeting. This will also consider the need for double white lines over the bridge at Dead Maids.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th November in the Village Hall – community members are very welcome to attend. All details of meetings and upcoming dates are on the Parish Council website

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An Evening with Ned Boulting – Wednesday 19th November, 7.30 pm.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Reading Room AGM will be held on Monday 10th December at 7 for 7.30 pm.

Please come along to help us review the past year and look forward to the coming one. We do need more people to get involved in the running of the Reading Room. This is a great way to be in touch with the community, help to provide a space for meetings, celebrations and events which bring people together. If you want to know more, please contact one of the Trustees below or just come along to the AGM.

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The evening will finish with a Drumhead Ceremony and Act of Remembrance with Standards of the Royal British Legion, Royal Naval Association and RAF Association.

On Saturday 8th November there will be three war grave walks over the day beginning at 9.45am from the Memorial Theatre. A reading of the Roll of Honour of the fallen of WW2 will take place at the Memorial at 11am. At 2pm in the Assembly Rooms, the premiere of a series of Frome amateur archive films taken during 1939-1945 will be shown. At 7pm, dress up in 1940's costume and pay just £5 to go to the pictures in what was always known as the Grand Cinema, now Memorial Theatre, for a special showing of the epic 1942 Noel Coward film "In Which We Serve".

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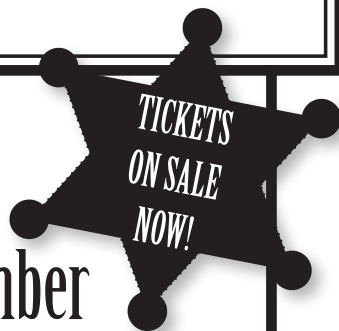
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These wonderful words are used at the start of Morning Prayer each day. It is a rich and powerful prayer asking God to not only go with us into a new day, but also that we may be changed by God’s presence with us. Hence our love being a vehicle of God’s love in the world.

This is a powerful prayer for our day and age, as the world so much needs the love and light of Christ in so many ways. We can pray it for ourselves and we can pray it for others. Our world leaders, our peace makers, those who put their own lives in danger for the sake of others. November is the month of remembrance, where we give thanks for those who have given their lives in the pursuit of peace, and we reflect on our own calling as peacemakers where we are, in our homes, in our communities, in the decision we make and our reactions to others.

The prayer however is not just practical; it is also spiritual. What does it mean to have our hearts set on fire with love for God? That takes time and devotion, it takes prayer and worship. I am thrilled when I meet a new Christian whose heart is on fire with love for God. Those who come for confirmation are usually our best evangelists showing others what a change Jesus can make, and enthusing others with the joy of the gospel. For those of us who have been followers of Christ for many years, this prayer can be a challenge, and therefore a good reminder day by day, that we need to regularly rekindle faith so we blaze with God’s love and light. In a month when we think about remembrance, and light bonfires and watch fireworks, do take some time to pray this prayer in your own heart, so we can all be set on fire with God’s love as we make Jesus known.

Bishop Karen

November Church Diary

Sunday 2nd November: All Saints

10 am Eucharist, Corsley
8 am BCP Holy Communion, Kingston Deverill
10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 9th November: Remembrance Sunday

10.50 Corsley
10.50 am Chapmanslade
10.50 am Eucharist, Kingston Deverill



Sunday 16th November: 2nd before Advent

11 am Matins, Corsley
10 am Eucharist, Brixton Deverill



Sunday 23rd November: 1st before Advent

10 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 30th November: Advent Sunday

8 am BCP Holy Communion, Kingston Deverill
10 am Benefice Eucharist, Horningsham



Pastoral Visiting

If anyone would like to receive a visit or Home Communion, please contact
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Church and Community Events in November

Corsley Coffee Morning

Wednesday 5th November, 10.30 am to 12 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Crafternoons

Wednesday 12th & 26th November, 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th November, 10 to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November, St Margaret's Church,
see more details in the advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th November, at St Margaret's in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Festival

Can you help?

The Parochial Church Council are looking for help!

Help to produce 6 Open Doors for The Bridge each month: listing church activities and services. This could be a job shared between two people.

We are also looking for:

**A new Electoral Roll officer
and**

Someone to oversee St Margaret's churchyard

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Parish Contacts for Corsley and Chapmanslade

First contact for anything related to Corsley and Chapmanslade please contact Sue Fear at suefearpcc@gmail.com

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October news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the October meeting



Our speaker in October was Mike Read who lives in the village. Mike is a keen and accomplished astro photographer who shared some amazing photographs and talked about the wonders of the night sky.

Mike has always been interested in astronomy but his hobby really took off when he moved to Corsley in 2019. He was inspired by the dark skies here and in awe of what you can see there. In 2020 he bought his first telescope. It seems fair to say he's never looked back, but always skywards!

Mike showed us one of his early photographs of Andromeda. The Andromeda Galaxy is the closest large galaxy to our own galaxy, the Milky Way. Even so, it is 2.5 million light years away; it is hard to believe that the light we are seeing this evening began travelling through space all those years ago. In contrast, the light from the sun reaches us in about 8 minutes and light from the moon reaches us in 1.3 seconds!

We were treated to some stunning photographs as Mike talked about the comets and meteors we can sometimes see in the night sky; mid November should be a good time for spotting meteors once our eyes have adjusted to the dark.



Most spectacular of all were the pictures of the Aurora Borealis which Mike had taken in his garden. The brilliant colours might have come straight out of a Northern lights tour brochure – and there they were, glowing over Corsley! How had we missed them?

Mike explained that our eyes are not adapted to seeing very much in the dark, we see shades of grey so we might only see wispy streaks like clouds in the sky when looking for the aurora. To compensate for the dark conditions, a camera can take a longer exposure and collect light for longer, building up a picture of the scene and collecting colours, so a good tip is to look for the aurora through a camera lens. By the end of the evening we, like Mike, were left in awe of what you can see in the sky above.

Our next meeting will be at the Reading Room on November 13th at 7.30 pm. Our speaker will be Caroline Robinson of Champagne Glass, talking about how she developed a business fusing glass to create stunning works of art.

Non-members are welcome to join us for the evening, £6 to include tea/coffee and cake. For more information please contact Alice on either 07989 339632 or alicecambridge40@gmail.com



Christmas Tree Festival

St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Friday 28th November – 3 pm to 5 pm

Saturday 29th November – 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
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Sunday 30th November – 11 am to 12.30 pm

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Buried Treasure!

Three Corsley men...

Malcolm Fooks, from Coleford, walking the Frome to Radstock railway line (now a cycle path)

For the October edition of *The Bridge*, we looked at various companies in Warminster, firms that advertised in the 1911 Chapel Anniversary programme, covering food and clothing. This time, let's look at three men with connections to Corsley and to Whitbourne Chapel itself.

Our first gentleman is J Garrett (with his son), who were coal, coke and wood merchants, with a depot in Emwell Street, Warminster, not far from the Obelisk. They sold 'the best Radstock coals, from the celebrated Kilmersdon, Writhlington and Wellsway Collieries'. If you've walked the available sections of the Frome to Radstock railway line, Kilmersdon should be known to you. If you haven't, but are interested, contact Gill Redman via the Chapel website and she'll give you information. This lovely

walk takes you from Mells to Radstock, so it's a fair trek – but well worth it! For these coal merchants, orders could be placed at Floral Cottage in Warminster, no street name given, or at Sturford Lane in Corsley, no house name given! Some early gravestones at Whitbourne are hard to read now, but one mentions a beloved husband, James Garrett, who died in 1932; could this be our coal merchant from 1911? There are other Garrett graves in the burial ground, Arthur and his wife Elizabeth, a Daisy and an Ann, but details are hard to read.

Our second gentleman is James Randall, whose advert reads 'Poulterer, egg and butter merchant'. His business had been established for over 50 years, but there's no address in the advert; he's another local who was well-known enough not to have to! His personal attention

is given to all orders, which sounds wonderful, given the impersonal nature of modern supermarket queues! There's a gravestone for a James Randall, who died in 1923; he could possibly be our poulterer.

Our final Corsley gentleman is John Pearce, a builder and wheelwright of Corsley (no address again!), who was also a smith, lime merchant, painter, plumber and undertaker. His business, too, was established for over 50 years in 1911; he also made wagons and carts to order 'at moderate prices'. Carriages and light conveyances were also built, in the latest fashion at the lowest rate 'by an efficient staff of men'. Was John Pearce the owner of the Wagon Works on Corsley Heath, in 1911?



There's a John Pearce buried in the Chapel grounds, who was a Deacon of the Chapel and died in 1877; is our advertiser a son or grandson? Len White, a County Councillor and Parish Councillor

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for a number of years, I think, lived at the Wagon Works in the late 20th century. Whitbourne Chapel's altar table was made by Aaron White, who died in 1931.

In and around 1911, the Chapel had families who intermarried over two or three generations; surnames like Mines, Down, Minty and Heritage crop up on different graves. For example, Aaron White's wife was Eliza Frances Heritage, another Chapel Deacon's surname before 1911. If you're doing your family tree, and names here ring a bell, why not come to the next Sunday Service or Coffee Morning and take a look round..?

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The aim is simple – to make sure every household and parish is better equipped to cope when everyday emergencies occur.

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- Tailored Parish Risk Assessments – identifying Corsley and Chapmanslade's specific local hazards and community priorities.
- Emergency Management Plans – helping the parishes design and maintain effective response frameworks.
- Desk-top Exercises – hands-on learning to test and strengthen emergency coordination.

This pilot builds directly on our parishes' long-standing community spirit, ensuring that local resilience planning reflects the real needs and knowledge of residents.

Next steps

Over the coming months, Safehouse Pro will be meeting with Parish Councils, volunteers, and residents to share resources, gather feedback, and build stronger community networks. Keep an eye on your Parish Council notices and letterboxes for updates, training opportunities, and household preparedness materials.

Are you prepared?

While we wait for the programme to get off the ground, take this short quiz and see how ready your household really is. Tick off what you already have in place. The more ticks, the better prepared you are:

- ☐ I/we all know how and when to call the emergency services
- ☐ Someone nearby who we trust has a spare key to my/our home
- ☐ I/we know the neighbours and who might need help in an emergency
- ☐ I/we have a list of friends who can assist me/us and have their contact details
- ☐ I/we have working smoke alarms and a night-time fire escape route
- ☐ I/we have reviewed my/our home insurance and know the level of cover
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- ☐ I/we know the location of the nearest Accident & Emergency, Police Station, NHS Walk-in Centre, and late-opening pharmacy
- ☐ I/we discussed/know how to manage during severe weather or flooding
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“The more ticks, the better prepared you are. Prepared communities are safer, stronger, and recover faster when emergencies happen.”

For further detail or information, please contact the Project Team at **info@safehousepro.co.uk** or **www.safehousepro.co.uk** or follow this QR code...



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Councillor Ian Thorn, Leader of Wiltshire Council, said: “We are often told that initiatives to reduce carbon emissions cost too much money, but this is a clear example of how cutting down on emissions also helps to save the council money. This innovative road recycling scheme is a win-win for Wiltshire, as we are able to resurface more rural roads and improve rural connectivity, while also saving money and dramatically cutting carbon emissions. Recycling 91% of the existing road surface and avoiding 220 tonnes of carbon is a clear demonstration that green initiatives can deliver real value for both the environment and the taxpayer.”



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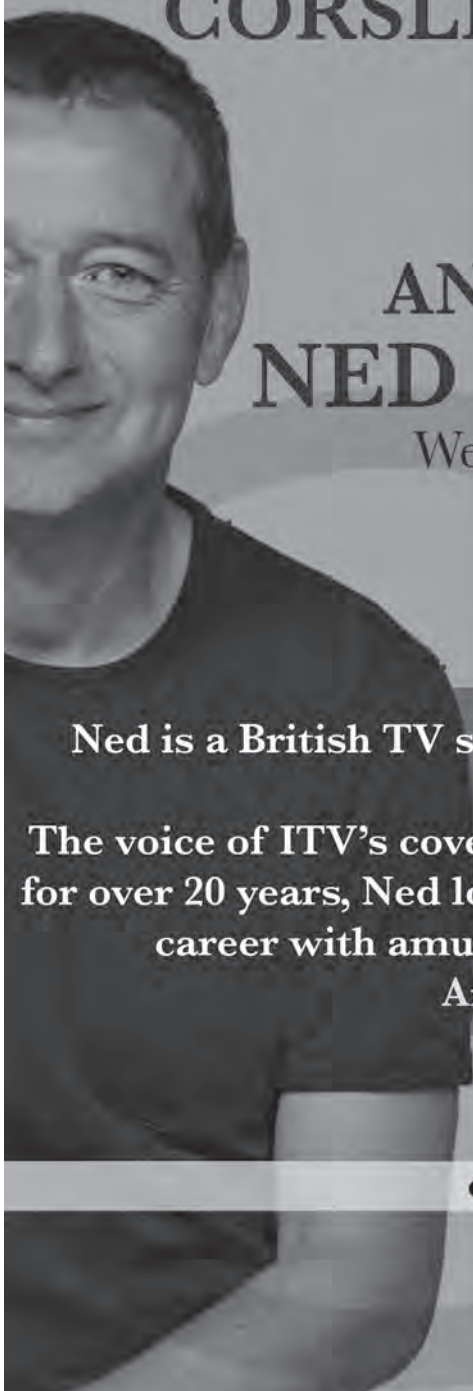
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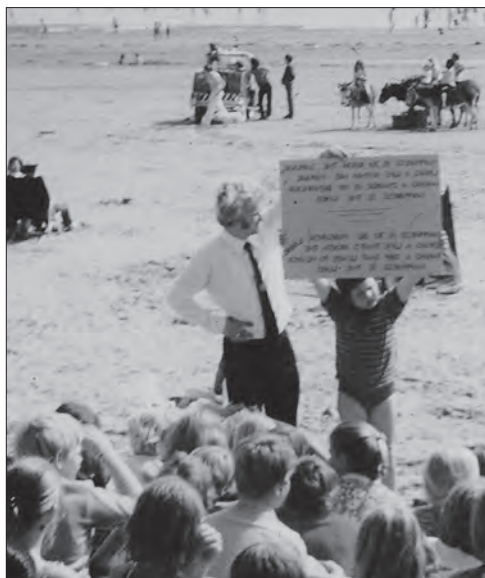
Beach Missions

I am fortunate to have an iPad for the work I do. I often use it for pleasure and there are lots of webcams on there overlooking seaside towns. There is an excellent one focussed at Lyme Regis beach, which was created by the Council using imported sand.

I was thrilled this year when, early one morning in August, some of the team from United Beach Missions were marking out an area where they would hold their meetings during the day. It is not as easy to attract children to a Beach Meeting as it was when we used to run them, in the 1970s. But I was struck by the fact that the visitors on the beach had their backs to the meeting and the vast majority seemed totally uninterested in what was going on and chose not to take their children to join in.

There was literature on display on the wall bordering the promenade, but few stopped to peruse and take a piece of Christian literature. We were holding an Open Air Meeting in Yeovil, back when I was in the Open Air Mission and, at the mention of the Lord Jesus, a young man threw his arms in the air

and said, 'I want nothing to do with that!' The Lord Jesus said, 'He that is not with me is against me', Matt 12:30. Those are pretty condemning words!



If you are not happy or contented, or wonder sometimes what life is all about, get hold of a copy of John's Gospel to read; it was written for you. When you get to the 20th chapter you will read these words; "And many signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his Disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his

name." John 20 vv 30 and 31.

Ray Mead, Chapel Secretary

Did you join in Beach Missions?

At Chapel, we've seen plenty of Ray's work for Beach Missions, with lots of children enjoying hearing the Word of God. Ray's shown us photos of areas marked out, of the boards with information, readings and illustrations on. The children look interested, excited even – and it all looks and sounds inviting!

Gill Redman

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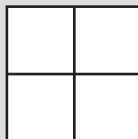
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growing enough to allow the cattle out to graze again and to think about letting the grass in some fields grow on with a view to making silage in October. Thankfully, as I'm writing this that's what the farm are doing right now – it will certainly help our depleted silage store.

Due to the good weather conditions, much of the winter wheat and barley was planted in soil that worked down well and was warm enough for germination; it will soon be showing shoots before the winter sets in. Crops that have become well established in the autumn means that the roots will help prevent soil erosion during heavy rainfall.

Mid October found the woodlands still looking wonderful in their autumn colours. What fun to see children and maybe a few adults kicking up the crisp leaves!

Just be aware that the pheasant and partridge shooting season is upon us, so do

avoid the woodlands if you hear gunshots or the beaters winding their way through the woods, they are only there till the end of January but this sport helps to create pathways and droves for us to enjoy most of the year.

The late autumn colours are enhanced by the celebration of Hallowe'en, with pumpkins and gourds being grown as cash crops by some of our local farmers, something we seem to have copied from the USA.

Just a reminder of another celebration on or around 5th November – fireworks can be enjoyed either at organised events or in you own garden, but do be aware that neighbours should be warned in advance so

that pets of all types, horses and farm animals are safe.

It's also very important to check your bonfire for hibernating hedgehogs.

Enjoy your countryside!



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*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
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- 1 The Salvation Army (National versions are sold all over the world to help raise funds in support of its social work)
- 2 This little finger on the right
- 3 German
- 4 Wagon Wheel (in the UK they are produced and distributed by Burton’s Foods)
- 5 Lisa Marie – she died on January 12th 2023 of a heart attack aged 54
- 6 Reflex
- 7 Georges Bizet
- 8 Good intentions
- 9 Hard Black
- 10 Toby (the puppeteer inside the booth is known, since Victorian times, as a ‘Professor’)
- 11 Clyde
- 12 Snipe

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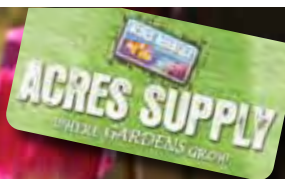
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