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December 2016

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

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

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Full page ads cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

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Deadline

**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 9th December**

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

December

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 5th

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

Parochial Church Council – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'Bring & Share' Christmas Tea

Cinema Corsley 'Absolutely Fabulous' (TBC) – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' - A Candlelit Ghost Story told by Pip Utton. Tickets £10/adult, £5/child, family of 4 £20. Refreshments. Doors open 6.30pm, play starts 7 pm, Horningsham Village Hall

DUE TO THE PRINTER'S XMAS BREAK, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY 2017 ISSUE OF THE BRIDGE IS FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Saturday 10th

Little Cuckoo's Christmas Fayre

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, Godswell Grove Farm, Chapmanslade

Christmas Fayre – 11.30 am - 2.30 pm, Horningsham School. Hot food, mulled wine, Santa's grotto, Neals Yard, Fruitilicious, Chocoholics and many more gifts ready for Christmas. Free entry.

Chapmanslade PTFA Christmas Fayre - refreshments, xmas gifts, stall, children's crafts, special visit from Santa. Free entry – 2-4.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Frome Inner Wheel presents 'A Dickens of a Christmas' – an evening of carols, sketches and fun! – 6.30 pm for 7 pm, Saturday 10th December, Chapmanslade Village Hall

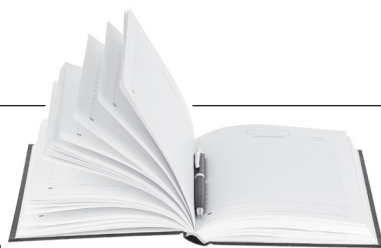
Christmas Bingo - festive prizes as well as cash prizes and a great family night out. £9 for 6 games including all specials. Refreshments served. Doors open 6.30 pm, Eyes down 7 pm, Horningsham Village Hall

Sunday 11th

Corsley Festival Choir Concert – 'Magnificat' – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Wednesday 14th

Lite Bites Christmas lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room



Diary Dates

Thursday 15th

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

Sunday 18th

Coffee Drop In - festive coffee morning – 10.30 am - 12 noon, Horningsham Village Hall.
Drop by for a mince pie and some mulled wine, coffee or tea

Candlelit Carol Service – 5 pm, Whitbourne Chapel

Monday 19th

Carol Singing in Chapmanslade High Street – 6 pm

Wednesday 21st

Carol Singing in Birchwood Close and Heathway, Corsley – 6.30 pm

Thursday 22nd

Frome Rotary and Lions Christmas Float visits Chapmanslade

January

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'All in a Day's Work' - cookery demonstration – 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Chapmanslade Loose Women meal at the Three Horseshoes

Road closure

Temporary closure of Temple (part)

Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic Temple (part), Corsley; from its junction with Sturford Lane for a distance of approximately 30m in a southerly direction to enable Wessex Water to replace a stop tap.

Alternative route: via Temple (unaffected length) – Longhedge – Whitbourne Springs – A362 – Sturford Lane and vice versa.

The closure will begin on 23 January for three days (depending upon weather conditions). Access will be maintained for residents and businesses, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

The Ladies of Frome Inner Wheel

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6.30 pm for 7 pm

Saturday 10th December

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Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Christmas Services

Sunday 18th	Carol Service	6 pm, St Margaret's Join us afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies
Christmas Eve	Crib Service Midnight Eucharist	3.30 pm, St Philip and St James' 11.30 pm, St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill
Christmas Day	Holy Communion Family Eucharist	9 am, St Mary's, Temple 10.30 am, St Philip and James'
Monday 19th	Carol Singing	Chapmanslade High Street. Meet at 6 pm opposite the Three Horseshoes
Wednesday 21st	Carol Singing	Birchwood Close and Heathway, Corsley between 7 and 8 pm. Meet at 6.30 pm at The Royal Oak (Fundraising for The Children's Society)



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Bob's bafflers

- 1 In which game can you literally 'peg out'?
- 2 Which book is most often stolen from public libraries?
- 3 How many sides has a snowflake?
- 4 Which breed of dog was originally bred to run alongside stagecoaches?
- 5 What is the country of origin of Marsala wine?
- 6 What sort of animal is a dik dik?
- 7 Napoleon's retreat from Moscow was celebrated by which Tchaikovsky overture?
- 8 Who is the mortal enemy of Captain Pugwash?
- 9 Little Rock is the State Capital of which US State?
- 10 The Statue of Liberty holds a torch in one hand. What is held in the other hand?
- 11 Seen on a bottle of brandy, what do the letters VSOP stand for?
- 12 'Here come dots' is an appropriate anagram for what? (3 words)

Answers on page 51

2016 Poppy Appeal Collection

This year Chapmanslade and Corsley coordinated their efforts for the British Legion Poppy Appeal and raised the fantastic amount of £2738.96. This amount will increase once we have heard how much was raised from gift aid.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the house to house collections in all weathers and to the Royal Oak, the Cross Keys, the Three Horseshoes, the White Hart, Acres Supply, Little Cuckoos Nursery and Chapmanslade School. Also to the Parochial Church Council of Corsley and Chapmanslade and Chapmanslade Parish Council.

The Royal British Legion not only remembers and honours the sacrifice of those who fought and continue to fight in the service of our nation, but also contributes to providing them with lifelong care. Therefore every penny raised makes a real difference to the lives of service men and women, veterans and their loved ones.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the collections and to all of you who gave so generously.

*Jackie Jasper
Area Poppy Appeal Organiser*

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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from
Corsley Cuckoo's Preschool in Lyes Green, Corsley

This term we have been finishing our learning about autumn. We had lots of entries for our scarecrow competition and they were all wonderful! Two of the children were chosen for a prize, William for the 3-4 year-old category and Pearl for the two year-olds.

Moving towards Christmas!

Our outdoor Christmas tree is ready for the arrival of our own very own Father Christmas who, in true Little Cuckoos style, usually arrives upon a tractor, (but who knows...) at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December – please join us for some festive spirit!

Our annual children's Christmas party will be on Wednesday 14th December. All children are invited for much festive fun!

Our nativity play is at 11.15 am on Friday 16th December at St Margaret's church to be followed by coffee and mince pies at Little Cuckoos. We welcome anyone whom would like to join in with our festive celebrations. For many of the children attending Little Cuckoos this will be their first experience of a nativity, being dressed as a shepherd, singing, dancing and speaking in front of an audience. The nativity celebration is an important part of the Little Cuckoos calendar, we feel so lucky and privileged to be able to access St Margaret's church during the festive season

Little Cuckoos Preschool would like to wish all The Bridge readers
a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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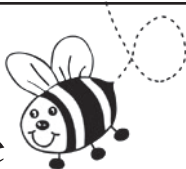
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Biology: changing the world

Bacteria and viruses: what's the difference?

You might hear someone say that a person 'has a virus', meaning they are ill and have a temperature. Yet when they go to the doctor they are diagnosed with a bacterial infection and given antibiotics, which don't work on viruses. So what are the differences between bacteria and viruses?

Simply put, bacteria are very small cells. They usually contain all the machinery for growth and division to give more bacteria. Many disease-causing bacteria (such as *Streptococcus pyogenes*, the cause of the current outbreak of scarlet fever in the South West) can grow and divide outside their host. Usually bacterial cells reproduce by growing, then splitting into two identical 'daughter cells'. In ideal conditions some

bacteria can do this every 20 minutes. If they divide once an hour, each bacterium would become nearly 17 million in a day, but usually the food supply runs out first.

In contrast, viruses cannot reproduce themselves outside a host. They have to infect their host's cells and use the machinery that the host normally uses to make its own materials. The simplest viruses are a piece of DNA (or a similar molecule known as RNA, in 'flu and Zika viruses, for example) surrounded by a protective protein coat. The DNA or RNA carries the genetic information of the virus and can be copied many times; it also provides the information to make the virus protein coat. Viruses may be produced continually from the infected

Illness	Usual cause		Antibiotic needed?
	Viruses	Bacteria	
Cold/runny nose	✓		No
Bronchitis/chest cold (in otherwise healthy children/adults)	✓		No
Whooping Cough		✓	Yes
Flu	✓		No
Strep Throat		✓	Yes
Sore throat (except Strep)	✓		No
Fluid in the middle ear (otitis media with effusion)	✓		No
Urinary Tract Infection		✓	Yes

host cells producing many millions of infective virus particles in a day.

Because viruses cannot reproduce independently, infection is often directly person-to-person, although the 'flu virus and some others can be transmitted from surfaces. The highly-infectious norovirus can be transmitted through contaminated food. While many bacterial infections, particularly those of a "personal" nature may be by direct contact, illnesses such as food poisoning is usually because bacteria have grown and divided in stored food so that sufficient bacteria are now present to cause an infection. For both bacteria and viruses, good hygiene and care will minimise the risk of infection.

Recently, NHS England has advised people with a sore throat to visit their pharmacist, to determine whether this is due to a bacterial infection and antibiotics prescribed, or due to a viral infection. This should reduce the pressure on GP surgeries this winter.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to nigelbrown48@gmail.com

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Chapcap2 Chapmanslade Plan update

The Chapmanslade Plan Steering Group have been busy through October and November reaching out to Chapmanslade residents to find all of the topics they would like included in the Plan questionnaire. Ben and his staff at the Three Horseshoes have been helping by allowing us to put up our "Voice of the Village" poster and handing out forms for you to add your topics. We have had many suggestions and contributions which will be added to those we have already. Please make sure your opinion is heard and talk to your neighbours, so that everyone can get involved.

We will be in attendance at the PTFA School Christmas Fayre being held at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th December at 2 pm; please join us there if you can.

Already some projects are beginning to be developed and thank you to those who have contacted us already, we will be in touch. We are receiving help and advice from organisations used to working on Parish Plans and we now have a treasurer and volunteers who can help groups or individuals to progress projects or ideas that you would like to get involved in. Please contact us if you would like to work on project or forward an idea. The steering group will continue working on the Plan through December and hope to have more news in the New Year.

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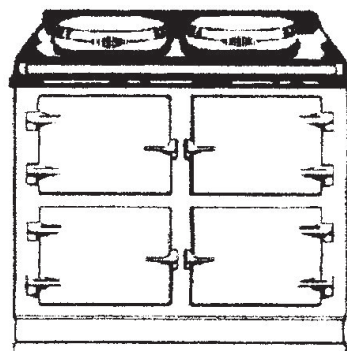


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Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the November activities of the PC

Broadband is the flavour of the month and the PC dedicated two consecutive meetings on the 27th October to the subject. The first was an occasional meeting to discuss and agree how the PC might offer financial support to the funding required to pay for those areas of Corsley left out of the Government (BDUK) funded programme and the second was a meeting of the Len White Fund trustees, the Parish Councillors, to explore whether this fund could also contribute.

As a reminder, the areas which are not yet in the programme are the environs of St Margaret's Church, all of Lyes Green, Court Lane, Deep Lane and Cley Hill Lane. All the remaining post codes in Corsley are covered by the BDUK funded programme. The areas left out are referred to below as the 'gap'.

Occasional meeting

As indicated in last months brief, the Parish Council can use precept funding to support such projects as the broadband gap, since it has "...direct benefit to the area or part of the area or to some or all of the inhabitants." (Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972). The amount is capped at a set figure per elector which for Corsley adds up to just over £4k. The proposal to donate

this amount to the broadband project, via Corsley Broadband Project Ltd (CBP), from this year's precept, was unanimously agreed.

Because of this decision and, taken in conjunction with the usual unavoidable administrative costs and contributions to reserves set up to fund such items as Old School car park maintenance and provision for bus stop replacement in the future, it is likely that the balance remaining for donations to other village organisations will be reduced this year.

Potential additional means of donating precept money to CBP, in future years, under other spending powers, or possibly through a third party organisation were debated, but these all carry uncertainty of their legitimacy as well as potential financial risk. No decisions were made on these possibilities, except to seek legal advice as soon as possible. The timescale of the project was such that no decisions would be required on any further PC contribution until early in the New Year, when the full extent of CBP's fund raising efforts would be known and the precept bid for 2017/18 will be due.

Len White Fund

The PC are sole trustees of the Len White

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Fund, which was set up to help Corsley primary school-aged children or, in the event of Corsley School closing, "...then for the benefit of the children living in Corsley between the ages of five and eleven years for educational purposes as the full Corsley Parish Council shall see fit." Two items were discussed, a bid for a grant to help two Corsley children with particular educational needs and a proposal to liquidate the fund and donate the proceeds to the broadband project.

The received bid was for funding for a lap-top to be used by the children both at home and at school. The lap-top would be managed by their school. This bid was unanimously approved.

The proposal to liquidate the remaining fund and donate the proceeds to the broadband project was rejected.

Other than the bid approved at the meeting, just one bid for spending from the Fund had been received within the memory of the longest serving councillor, despite publicity and advertising in the last two years in *The Bridge* to try and encourage interest. There was disagreement as to whether spending on the broadband project was proper use of the fund, since this would not be directed solely at children in the required category and would benefit a much wider audience. It could also be regarded as, effectively, giving the money to BT Openreach and once the fund was exhausted, the original intention of the donors to the fund could no longer be met. Trustees had a legal duty to ensure that the intentions of the Fund were upheld. It was also felt that the wording of the Fund document was such that, unless any decision was unanimous, it could not be allowed.

Other ways in which the Fund could be used to assist with the broadband project were debated, in particular the possibility

of donation on the condition that the PC restored the balance from the precept over an agreed period. There was sufficient time before a decision needed to be made to allow undertake further investigation on this possibility and this was agreed.

Broadband progress

At the time of writing, progress on Corsley broadband is generally good.

As far as the funded scheme is concerned, two new FTTC cabinets have been installed, one at Lane End and one on the triangle at Corsley Heath. The Lane End cabinet will supply Lane End south of the A362, part of Derford and Norton Common. The Corsley Heath cabinet, in conjunction with a third cabinet, yet to be installed, will supply the Heath area, Birchwood Close, the A362 east of the Heath and south of the A362 to Whitbourne Moor and Springs, Temple, Longhedge, Sturford and Knapps Gate. The two newly installed cabinets are expected to go live in the first quarter of next year; the third cabinet, to be located at the top of Deep Lane, should be installed in the same time-frame, but depends on the electricity company installing the required power supplies. The two new cabinets at Lane End and the Heath can be commissioned independently from the Deep Lane cabinet.

Fundraising efforts for the gap are going well. The cost for this part of the project has been confirmed by BT Openreach after survey as £36.2k, as has the BT Community fibre project grant funding for half this amount. The PC and potential Len White inputs have been described above and there have been generous pledges from the Elizabethan Evening Committee, local businesses (particularly Longleat) and many individual households. In addition an application has been made by CBP to the Prince's Trust, the outcome of which will



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not be known until just before Christmas. The pledges so far received which mean that we expect, at worst, to have to raise an additional £3.5k or so from householders. A decision on how to complete the fundraising will be taken when the outcome of the Prince's Trust application is known, but the general principle will be to try and spread the cost as widely as possible across the village both to reduce amount of each individual contribution required and to spread the burden as far as possible across the village.

A draft contract for the gap is expected by the end of the year, and the aim will be to have all the funds in place before the end of January to allow the contract to be placed. On that basis BT Openreach's aim is to get the gap work completed by the end of next year.

Please note that contributions to January's edition of The Bridge are required early, 9th December, and there is unlikely to be much more broadband progress to report by that date. However, the Corsley Broadband website (<http://hdwebsites.wixsite.com/broadband>) will be kept up-to-date and you can also, and are encouraged to, make a pledge through this site.

Future Meetings

Quarterly Meeting 5th December

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Haiti	6,688	Serbia	109,931
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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter for December in the middle of November when it is not even Advent, let alone Christmas, which feels a bit weird to be honest. But never mind, like many other people I would imagine, I am already planning what we are going to eat over the festive period and spending days off cooking varying items to stash away in the freezer; two chocolate roulades, white chocolate torte, bags of tiffin, bread sauce, cranberry sauce, red cabbage, carrots and parsnips and Christmas cake ticked off. Mince pies, marzipan and icing are still on the list plus a meal or two for when I'm busy. This Christmas will be a very special one as all of our family will be together as both our daughters and their respective partner and husband will be here from New York and Spain as well as our two sons and their partners who live in this country Well, actually the daughter in Spain has been teaching at a university in Tokyo for 4 months but that's another story.

To be honest I find this letter very difficult to write; on the one hand I love all the preparation and yes, as I've said, the prospect of having all of my children with me for Christmas is wonderful, but lurking in there somewhere are rather more painful associations. No family is perfect and mine is just as messy and difficult as everyone else's with memories of times when someone has been in a bad mood, times when long buried but simmering tensions have erupted and spilled over into what should be, if we believe all the glossy magazines tell us, 'your most wonderful Christmas ever.'

And then there are those for whom Christmas is just plain awful: the lost, the lonely, the bereaved, the homeless and mentally ill, those for whom the word 'family' is an anathema. Those who have no country to call their own, never mind a home. What has Christmas got to do with this? Christmas comes into our world as it is in all its messy, terrible, brokenness to give us Emmanuel, God with us, to tell us that whatever happens, however deep the darkness, it will not overcome the light. Christmas comes to you and me as we are in all our human frailty because God loves us, as we are. Whether the Christmas story is literally true or not is beside the point, because it alerts us to a greater truth; as Aslan said in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, 'there is a deeper magic.' A magic more powerful than human sin and death that nothing can destroy.

So as I make those mince pies I'll be praying for you all and especially for those of you for whom the season is particularly difficult this year. I pray that whether you are busy stirring the gravy and looking after those you love, or with us in church, that the spark of God's presence will be real for you this Christmas.

May the peace and joy of Christmas be yours.

With love and prayers,

Pauline

December Church Diary

Sunday 4th December: Second Sunday of Advent

8 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP H Communion

9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Christingle



Tuesday 6th December

After Alpha Home Group

7.30 pm at 93 Lyes Green



Saturday 10th December

Christmas Coffee Morning with 50/50 Club Draw

10.30 am to 12.30 pm at Godswell Grove Farm, Chapmanslade



Sunday 11th December: Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Church Advent

10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

11 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Matins



Wednesday 14th December

Church & Community Christmas Lunch

Donations in aid of the Children's Society.

Please don't forget to book your place!!

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm at Corsley Reading Rooms



Thursday 15th November

Church & Community Coffee Morning

10 am to 12 noon at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



Sunday 18th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

6 pm at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Carol Service

Join us for mulled wine and mince pies for all.

6 pm at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Carol Service

Monday 19th December

Carol Singing in Chapmanslade High Street

Donations for the Children's Society

Meet outside the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade at 6 pm



Wednesday 21st December

Carol Singing around Corsley. Please listen out for carol singers in Birchwood Close and Heathway between 7 pm and 8 pm.

Carol singers to meet at 6.30 pm opposite the Royal Oak

to start our singing around Corsley

Donations for the Children's Society



Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

3.30 pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Crib Service

4 pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Crib Service

11.30 pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Midnight Mass



Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

9 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Eucharist

11.15 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Christmas Worship

Sunday 1st January: Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Benefice Eucharist

Baptisms, Wedding Congratulations & Farewells

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Clive Michael, High Street, Chapmanslade whose funeral was held at the Bath Crematorium on 2nd November.

Remembrance Sunday

Both Chapmanslade and Corsley churches were well attended for the annual Remembrance Services. At Chapmanslade we welcomed the Brownies and Guides complete with their flags and escorts. We are very pleased to report that from the collections we added Gift Aid and a top-up sum and a cheque for £700 has been handed over to the local co-ordinator for the Royal British Legion.

Messy Advent Communion Service

Our Messy Harvest Service was a tremendous success and the church at Chapmanslade was filled with people all ages having great fun. We shall be holding a Messy Advent Service on Sunday December 11th to which everyone is invited. From around 9.30am there will be activities for all, and from around 10.15am there will be a shortened family friendly communion service. The service will be followed by drinks and cakes. If you have not been to a Messy Church before why not come along and dip your toe in the water.

Fundraising

Our Christmas Coffee Morning this year will be on Saturday 10th December from 10.30am to 12.30am and we will be returning to Godswell Grove Farm. The Coffee Morning was a great success last year and we hope that you will come and join us for a cup of coffee and be tempted to buy something! At the Christmas Coffee Morning we will have the Christmas Draw for the 50/50 club. There will be ten prizes ranging from £200 to £25 in cash. Membership costs £24 per year and if you want to be included in the Christmas draw please contact either Neil Britten or Keith Muston as soon as possible. If you are already a member you are not limited to a single membership – you can enter as many times as you wish!! The more members the bigger the prize pot!!

We are holding another Auction on February 4th at Chapmanslade Village Hall. This year some of the auctions will be silent, but some will be auctioned by the irrepressible Dennis Barnard. Please start thinking about what you might be able to offer to go into the Auction. There will be a hot meal and soft drinks available but please bring your own beers or wine. As on previous occasions it is likely to be fully subscribed so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!! Tickets and further details available from any PCC member or member of the Fundraising Committee.

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November News

Corsley WI welcomed several visitors to the November meeting, for an audio-visual presentation on the National Trust Ireland by Philip Walker. In fact Philip showed photos of magnificent houses and gardens from all over the UK and also included some close-up images of oystercatchers, curlews, gannets and other wildlife, gained after much patience and persistence, filming on windy cliff-tops!

Philip began his film with Mount Stewart in County Down, a neo-classical house with its celebrated gardens and its red squirrels, followed by, amongst others, Peckover House in Wisbech, a town house with a walled garden, Lyme Park in Cheshire, a large estate with a deer park and the enchanting Mottistone Gardens on the Isle of Wight. Philip had special permission to photograph some gardens which are not open to the general public; his one regret was that he was only allowed to film the lovely gardens and not the interior of Clandon Park, a Palladian mansion in Surrey, as the building has since been ravaged by fire. Val Sandoe gave the vote of thanks. The competition for members for a green item was won by Mandy Bain, with Hilary Vallis second and Val Sandoe third.

Carol Seward gave a report of the recent Annual Council Meeting of the Wiltshire Federation at which David Hempleman-Adams was the main speaker and the various sub-committees of the Federation

had given details of forthcoming events in 2017.

Why not come and join us? We are a friendly group, so just come and visit us at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month, at the Corsley Reading Room. The exact times are mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report and also in The Bridge Diary Dates or you can ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446. January is always a good time to join the Womens' Institute as it is the beginning of the new subscription year!

If you would like to learn bridge, beginners are very welcome and anyone over 18 can come. If you are interested in the Bridge, Gardening or Lunch Clubs, please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215760 for further details as the venues vary each month.

The meeting on **Thursday 8th December** is a 'Bring & Share' Christmas Tea for members only in the Reading Room starting at 2 pm. Remember to bring your gift-wrapped present costing £2 for the Secret Santa! The competition is for a teapot.

The first meeting in the new year will be on **Thursday 12th January 2017**, beginning at 2 pm in the Reading Room at Corsley, when there will be a cookery demonstration by Val Vincent, entitled "All in a Day's Work". The competition is for an apron.

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to you all!*

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, various venues
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

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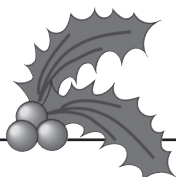
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Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

Chapmanslade Loose Women

The January meeting of Chapmanslade Loose Women will be a meal at the Three Horseshoes on **Thursday 12th January**.

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- Get the children involved and decorate statues using ribbon and old scarves
- Use red cyclamen and white hyacinths to plant up a pot or tub
- Purchase or make yourself a holly wreath to hang on your door or garden gate and bring a smile to all your visitors' faces.

Bring your garden indoors!

- Use red dogwood or twisted hazel stems from the garden and place them in a clear

vase, using pebbles to hide the bases. To finish the centrepiece off, drape fairy lights over the stems

- If you're having a real Christmas tree this year, remember to cut off the base and place the tree in a stand that holds water to prevent the needles from dropping. The best-selling non-drop trees are blue Nordmanns – perfect for indoors and a great touch to your Christmas decorations
- Create a colourful centrepiece by filling a clear glass bowl or vase with epsom salts. Add a layer of bright red berries and then fill the vase with fresh greens.

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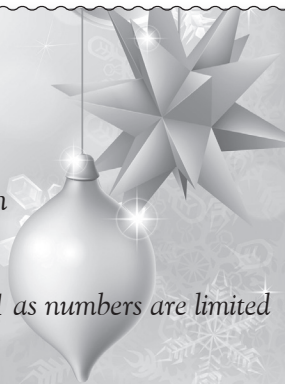
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12.30 pm, Wednesday 14th December, Corsley Reading Room

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Cinema Corsley

Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie

7.30 pm, Thursday 8th December (doors open 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start)

We have had three great films so far this winter, *Golden Years*, *The Man Who Knew Infinity* and *Love and Friendship*. Fun films, great atmosphere, many glasses of wine and lots of ice cream! Thank you to everyone who came in November and helped us by voting for future film choices. We have sent on all your requests and will hear back from *Moviola* later in the month. There are some fantastic films to look forward to – we're spoilt for choice! Look in the January *Bridge* to see what our spring program will be.

Appropriate for their big screen debut, *Edina and Patsy* are still oozing glitz and glamour, living the high life they are accustomed to: shopping, drinking and clubbing their way around London's trendiest hotspots.

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Lumley is a blast as Patsy with her deadpan snarl and Saunders is fabulously silly as Edina, who still dresses like a hyperactive five-year-old let loose with a fashion show dressing-up box.

Tickets will be available from Acres Supply. Doors open at 7pm so you can enjoy a pre-show glass of "Bolly", for a truly Ab Fab vibe, of course. There's also tea, coffee, ice cream and mince pies! See you there Darling! (Dressing up optional)



Ring the changes with Campanology News



Another year has nearly gone, it seems no time at all.
Too many things for us to do to manage to recall.
Our tower is no exception, we've rung to every call,
Practice, weddings, service, dear Gordie's funeral.
We still have help from others to boost our band each week
We also ring with them at their's to make sure the bells speak.

Our learners are progressing, their teacher's learning too
With time from Peter Baker, my mentor and friend, who
Comes over every Monday night to guide me all the way
To help them ring with safety and keep the faults at bay.
By next year all the work they do will reap deserved rewards,
They'll join us in our practice and on Sundays afterwards.

We plan again to ring the bells at New Year at midnight.
I'm gathering a band of friends to join in this delight.
If you fancy coming to the church and in the tower to see,
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in November

The parish council met on 17th November. We were joined by seven residents.

Longleat

Bob Montgomery, CEO of Longleat Estates, had asked if could come to our meeting to share with us some of the estate's future development plans. In the event, he was unable to join us as he had been called to business meetings in the USA. However, Geoffrey Wheating, who works closely with him on these plans, came in his place.

We learned that Longleat currently has one million visitors a year. The aim is to increase this to 1.2 million. The estate's business plan has changed considerably following the recent change of management, with a move away from becoming something of a theme park. The emphasis is now on attracting visitors by staging prestigious events: the Elton John concert and the current Festival of Light, for example. We were told that Longleat proposes to build a large hotel and conference centre as part of its aim to increase attendance.

Mr Wheating answered questions from the parish council and residents present at our meeting. We recognised the positive aspects of the estate's plans i.e. more employment for local people, but some were concerned about the likelihood of increased traffic congestion because of the proposed expansion. No doubt we will hear much more about Longleat's plans in the coming months.

A new plan for Chapmanslade – Chapcap 2

Adam reported that the steering committee has now begun to meet. Lots of positive ideas and suggestions are being put forward about how to make Chapmanslade an even better place to live. Adam mentioned that Ben, landlord of The Three Horseshoes, has been most helpful in displaying in the pub the chart summarising the issues raised at our September meeting and by placing response sheets on the tables in the restaurant for residents and visitors to let us know which issues we should be considering. Shortly, we will be distributing a questionnaire to seek everyone's views. We had a massive response the last time we did this as part of Chapcap 1 and hope for the same again.

You can contact Adam on 832437 or email him at plan@chapmanslade.org.uk for offers of help or with further ideas about how we can improve our village.

Planning applications

16/10941/FUL 37 Clearwood View, single storey rear extension

We considered this application and saw no grounds for objecting to it.

16/08350/FUL Sienna's Valley, Huntenhull Lane. Temporary rural workers dwelling and alterations to access (Resubmission of 14/09500/FUL and subsequent appeal)

We learned at the end of last month that Wiltshire Council has turned down this application, stating that it was using its powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to decline the application and “as such it is regarded as withdrawn”.

Planning authorities have the power to decline applications which are similar to those made within the previous two years and which have been turned down at appeal. Application 14/09500/FUL was dismissed at appeal on 6th April and the applicant was given twelve months to remove the temporary building and to restore the land to its original profile. The planning authority reached the conclusion, which was in accordance with the parish council’s view, that there has been no significant change in the development plan nor has there been any significant change in any other material considerations since the similar application was dismissed on appeal.

Broadband speeds

As I mentioned last month, most of us in Chapmanslade benefit from acceptable broadband speeds but this is not the case in outlying areas of the parish, Huntenhull Lane, Mill Lane and Short Street, for example. We discussed this issue at our meeting and agreed that we should start discussions with BT to see if there is a solution. We are aware of the initiative taken in Corsley, which has a much more scattered population than us and we agreed to contact their parish council, and also Dilton Marsh parish council, to see if there is anything we can learn from their experience. We’ll keep you in touch with developments.

Telephone box

BT have indicated that they wish to remove the telephone box from the village. Apparently it has only been used five times in the past year. A village resident has urged

that it should be retained and has asked for our support. She regards the box as being part of our village heritage. On the other hand, some residents regard it as a traffic hazard. Others say it is a useful direction finder when giving instructions to visitors on how to find their homes.

Three or four years ago we were asked by BT if we would like to buy the box – for £1 (a bargain, but there were strings attached) but, at the time, we didn’t feel we were in a position to do this. This time we decided to inform BT and Wiltshire Council, who make the final decision, that the box, and the telephone, should be retained for use in the case of possible emergencies, particularly bearing in mind the patchy mobile signal in the village. The phone box has special sentimental value for Adam, incidentally, as the phone was used by his father to contact the midwife when he was about to enter the world. Maybe we should be erecting a blue plaque there to commemorate this important event?

Precept 2017/2018

Our precept (the total amount we collect from you in Council Tax) for 2016/2017 is £5,000. Most of our spending is on supporting the village hall. Parish councils are under increasing pressure from district and county councils to take on responsibility for providing services which previously have been provided by them but which they can no longer afford. For example, the parish council would now have to pay 25% of the cost of repainting the white lines on our village roads. Also, we now have to fund any elections for casual vacancies on the parish council. And we no longer benefit from any grant aid from central government.

The amount the parish council keeps in reserves would cater for any emergencies in the coming months but we reached the

decision to increase the precept by £150 to £5,150 for 2017/2018. This means that each household will pay not much more than £1 per month: we hope that residents will recognise this as good value.

Remembrance Day

We held our annual Remembrance Service at the church on 13th November. Afterwards, together with the village's Brownies and Guides, we assembled by the war memorial to remember the 17 village residents who sacrificed their lives in the service of the country in World War I and the two who died in World War II. Robert Irving, one of our village residents and a former naval captain, read out our Roll of Honour, which was followed by two minutes' silence.

And finally... part 1

Community Facebook Group launched

A Chapmanslade Community Facebook Group has been started with the aim of improving communication between as many people as possible in the village. Charlene Ridler, who is a member of the Chapmanslade Community Plan steering group, started the Facebook group in response to ideas put forward during recent 'Voice of the Village' meetings. Charlene says, "It's a great way to 'chat' with group members and find out about what's going on in the village."

Also, says Charlene, "Because it's a closed community group, only people accepted by the group administrator can see our message posts. We've already got 49 members signed-up and it's becoming a very active group with lots of posts. One of the things we are using the Facebook group for is to get as many ideas as possible for

making Chapmanslade a better place to live - for everyone in the village."

So why not apply to join NOW? Just sign-in to your own Facebook page (or start a Facebook page if you don't already have one), search for 'Chapmanslade Community Group' and apply.

And finally... part 2

Do watch out for the carol singers from the church who will be in the High Street on the evening of Monday 19th collecting for The Children's Society and also for the Frome Rotary Father Christmas float which will be touring the village on Tuesday 20th.

Our next scheduled parish council meeting is due to be held in the village hall at **7.30 pm on Thursday 12th January**. If any new planning applications need to be considered we will meet on **15th December**. We will be welcoming David Reeves, Chairman of the Avenue Surgery Patient Group in Warminster, to our January meeting, who will give a short presentation on the work of the surgery and the role of the Patient Group. His talk should also be of interest to residents who are members of other surgeries in the area.

We also hope to be joined by some of the young people from our village who will give us their views on how they would like to see Chapmanslade become an even better place to live. Do come along to the meeting if you can, to speak or maybe just to listen.

Season's greetings to all of you from all of us on the parish council.

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As we approach this Christmas Season I'm reminded of the word spoken by the Angels who appeared to the Shepherds: "I bring you good news, today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2 v10 & 11 New International Version).

Why is it Good News? Because Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world for a purpose. He came to save us; to offer us hope. Why? Well, the Bible reminds us we've all turned our back on God who made us. As Christians, though, we believe there is a way back, because the One who was the babe of the manger became the man of the Cross. He came to do what we could not do for ourselves – dying for us so we might live.

That's the Good News of Christmas. God entered the world in all its darkness to restore us back to Him, to give us a lasting

Hope and Peace as we are restored by putting our faith in Him alone. Among all the celebrations, the presents, the family gatherings, spend a few moments thinking about the true meaning of Christmas – maybe come and join us on Christmas Morning (or indeed any Sunday Morning) and learn more about this Good News.
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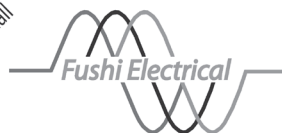
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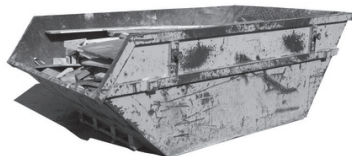
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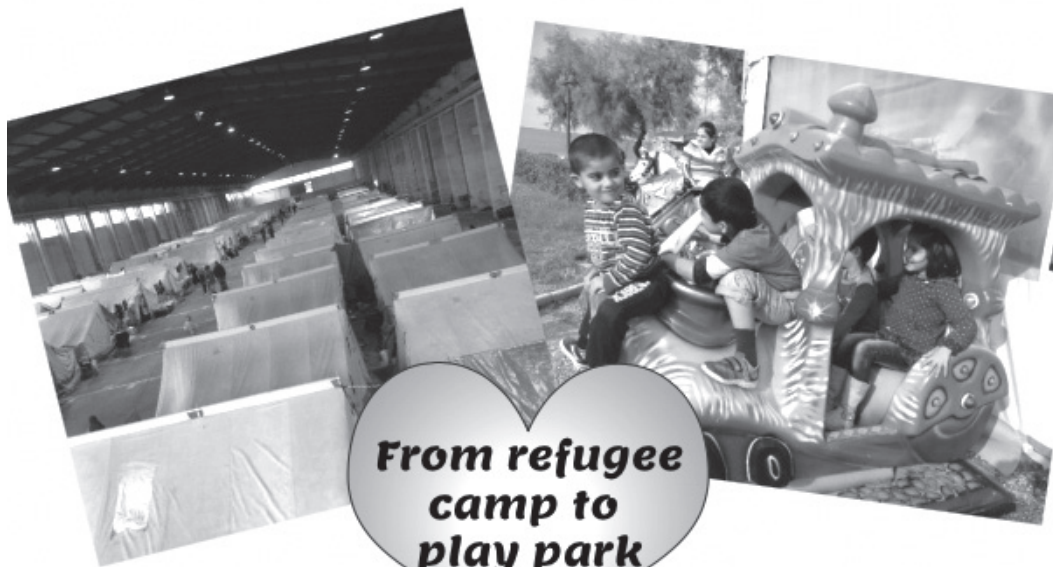
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Countryside Matters

It's the end of the year already!

It seems unbelievable that autumn in all its beauty went on well into November! The warmer temperatures allowed the grass to keep growing and the low rainfall meant we could let the cattle graze outside much later in the year than normal.

Calf-rearing in the farm buildings gives us headaches as the higher temperatures can encourage infections and pneumonia in the young calves. As soon as the calves understand how to drink from a mobile milk feeder they are taken out to the more sheltered fields and will be fed twice a day. They will stay out enjoying a much healthier environment until the really cold weather hits in, when they will come in to the stone barns with nice dry straw bedding and *ad lib* food and drink until the spring.

Sadly, tuberculosis (TB) in our local herds is still rife; this year, over 70 cows from our farm alone have been sent for slaughter.

Due to many more dairy farmers leaving the industry and the reduction of cow numbers because of TB, there has been a shortage of fresh milk getting to the supermarket.

During December, our local market at Standerwick will host the traditional Frome Fatstock Show and market where the best cattle will be judged and sold to butchers for that special Christmas meal in homes and restaurants.

A large fresh poultry market is also held with every conceivable type of fowl of all sizes just plucked or oven-ready, it really is well worth a visit even if you have already ordered from your local farm or butcher.

The farm's hedges are cut back during the winter months so they thicken out in the spring ready for nesting birds and to provide cover for small mammals. The road hedges should also be cut back by landowners for road safety.

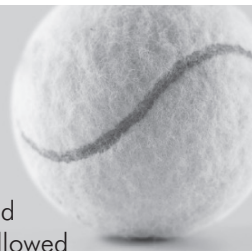
Take a tip from wildlife and plan ahead for the winter months: make sure you have food in store ready for a cold snap, wood/coal and torches for possible electricity cuts. Keep extra woollies and blankets close at hand and do remember to check on neighbours who may be unable to get out for the necessary things such as food and medicines

We who live in this lovely countryside have a responsibility for both our fellow countrymen (neighbours) and all living animals around us.

Have a happy and healthy Christmas

Judith Helliar

Corsley Tennis Club News



On Friday 18th November the Tennis Club held their Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation Evening at the Royal Oak. The Chairman, Diana Hale, introduced the evening and summarised the varied events of the very successful year, the tournaments, the league team's success, the August Corsley Show fundraising stall and the Club's celebration in September of 60 enjoyable years on the Memorial Playing Field and in the Chippenham League.

Charlotte Beswick, a founding member in 1956, and our President kindly presented the trophies:

Ladies' Singles	Jenny Bishop
Men's Singles	Jon Dilena
Ladies' Doubles	Margot Judd and Marlene Latchem
Men's Doubles	Andy Howson and Simon Bruce
Mixed Doubles	Sue Kerfoot and Jenny Bishop
The Junior Cup	Emma Kozlowski

Club members enjoyed an excellent dinner followed by a quiz. Thanks go to Brenda Levitt for organising the evening, to the Royal Oak for the excellent food and service, to Andrew Hillier for the devilish quiz, to Barbara Hughes for supervising the raffle with a vast array of prizes kindly donated by those attending and to Sonia Glenn for ensuring all the cups were recovered from last year's winners and lined up in sparkly fashion.

Our hardy members are still playing throughout the winter whenever it's feasible – wrapped up in several fleeces, gloves, scarves and hats – though the real challenge occurs on windy days! We welcome new members at any time of the year. Club sessions during the winter are on Tuesdays and Sundays from 10 am.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you on court sometime.

Syrian Crisis

Horningsham residents, Caroline and Neil Dykes, are currently volunteering in Greece. They have been there since mid October and will return in January. They are in Greece as independent volunteers and work directly with the Syrian refugees at Oraiokastro Camp. The camp is a large, unheated, isolated factory building that has been filled with tents. There is no heating, hot water, kitchen facilities or dignity. The residents' basic needs are met by the

Greek Army; a handful of mainly ineffective NGOs make promises every week but little happens. We asked the residents what help they needed, their reply was to feel human again, so three times a week we take them to the city parks for a day out with lunch. The kids play, the parents relax and everyone feels like they can breathe. Caroline and Neil are entirely self-funded; if you'd like to follow their work or donate to a day out for a Syrian family, please see their Facebook page – Syrian Family Fun.

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

Chairman of the Management Committee, Hugh Deed,
reports on further improvements to the Reading Room

We continue to make small changes and improvements to the Reading Room including the installation of additional noticeboards.

Having used the dishwasher a few times for events, we decided it makes life easier if we have additional trays/drip trays and these have now been purchased.

The Corsley Cinema (Moviola) evenings continue to be well supported and tickets are already selling well (at the time of writing) for the December showing of *Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie*. We're expecting a sell-out event, so don't rely on buying on the door! Get your tickets now from Acres Supply for what is promised to also be a suitably festive and fun occasion; 'Bolly' is not promised!

Our new sign went up in mid-November on the main road side of the hall and we hope this will bring additional interest and bookings.

Jill Westgate has joined the committee with an initial focus on the marketing/promotion of the hall and its use. More information on this will be in the January edition of *The Bridge* when we will be asking you for your views on what you would like to see happening in the Reading Room.

It has been suggested that a handrail be installed along the fence by the back door down to the carpark to reduce the risk

of tripping/ falling/slipping and we are investigating options.

Users' views or comments about the Reading Room are always welcome so please do let one of us know by contacting myself or Jenny Ruty (Secretary) or any of the other committee members.

The Christmas Bazaar on November 19th was a sell out and a fair number of local people came and purchased from the interesting array of stalls providing great variety. Mulled wine was available, in addition to tea or coffee, along with possibly the first mince pies of the 2016 festive season.

A full list of the committee 2016/17 will be in the January edition of *The Bridge*. Visit www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more information, bookings, contact details, etc.

Hugh Deed
Chairman of Management Committee

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!



Cross Keys News

Corsley's very own community-owned pub

It has been wonderful to see so many of you supporting the pub since it re-opened and enjoying the lovely food and welcoming atmosphere. Now the evenings are drawing in, there is still plenty to entice you to visit.

We have a number of events and specials happening in the run-up to Christmas. There will be more news about the plans for next year on our website www.crosskeyscorsley.co.uk and in The Bridge.

The **Christmas decorations** will be going up in the first weekend of December and **mince pies** will be available on the bar to start the celebrations.

A **Christmas Quiz** is being held at the Cross Keys on Thursday 8th December 7.30pm, teams of 4, tickets are £6 per person including a light supper. Please contact Shelley on 01373 832406 for more details and to book a table.

The **Christmas menu** is now available for bookings between the 5th and 23rd December; see page 14 of this edition of The Bridge. Be sure to book to avoid disappointment! We are building a reputation for excellent food and this menu has something to appeal to everyone. It's a great venue to meet up with family and

friends this festive season. A children's menu is also available.

The Cross Keys is a fantastic start or end point for a walk or cycle ride to enjoy our beautiful countryside. Maps of local walks are available in the pub to guide you. Dogs and wellies are welcome in the bar.

Finally we have decided that during the winter period when times are tending to be very quiet, the Cross Keys will not open on Tuesdays and will close at 5 pm on Sundays with food finishing at 4 pm.

New Year's Eve

We have a very special evening in store for all who join us and '**Come Aboard The Titanic**'. Look for the Christmas menu and learn more!

We hope you will come and see us in the near future and help us to support our community Free House. We look forward to seeing you all.

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Cribbage
- 2 Guinness Book of Records
- 3 Six
- 4 Dalmatian
- 5 Marsala is a dry or sweet wine produced in the region surrounding the Italian city of Marsala in Sicily
- 6 A small antelope that lives in the bushlands of eastern and southern Africa
- 7 1812
- 8 Cut-Throat Jake
- 9 Arkansas
- 10 A tablet upon which is inscribed the date of the American Declaration of Independence
- 11 Very Special Old Pale
- 12 The Morse Code

Small ads

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

Please note: no cash, no advert!

FOR SALE

Bremshey Cardio Control E Upright **Exercise Bike** – 18 training programmes, colour LCD monitor with background light displaying speed, distance, time, calories burnt and a pulse measurement via the handle grips. Cost £300, hardly used, would like **£150**

01373 832444

FOR SALE

Child's Car Seat – grey, rarely used so looks new. Suit 4-11 years (approx) – **£15**
01373 832520 or 07885 603873

WANTED

30 year-old Italian guy looking for casual jobs: dog walking, drumming lessons, conversational Italian lessons, gardening chores, IT jobs. **Francesco 07470 692048**

FOR SALE

Cold and wet outside? Stay at home and walk off the miles on my full-size Reebok **Cross Trainer** – adjustable magnetic brake, LCD display, pulse monitor, speed, distance, etc., – **£50**

or, shake a leg on my full-size stand-on Medifit **vibrating platform** – LED display, time and calories burnt, variable intensity – **£40**

01373 832231

PROPERTY WANTED

I am looking for a three-bedroom (or two with study) property in Chapmanslade. If you are considering a move, please contact me (you may even save ££s on agent's fees!)

Tracey Horne

01373 302606 or 07855 506139

traceyjhorne72@yahoo.co.uk

Local organisation adverts

£2.00 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

1 space	(69mm wide x 33mm high)	£22.00
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£42.00
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£60.00
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£75.00
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£104.00

Trade advertisement material should be supplied in print-ready format, to the chosen standard size and correct shape.

For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer) at either thebridge832@gmail.com or 01373 832443.

Offices to let in Corsley

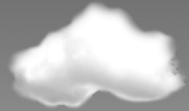


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