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October 2023

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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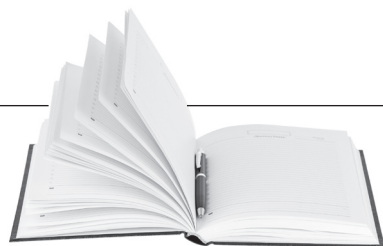
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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 19th October**

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

October



Tuesday 1st

Corsley Harvest Festival - Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving
10.30 am, St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 7th

Corsley Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Reading Room

Sunday 8th

Volunteers Day – 10 am - 4 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 10th

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

Wednesday 11th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes (in the gallery)

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 15th

Harvest Service – 10 am, Whitbourne Chapel – all donations to local food banks

Monday 16th

Get Online – FREE event – 10 am to 1 pm, Warminster Library (see page 45)

Thursday 19th

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

Tuesday 24th

Quest4Faith – 7 for 7.30 pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch, from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room
Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes (in the gallery)

Thursday 26th

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal collection begins today until 12th November

Saturday 28th

Halloween Disco – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Diary Dates

November

Saturday 4th

Chapmanslade Independent Makers Market – 10 am to 4 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Monday 6th

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7pm, Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 8th

Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Reading Room

Saturday 11th

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

Tuesday 14th

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

Wednesday 15th

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Annual
General Meeting – Cross Keys, Corsley (if
different, the venue will be published on the
field and village Facebook pages)

Thursday 16th

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

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Soup Lunch, from 12.30 pm,
Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 25th

Advent Fair – 10 am to 12.30 pm, St
Margaret's Church, Corsley
Quiz & Supper with the Two Bobs,
Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wiltshire Mobile Library

Chapmanslade School

Arrives 1.45 pm, departs 2.30 pm

Wednesday 4th October

Wednesday 18th October

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday 15th November

Wednesday 29th November

Wednesday 13th December

Wednesday 27th December

Wednesday 10th January

Wednesday 24th January

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 3rd April

Corsley Ceilidh

Following last year's success, on Saturday 2nd September we held the second Corsley Ceilidh in the Horticulture and Crafts Marquee provided by the Corsley Fayre.

Once again we were supporting the brilliant work of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group who are currently fundraising £580,000 to purchase state of the art surface guided radiotherapy equipment for the radiotherapy department of the RUH, Bath.

This year we were flinging ourselves about to the music supplied by the amazing White Horse Band whose caller kept us on our toes explaining the steps to traditional country dances. Some found that easier to follow than others!

Thanks to ticket, bar, BBQ and crepe sales, plus some very generous donations, we raised well over £2,000 for the BCUSG.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this such an amazingly successful and jolly evening.

Lisa Tolson and Chris de Groot

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We have just heard that BCUSG have collected the whole £580,000 to buy the radiotherapy equipment and it has been ordered!

Well done!

Chloe Coulson AVON

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if you are interested

Back in June I was most distressed to find the gate in memory of my daughter Vanessa lying on the ground as the heavy post to which it was attached had no doubt been knocked down by farm equipment. After several phone calls to the Parish Clerk and Wiltshire Council and finally, in desperation, one to Longleat Estate Office the gate was quickly reinstated and the rotten post replaced. I was delighted and surprised to see everything back to normal when I cut the grass over the Bank Holiday weekend and the brass plaque will be screwed back on to the post on my next fortnightly visit.

Thank you so much to all concerned.

*Dianne Young
(formerly of Apple Garden)*

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Corsley Village

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Hedge hazards

Councillor Bill Parks explains the hazards of overgrown hedges and what you are obliged to do about yours

Don't let your hedge be a hazard

As we enter the autumn season and the annual flail cutting of roadside verges starts, I thought that I would write a few words about roadside hedges.

Travelling around the villages I see many examples of overgrown hedges alongside footpaths and country lanes. These pose a real hazard to people who are disabled or who are visually impaired and young children or other pedestrians who risk injury or damage to their faces or clothing from thorns and branches. If the pavement (footway) is narrow or the obstruction is excessive, they may be forced into the road. This is particularly dangerous for wheelchair users or for people pushing a pram or buggy. On junctions and bends, overgrown hedges may obstruct sight lines and the clear view of motorists. They may also obscure traffic signs or streetlights and, with many of our country lanes being narrow, increase the risk of accidents.

Many hedges grow on the edge of the highway and mark its boundary with private property. It is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier to properly maintain them and any trees or other vegetation the hedge contains.

Landowners and occupiers are required by law to trim any hedge next to the public highway where the growth is preventing the



Cut your hedge!

pedestrians along the lanes. Also check vegetation is not obscuring signs or streetlights.

If Wiltshire Council, exercising its powers as the Highway Authority, identify an obstructive hedge or potentially dangerous tree on your land, they can send a letter saying what work you need to carry out to make the vegetation safe as stated in The Highways Act 1980. If you don't deal with the obstruction, they may do the work and claim back the cost from you.

If trees, shrubs and hedges are regularly maintained to within your property boundary there will be no need for the Council to ask you to take action.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with local issues.

*Bill Parks
Wiltshire Councillor
Warminster North and Rural*

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The next few weeks are crucial for securing policy support for renewable liquid fuels for heating. YOU can make a difference.

Our campaign to deliver a renewable liquid fuel solution for oil heated homes featured on the front page of the Daily Telegraph, thanks to the support of George Eustice MP.

You may also have seen it on the Mail Online, Independent, The Times and Yahoo News. We're really pleased to see the positive response from readers.

We've reached a pivotal moment in our campaign.

The government is pushing an Energy Bill through Parliament which will set out how homes like yours will transition to greener heating systems in the years to come.

George Eustice MP has put down crucial 'amendments' to the bill which would give oil heated homes the choice of switching to a renewable liquid fuel, rather than a heat pump.

Three reasons renewable liquid fuels are so important...

1. The government wants to end the use of oil heating. They have set out proposals to end the installation of fossil fuel heating in homes off the gas grid from 2026. In most cases, households would be expected to switch to a heat pump. However, many oil heated properties aren't suited to a heat pump unless expensive and disruptive changes are made which could include new radiators, added insulation and a new hot water tank. The government's own calculator reveals the cost could be over £20k in some cases. Even if we weren't in a cost of living crisis, that's simply unaffordable!



Future Ready Fuel

2. Our demonstration project has been a huge success. Around 150 oil heated properties across the UK from homes, pubs, schools to churches have been using the renewable liquid fuel Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) for the past two years as part of our demonstration project. The switch from kerosene to HVO

required a minor modification to the boiler at an estimated cost of £500. As a result, carbon emissions were reduced by 88%. Research shows there is more than enough sustainably sourced

supply to meet demand.

That's why renewable liquid fuels, with minimal up-front cost and disruption, are the ideal alternative solution. Our project is the perfect blueprint for more rural communities to follow as part of a wider rollout.

3. It's about fairness and choice. We're in a cost of living crisis but we still need to make progress in transitioning to greener heating. It's vital that renewable options are affordable and we believe YOU should have a choice over the type of renewable heating system you have in your home. It's sometimes hard to see how we, as individuals, can make a difference. That's why we created the Future Ready Fuel campaign to have a united voice. Every single letter sent to an MP makes a huge difference. Make your voice heard today!

Write to our MP, Dr Andrew Murrison at murrisona@parliament.uk and urge him to back the amendments. You can download a template letter at:

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- 2 The ballet 'Swan Lake' is set to music by which composer?
- 3 Who wrote 'Cider with Rosie'?
- 4 In 1834, six farm labourers, from Tolpuddle in Dorset, were sentenced to transportation to Australia for what offence?
- 5 Alfred Pennyworth was butler to which super hero?
- 6 Which organ of the body is affected by Bright's Disease?
- 7 Composers Rachmaninov and Prokofiev had the same forename – what was it?
- 8 Who wrote the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat'?
- 9 In English nobility, which rank lies between baron and knight?
- 10 What does a somnambulist do?
- 11 What numeric term describes perfect eyesight and a form of cricket?
- 12 Which famous band performed the first ever song on Top of the Pops on January 1st 1964?

Answers on page 48

Chapmanslade Hall News

We've made the most of the summer with several family events. The rounders evenings, croquet and cream teas saw lots of villagers, old and new, attending and enjoying relaxed get-togethers. Thank you to all our helpers and to Wendy for her delicious scones.

We will have hosted our panto quiz night and will now be looking forward to our Halloween Party on Saturday 28th October with DJ Frank. This will be an adults only event, tickets from Lou 07806 486295. Spooky fancy dress encouraged. We also have our next quiz with The Two Bobs in November and some more film nights to look forward to throughout the autumn and winter.

We've recently purchased some new goal posts that look great and have had fantastic use so far. Our pavilion has had a spruce up and so has the playground tower.

We are asking for your help at our Volunteers Day on Sunday 8th October 10 am to 4 pm. Even if it's only an hour you can spare it will make a huge difference. There are all levels of jobs and a whisper of cake and bacon sandwiches!

We currently have a vacancy for a committee secretary. If you'd like any more info on joining us, please feel free to speak to Lou Knight (Chairperson) or any member.

If you're on Facebook, follow our Village Hall page for future info and events.

Lou Knight

Corsley wildflower meadow

Chris Johnson and Judith Selman write about the latest happenings at the meadow

The Corsley community wildflower meadow project has now been going for five years and we are pleased that Corsley Parish Council has granted another five years to continue developing this project.

Five years ago, this was the Corsley School playing field. It was a field of grass (and not much else) that had to be mown on a monthly basis to keep it tidy. Now the area is home to over 50 species of wildflowers and 12 different (non-commercial) grasses, not to mention the shrubs we have planted at the edges, such as guelder rose and hawthorn. We mow it twice a year: once with a standard mower in the spring, and once with a tractor-drawn drum mower at the end of August when the plants are tall. We owe grateful thanks to Adam Oakley for mowing each summer.

In previous years, we have had volunteers come to rake the mowings; but this year, we have had the mowings baled which saves a lot of labour. Thanks again to Adam for bringing along his small baler! We have had a couple of enquiries as to whether the bales could be used for horse feed. Unfortunately the hay was not dry enough to keep, despite a week of warm sunshine at the beginning of September. At this time of year, it is difficult to get the hay to dry out sufficiently because of heavy dew.

Some people might look at the meadow in summer and see only a mass of rampant growth. But those who look closely will see so much more. The wide variety of plants hosts

a diversity of other life. We have recorded 14 species of butterfly (including Brown Argus and Common Blue), 56 species of moth, 7 species of wild bees, 5 species of dragonflies (including Golden-Ringed and Southern Hawker) and damselflies, as well as many other invertebrates such as grasshoppers, beetles, hoverflies, shield bugs and so on. The flies provide food for birds such as swallows; the moths are food for bats. The berries on the shrubs are also food for birds. Voles live in the meadow which are food for owls and kestrels. None of this array of wildlife would be there if it were not for our meadow.

We are constantly working to increase the biodiversity of plants by sowing new species and planting plug plants in the meadow itself and on the bank. Normally it is estimated to take 15 years for a wildflower meadow to fully establish and we hope the village will continue to support it moving forwards.

You are free to come and visit the meadow anytime. Why not come next spring when the wildflowers are in bloom again. We will continue to mow paths around to make access easier. And don't forget, there is a picnic table which anyone can use. This is an amenity for all to enjoy.

And finally, if anyone would like to become involved in maintaining and improving the meadow, you can get in touch via our Facebook page.

Follow us on Facebook: Corsley wildflower meadow.



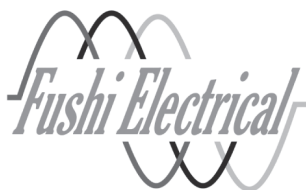
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in the gallery at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

We welcome people of all beliefs or none.

For the first informal gathering we thought we could chat about the word faith and its various meanings

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Memorial Playing Field

Neil Carpenter, Chair, reports on recent goings on at the field

Well this has been an amazing growing year with rain, heat and sunshine. Rather than the field being brown and dry, as it was last year during the drought, the grass has been growing at such a rate that a once-a-week cut was not enough. Thank you to the team of volunteers who have helped keep the playing field looking great throughout the summer.

Some of you may have noticed that the Flying Carpet has been removed. We had a problem with some of the screws coming loose connecting the rubber to the frame. The company we bought it from came and collected it immediately and are sorting out a solution so it will not happen again. We are hoping to have it back and flying soon.

We wanted to say thank you to everyone who supported us at the Corsley Fayre by having a go at the skittles. We raised around £120 which will keep us in diesel for half of the next year.

Now that autumn has arrived can I please ask that any neighbours do not take it into their own hands to start cutting down hedges in the Playing Field without agreement. The Playing Field is a registered charity run by the trustees and therefore the trustees should be asked before anything is done on the field such as cutting down hedges or trees, dumping green waste onto the field or accessing the rear of houses.

We have also had a spate of thefts from the pavilion for the first time in some years.

A number of grey chairs, a set of steps and a director's chair were taken along with squash, coke and straws. Clearly this is extremely frustrating for the trustees who work so hard to keep the Playing Field open for all, as well as now having to keep the pavilion locked all the time. We have changed the key safe so that it is impossible to work out the code. Replacing lost equipment and changing locks are all costs which reduce the amount we can spend on making the Playing Field as nice as possible for everyone in the village.

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing the field for winter. The badger fence will be put in place. This is to stop the badgers from digging up the outfield looking for bugs. It is very frustrating but we cannot tolerate the damage caused by them, which is then exacerbated by crows, causing significant expense and work for volunteers in the spring.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting will be on 15th November, hopefully at the Cross Keys. If there are any changes we will let everyone know via ours and the village FaceBook pages. Anyone wanting to support the Playing Field by being a trustee or just wanting to give feedback to the trustees is welcome to attend.

*Neil Carpenter
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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

John Willcox, Parish Clerk, rounds up the PC's activity in September

The Parish Council met on 4th September. The meeting proper was prefaced by a statement from the Chairman where he reminded councillors that the PC has a code of conduct and that it would be remiss if this was not adhered to. There followed a discussion on the use of social media when it comes to the airing of PC business and it was agreed that the PC Facebook page should be the vehicle for PC business in future.

Surprisingly, there were no planning applications to consider, albeit it was reported that the application by Malthouse Farm for a stable block and change of use to provide an all-weather area for equestrian use had been refused by the planning authority.

Streetscene

The three villages group are due to meet in the autumn to discuss any progress on the issues raised. In the meantime, the PC are engaging with officers of Wiltshire on a number of matters; brackets for the Speed Indicator Device at the western and eastern ends of the village on the A362, a pedestrian crossing on Corsley Heath and liaising with the Parish Steward on verges and hedges.

Villagers will have noticed that a lot of the road signs have been replaced as part of National Highway's maintenance programme. Following discussion and the circulation of a map detailing the points where permanent equestrian signs could be usefully placed, it was agreed that further dialogue with National Highways on the design and siting of further signs would be useful. In addition,

it was agreed that the PC should engage again with the Longleat Estate to try and mitigate the increasing traffic on the alternative entrances to Longleat.

Finance

A report had been circulated detailing the current financial position of the PC.

Detailed discussions regarding the precept for the financial year 2024/2025 will take place in November with a view to the precept being set in early January. The meeting discussed at a preliminary level the areas that might be included in these spending decisions. These included suggestions that the PC might take on, for a limited period, the cutting of hedges and verges in those lanes that the local authority are never going to do; replacement/improvement of the of the two bus shelters at the White Hart and Longhedge; the implementation of the Emergency Plan that had been drafted. The financial implications of these suggestions will be further discussed and built into the budget.

The Wild Flower Meadow is part of the Old School Playing Field and its management is subject to a five-year review. It had been proposed that the agreement that governs the management should be extended for a further five years. This was agreed.

Baytree Close Development – Maud Davis Close

Villagers will be aware that the Baytree Close development has been in the pipeline for some time and may be wondering what has been

going on. After making contact with the local authority we can report the following:

The groundworkers are expected to be on site before the end of October, and it may be sooner. In terms of activity, the initial work will be to secure the site (and fence off the route of the path so that this is undisturbed), then the initial work will be the creation of the new road, followed by the drainage and footings for the houses. It is likely that the houses will be delivered to site early in the new year.

Regarding the acquisition of homes – six of the eight will be for affordable rent and will be let via Homes4Wiltshire. Anyone wishing to be considered for these needs to make sure they are registered as in housing need. Homes4Wiltshire will be advised when the homes are nearing completion and will then advertise them on their website for bids. Priority will be given to those with a local connection and with demonstrated housing need.

There are two, two-bedroom homes for shared ownership. These will be advertised via the PC, in local papers and on the website as completion is neared. These will also be prioritised for people with a local connection. Anyone interested in the shared ownership properties is advised to look at the website:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/5346/

What-is-shared-ownership

We understand that a lot of people have contacted the local authority about both tenures. At the point that advertising is done these people will be contacted via email and pointed towards the Homes4Wiltshire, or the Shared Ownership page on our website.

Anybody who has a specific circumstances or queries is welcome to contact Christine Brown, the Residential Development Project Manager at Christine.Brown@Wiltshire.gov.uk or on 01225 718771. Christine has indicated that she is happy to answer if she is able to.

Needless to say, as the PC becomes aware

of progress we will update the village.

Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 6th November – the fireworks will be over by then! We welcome all visitors.

In memory of Barbara Oakham

Barbara's funeral took place at St Margaret's Corsley on 7 September with the burial at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade. It was a highly emotional day for the Oakham family, who would like to thank you all for your kindness, compassion and prayers. The Oakhams also extend their thanks to everyone who was able to attend the service to celebrate Barbara's life, and to all those who helped to make a very difficult day more bearable.

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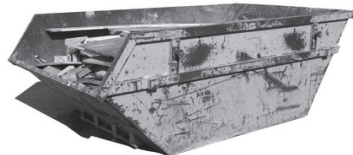
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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I don't know what your thoughts are about the bible, but I have to say that it does contain some of the most profound words I have ever come across. In the book of Ecclesiastes, written over two thousand years ago, we read, 'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.'

My time in this benefice has now come to an end; it doesn't seem five minutes since I arrived, and we held a big service in St Margaret's Corsley for my licencing by Bishop Nick. Actually, it doesn't seem five minutes since I was ordained in Peterborough cathedral twenty years ago.

I have been so privileged in my ministry. I have had the opportunity to enjoy the most incredible experiences and meet the most amazing and inspirational people. I have been able to be alongside people at the saddest and most painful periods of their lives and the most joyful; a deeply humbling part of what it means to be a parish priest.

I count myself so lucky to have lived amongst you all in this beautiful place and I am so grateful for your friendship and support over the last nine years. I must particularly thank our Licenced Lay Minister Robert Shuler, and our lovely, retired priests for their support and help with leading services and taking funerals and weddings. And now, even though it is very painful, I know it is the right time to go and the right time for me to retire.

When I was ordained all those years ago, I had to learn what it meant to be a parish priest, now I must learn what it means to be a retired priest. I have to say, even though writing a sermon is a very interesting task, I am very much looking forward to not having to write one every week! I'm also looking forward to reading the great pile of books I have stacked up ready and maybe playing the piano again.

So, to be succinct, I think what I am trying to say is very simple; thank you. Thank you for making my time here so enjoyable, I will miss this place and miss you all so much.

But we are not going to be far away in Buckland Dinham so please do come and say hello if you are passing, the coffee and cake will be waiting for you.

Please do come to my last service here on October 15th at 10 am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill.

With love and gratitude
Pauline

October Church Diary

Please note that from the Sunday 8th October, unless otherwise stated, the time of our weekly services will be at 10 am, with the exceptions of Matins on the 3rd Sunday

Sunday 1st October: 17th After Trinity

8 am Holy Communion Kingston Deverill

10 am Harvest Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill

10.30 am. Corsley Harvest Festival

Service of Thanksgiving & Songs of Praise



Sunday 8th October: 18th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Harvest Festival Eucharist Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist Kingston Deverill



Sunday 15th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity

Rev Pauline's final service

10 am at Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 22nd October: 20th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 29th October: All Saints and All Souls

10 am Eucharist and All Souls

Chapmanslade

Corsley Harvest Supper

Saturday October 7th, Corsley Reading Rooms 7 for 7.30 pm

Crafternoons

Wednesday 11th & Wednesday 25th October
3 – 5 pm, Thee Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Reverend Pauline's final service

Sunday 15th October, 10 am at Longbridge Deverill

Following this service Pauline will no longer be Rector of our Benefice. We wish her and Ian every happiness in her retirement and new home.

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday 19th October, 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

'Quest for Faith'

7 for 7.30 pm, Tuesday 24th October
Meeting in the gallery at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
(see advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge)

Recent Baptisms Weddings and Funerals

Baptisms

Frederick House, Wesley House, 24th September at Brixton Deverill

Funerals

Barbara Oakham 7th September at St Margaret's, Corsley
Janet Andrews 26th September at Kingston Deverill

Church and Community Coffee Mornings

Third Thursday of each month
10 am to 12 noon

The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the PC's latest activities

The Chapmanslade PC met on Thursday 14th September.

Public forum

Councillor Bill Parks (Unitary Councillor) updated the meeting on Area Board activities and the recent tarmacing through the village.

One member of the public spoke regarding continued concerns related to the Thoulstone Park application and the number of public nuisance complaints the most recent event had generated.

The Thoulstone Park applicants spoke on the company's intentions with the present Licence permission application, the lessons learnt from the recent event particularly related to noise levels and changes made following the withdrawal of the previous application. Mention was also made regarding the positive comments from those who have attended events or presently access Thoulstone Park for various activities.

PC meeting

Updates were given on the recent road resurfacing and the small number of outstanding issues that were yet to be fixed, most of which had been noted by the contractor and were in the process of rectification. Councillor Adam Oakley thanked Councillor Bill Parks and Councillor Phil Holihead for enabling the smooth process during the road closure and for the continual communication with the workforce and updates for the residents.

The proposals regarding a small 'virtual' extension at the entrance to the village hall has been accepted by the Wiltshire Highways and Footpaths Group (LHFIG) and is awaiting a site visit by the Highways engineer.

Concern regarding the condition of pavements and the need to consider improvements to these soon were noted and would be taken up with LHFIG in due course. Councillor Bill Parks was already aware of the issue and was supportive of some upgrading.

The PC chose not to pursue any further a proposal to downgrade the High Street from an A road to B road as it met all the criteria for an A road and is also an emergency services route between two ambulance authorities. The PC felt that there was no evidence to support the proposal that changing back to a B road would either reduce the amount of traffic or traffic speeds going through the village.

Councillor Phil Holihead spoke on how the Police Traffic Enforcement team are looking at peaks of speed and working with data provided through Speed Watch Teams and SIDs. Chapmanslade will be joining the scheme which targets Police enforcement to speeding hot spots over 24 hour, 7 days a week period using SID data.

Licence application

Thoulstone Events License Application – previous application withdrawn and a new application submitted.

In objecting to this application, the PC noted three particular concerns in addition to the clear evidence of historical and recent public nuisance issues from events at the site:

- It placed no limit on the number of events that can be held each year on this site
- It sought an extension for amplified music after 11 pm at weekends
- There is no clear requirement with regards to low frequency noise which has been a regular source of public nuisance.

Planning application

PI/2023/06957 FULL

Proposed erection of new tennis Court and extension of existing car park at former Thoulstone Farm BA13 4AP

The PC objected to this application as follows:

- The existing car park is already extended to 16 spaces and not the 8 stated and is 3 times larger than shown on the application site plans. Adding a further 8 would make a total of 24 vehicles and this would make a mockery of the suggestion that there would be no uplift of usage at the site entrance.
- There is already an unauthorised car park on the west side of the property with no planning permission
- The proposed tree and hedge screening was for deciduous plants which will lose leaves in the autumn thereby providing no screening but adding to the possibility of creating a road hazard from wet leaves at the busy junction on the A36 which is in proximity.
- No archaeological survey was present regarding the ancient chapel shown on Ordnance Survey maps
- The PC felt that by applying for a land change from agricultural to residential amenity the applicant was opening the door for future development. The site is clearly a commercial enterprise of holiday lets as substantiated by the Hesdin Hall website.

Update on CIL funding proposals

Councillor Adam Oakley reported that there were lots of ideas being put forward and projects need to be more formalised, and costings included before being presented to the PC. Some of those he mentioned were related to the church developments as a community building, a second-hand mower for the Memorial Playing Field and the PC's 25% commitment to the topographical survey of the High Street. He asked the PC to consider managing and negotiating further re the multi-user pathway proposals and it was agreed that a meeting for councillors to discuss ways forward with managing this process would be arranged outside of the PC meeting.

Update on 106 Funding

Councillor Humphreys reported on the process for Wiltshire Council in dealing with its legal responsibility and requirements. It is a lengthy and complex process and it may be some time before and money it is released to the PC.

New PC member

Councillor Ian Curtis was welcomed to his first meeting as a co-opted member of the council.

Following receipt of an application to fill the final co-option vacancy on the council, councillors voted to co-opt Professor Adrian Evans.

Next meeting

The next Council meeting is planned for the 12th October 2023.

All meeting dates for 2023/24/25 are listed on the PC website:

**[www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/
parish-council/meetings](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/parish-council/meetings)**

Corsley WI

September news



Members began the meeting by remembering Jean White, a member of Corsley WI for over fifty years, who passed away during the summer and who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Several visitors joined us as we then went 'beneath the covers of a bookshop' with Tina Gaisford-Waller, the manager of Hunting Raven Books in Frome. She came to this, her dream job, after working in other areas; as an actor, as a stunt woman and in hospitals. She tried lots of things but a constant thread in her life was her love of books.

In 2018, Tina became the manager of Hunting Raven Books and shortly after entered a competition launched by Pan Macmillan to mark their 175th anniversary. She proposed a project, 'Books Against Loneliness', and was successful in winning funding. Working with local organisations, including Active and in Touch and Mendip Health Connections, Hunting Raven began to hold friendly 'one to ones' with people to chat over coffee and cake about what is important to them. As a result of the conversations staff would choose a book which they thought their guest would enjoy and hand write a letter explaining the choice before gift wrapping it and delivering it to them.

This was followed by 'Meet by the Books', an initiative aimed at younger adults who were asked to bring a book they loved or hated, that they felt strongly about and talk about it to others. The idea was to promote new conversations that didn't revolve around personal details.

These projects helped to raise awareness of the part books can play in combatting feelings of loneliness and demonstrated the role that independent bookshops like Hunting Raven play in the community.

Once a month Tina meets with a sales rep from each of the major publishers to go through the lists of what is coming in the next 2-3 months. They have a good understanding what is needed, and Tina has a good sense of the books people like to buy.

Tina went on to talk about the process of publishing a book. From a manuscript being accepted to a proof copy being printed can take anything from two months up to a year. Writers need a good relationship with their publisher when it comes to editing a book, some books require little editing, others more. Proof copies are sent to reviewers and booksellers well in advance of publication.

Hunting Raven Books has a 'Proof Pudding Book Club,' giving a chance to read and discuss proof copies of books not yet published. They have also just hosted 'The Accidental Book Festival', with visits from authors throughout September. The next author event, at the end of October, will feature Ellie Griffiths. There is certainly a lot going on beneath the covers of this bookshop!

At our next meeting Corsley WI will be visiting 'Made at Nest' in Frome to try pottery painting. For more information about this or any other events please contact Alice on 07989 339632 or email alicecambridge40@gmail.com

Patricia Sharrocks

Corsley Tennis Club News



As we enter autumn, it's a time to reflect on how much our courts have been buzzing with activity this summer, catering to all ages and abilities. It's been fantastic to witness such enthusiasm and engagement at the Club.

A big shout out to Martin, our dedicated tennis coach, and our amazing volunteer committee members who have made our club so proactive. Together, we've organised club competitions, participated in league matches, and hosted club sessions that have been a hit with our members.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming presentation and social evening on Friday 24th November. It promises to be a great night! The more the merrier!

On Sunday mornings, our courts are bustling with junior lessons and adult club sessions. The atmosphere is electric as children enjoy their lessons, parents catch up, and the playground comes alive. Kudos to Martin for making the junior lessons so enjoyable, with the valuable support of Mimi and Frank, who are working towards their LTA Tennis Leaders Award.

Speaking of their efforts, they ran a session this summer that everyone loved as part of their award journey.

Corsley Fayre was an absolute success, and can we talk about the incredible weather? Once again, it was all made possible by our dedicated volunteers, with Martin and Mimi keeping the tennis games going non-stop throughout the afternoon. It was a pleasure to meet many of you there and remember, we're always on the lookout for new

members, regardless of your age or skill level.

As winter approaches, we'll trade in our sun hats for cosy woolly ones and add a few extra layers, but tennis won't stop. Our courts are superb and drain well, allowing us to play throughout the winter as long as they're frost-free. Club sessions will continue every Tuesday and Sunday morning from 10 am to 12 noon (although our Friday night 6-7 sessions will fade away with the light), and we even have a WhatsApp group for those seeking practice or a game.

Don't forget that we offer group and 1-2-1 coaching for both adults and children. Book your sessions through our website at **clubspark.lta.org.uk/CorsleyTennisClub** and you'll find valuable information on the benefits of becoming a member.

On a different note, we're in search of a grounds person to help maintain our fantastic courts and a committee member treasurer who's good with numbers. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch.

We're eagerly looking forward to seeing all of you back on the tennis courts soon. Let's make this autumn and winter just as exciting as the summer we've had!

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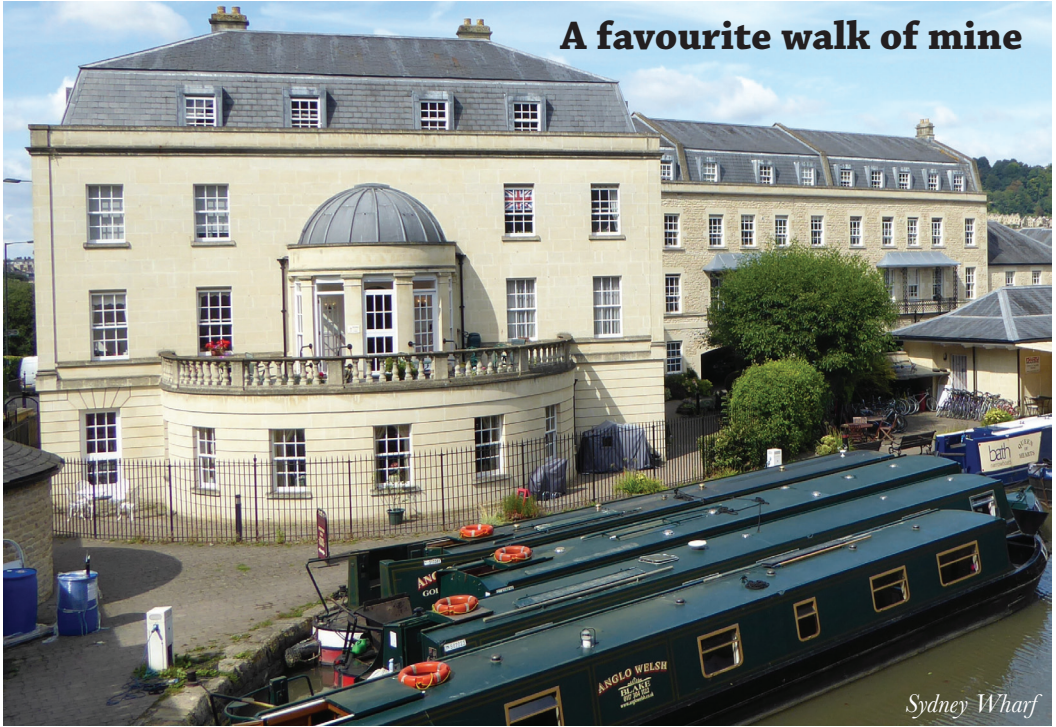
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Wonderful Walks

A favourite walk of mine



Before the weather gets ‘proper cold’, as they say in Zummerzet, let’s explore a favourite walk of mine, at Bath. If you’re using a car, use Odd Down Park and Ride as well, saving yourself Bath parking charges. Disembark at Southgate Street and walk round to where the bus station is. Past that and the railway station are old underpasses left (they look like tunnels), but one of these is a road through to a green-painted metal bridge. This is Halfpenny Bridge, the replacement for a wooden toll bridge which collapsed into the Avon, taking people with it. This bridge is free to use, so cross it; the toll house is still there at your right. Turn left next and walk past Widcombe Baptist Church, with its bold message: Christ died for our sins.

You’re on the canal towpath now and near your first lock, the ‘Widcombe’ or ‘Bottom’

lock, beside Thimble Mill pumping station. This pumped water up from the Avon to the canal, replacing liquid lost each time the locks were opened. The road you cross, next, is Rossiters Road, built in 1976; it meant merging locks 8 and 9, creating the second-deepest lock in England, nearly 20 feet deep. The ground rises as you head for the next lock, ‘Wash House’, so-named because a nearby building was where Bath’s Georgian and Victorian washerwomen dealt with laundry for the city’s wealthy visitors. There’s a white-painted iron footbridge across the canal here.

Past Abbey lock, next, there are great views of Bath, plus the Pumphouse Chimney. The pumphouse has gone, but the chimney remains, ornate in style because Bathwick Hill residents didn’t want an industrial chimney

ruining their views in the 1840s! Near here, too, is the Millenium Sundial, detailing on its 'arm', the workers employed to run the canal and transport goods on it. Top Lock Cottage was, first, a lock-keeper's home with a barter store for trading goods between boatmen. Later, it became a Bath Humane Society station, where equipment was kept for rescuing those who fell in the canal.



Pump house chimney



Footbridge near Wash House lock

classic Georgian/Victorian structure built on its bridge for the Duke of Cumberland, as the Kennet and Avon Canal offices. Here's one of the first designated office buildings in Europe, not just England! Canal tolls were paid at the bridge, using the tin and pipe technique – do you remember that?! You paid your money, it went in a tin can with your bill and was airlifted through the pipe to an office. The cash was removed, the bill marked paid and back the can came with the paperwork and any change due!

We've almost reached Sydney Gardens, the farthest point today, but don't let that stop you exploring further. Park at or near Sydney Gardens another time, join the canal towpath there, turn left

Bairds Maltings is on the far side of the canal; this was once a malt house, as seen from the distinctive conical chimney. The wide steps down to the water were used by men carrying grain for malting here; the finished product was later returned to boats for transport elsewhere.

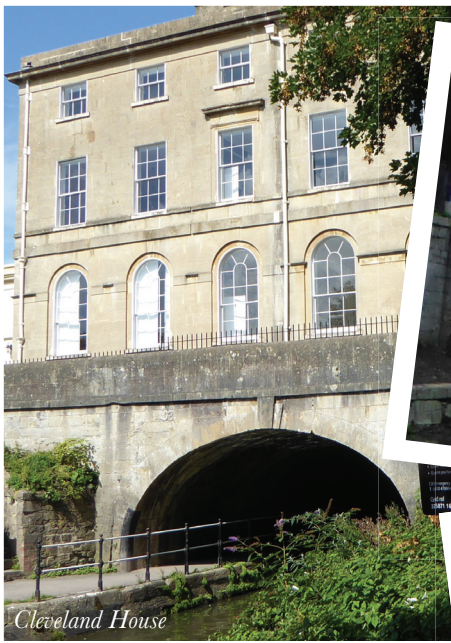
Sydney Wharf is reminiscent of the canal in its heyday. Coal from the Somersetshire Coal Canal was offloaded here, along with heavy farm goods, timber, stone and slate. The elegant Bath stone building beside the wharf may once have been an hotel, with its apsidal frontage. Cleveland House, further on, is a



Top Lock Cottage



Millenium sundial



and walk, maybe to Bradford on Avon! Sydney Gardens was created in 1795 as pleasure gardens, so when the canal route proposed going through the gardens, the Kennet and Avon canal company was charged 2000 guineas for permission, and all its bridges had to be elegant iron ones. They also had to be built by Stothert, a Bath company, and the iron had to come from their foundry at Coalbrookdale.

Before today's exit into Sydney Gardens, you'll see an attractive footpath exit on the left, with a white-painted iron barrier, resembling (to me!) a swan reaching out of the water and stretching its wings! Exit left, instead, at the wide stone bridge further on and walk through the gardens to the Holburne Museum. Stand at the front of the building and ahead of you is Great Pulteney Street, a straight wide thoroughfare. It may be half a mile long, before you reach Pulteney Bridge and find the way off that, left, down to Pulteney Weir. From there, find the city centre and treat yourself to lunch at the Pump Rooms, before returning to your car...

Tools with a Mission

We have been invited to be a collection point for this mission (a comprehensive list can be found on page 42)

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This year's Poppy Appeal will start on **Thursday 26th October** and continues until Remembrance Sunday on the **12th November**.

Our village collectors will be out during these dates visiting as many houses as they can. If you are out when they call, they will leave an envelope with a date to collect them from you.

The 2022 Poppy Appeal was a tremendous success with Corsley and Chapmanslade raising £2813.37. From care homes to recovery centres, the Royal British Legion (RBL) provide a vast array of welfare support services to our Armed Forces community and their families.

Last year the RBL launched their cost of living grants programme. The programme was designed to allow the RBL to assist people



who need help with everyday essentials. Officially launched last October, it proved instantly popular, with more than 1,600 applications received in the first two weeks. Although that figure has steadied, it was, and still is, an important service, which they could not provide without the money raised. If anyone would like to help by becoming a collector or to host an event please do contact me.

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Whitbourne Chapel

*The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved.
Jeremiah Ch 8 v 20*

So, the big question is, 'Is the Bible true?'. This is a question which may affect our lives and eternity, according to what we decide.

My father-in-law never owned a house, never owned a new car or had savings in the bank. He had a wife and five children and above all he trusted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, believing all that the Bible had to say about creation, God's people (the Israelites, the prophecies of the coming of a Saviour in the Old Testament and the fulfilment in the New Testament with the arrival of Jesus at Bethlehem, and His eventual death on the cross for the sins of mankind.

He would freely share his faith with the other workers in the factory of Butler & Tanner. He would be ridiculed by some and his argument was a simple one. "Let us say that you are right and there is nothing after this life," he would say, "I have lived a very contented life believing that the Lord Jesus will take me to Heaven, because I asked Him into my life to forgive my sins. If as you say there is nothing, then I will die a contented man in my beliefs. But what if the Bible is true and I have done the right thing, where will that leave you?"

The Lord Jesus spoke of a separation of sheep and goats to show the people what

would happen.

He told a parable of a rich man and Lazarus. In life, Lazarus beg crumbs from the rich man's table, in eternity the rich man was in Hades and Lazarus was in Abraham's bosom. The rich man begged Abraham to let Lazarus come down and dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. Abraham in his reply said, 'There is a great gulf fixed'. (Luke 16 v 26).



The one question I find hard to answer is why countless despots, dictators, rulers, governments and whole regimes will ban their people from reading or owning a Bible. What are they afraid of? They claim it is a book of fairy stories, myths or legends. Come on, who is afraid of Little Red Riding Hood or Cinderella? Maybe if their people became Christians they would not be able to have a hand in dubious dealings and might have to be more honest and not just start wars against their neighbours. I don't know.

Ray Mead (Church Secretary)

PS My father-in-law lived to be 100. When he visited medical clinics in his later years he say to the medical staff, 'Don't worry about me, I know where I'm going'. He became known for this phrase!

Please remember:

If you need help or simply someone to talk to, ring 07980 013685 and we'll do our best to help you. Otherwise, visit our website www.whitbournechapel.org.uk or google 'Whitbourne Baptist Chapel'.

Tools with a Mission

We at Whitbourne Chapel have been invited to make a collection of unwanted tools which might otherwise end up in landfill. Tools with a Mission (TWAM) collect tools, refurbish them and send them to training centres in Africa with a view to totally changing peoples' lives.

What to do they need?

They would be very grateful for:

- Agricultural tools: fork, spade, hoe, garden rake, hand fork and trowel, lopper, secateurs and hand shears
- Builders' tools: spade, shovel, 3ft spirit level, axe, crowbar, fork, sledgehammer, bow saw, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures, hacksaws and Stanley and hacksaw blades
- Carpenters' tools: bevel, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, all types of files and hammers, Stanley knife, all types of planes and saws, pliers, rules, all types of saws and screwdrivers, squares plus screws, nails and bolts
- Electricians' tools: allen keys, hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering iron, voltmeter
- Motor mechanics' tools: allen keys, cold chisels, breast drill and bits, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, tyre pressure gauge
- Plumbers' tools: basin or tap wrench, wire brush, breast drill and bits, various grips and saws, screwdriver, oil cans
- Garage workshop: hydraulic jack, axle stands, battery charger, ramps and large engineer's vice

- Power tools: hand and bench drills, sander, planer, jigsaw, circular, band and chop saws, lathe, cultivator, rotavator, welding machine and generator
- Sewing machines: manual, electric, treadle and industrial
- Knitting machines: machine and hand wool, needles and patterns
- Haberdashery: needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls, buttons, zips, tapes
- Fully working IT equipment: desktop computers and laptops running a minimum of Microsoft Windows 7, modern flatscreen monitors, tablets.

Power tools can be either electric or battery (only lithium batteries can be sent abroad).

No thanks...

It's not about what we want, it's about what people can use. What may be useful to us, may not be useful to recipients in our partner countries. If we say we can't take something, we're not being ungrateful, we're just being honest.

- Broken tools – we can sharpen and remove surface rust, but can't repair or take tools with woodworm.
- Ladders and step ladders
- Lawn rakes/long-handled shears, hedge trimmers, electric trimmers, Workmate benches
- Electric and hand lawnmowers
- Printers, scanners, typewriters
- Disability aids: walking frames, wheelchairs, medicines and glasses
- Clothes and shoes.

Success story

“ I learnt knitting here last year and graduated in June. My husband does piecework (day labouring), which is very hard, pays very little and is not regular. We could not afford our own home and lived with my nieces, siblings, brother-in-law and parents. I have one daughter and I could not afford to send her to school. Before my training I had no skills and could do nothing; life was so difficult ”

Nelly shows us the impact skills training and access to knitting machines can have on one family. Her husband can now take days off to recover from hard labour, which will prolong his life, and not feel under pressure to accept the worst jobs.

Nelly no longer needs to fear the family will go hungry or whether her extended family will ask them to leave their home because they cannot afford to support them. Three months of training and access to tool have given Nelly and her family a secure long-term future.

Dear TWAM,
The machines and tools for carpentry we have been given from Bishop Francis and the New Life Giving Ministries, Lusaka, has benefitted the Masansa community by creating sustainable jobs for ten residents. Because of this, the children and dependents of the 10 employees can now go to school. On average, each worker has six family members, which gives an approximate number of 60 children now going to school.

The machines have helped our production centre improve on the quality of products and contributed to job creation in the Masansa community of Mkushi central province. Having the tools and machines also motivates workers to work well and faster compared to when they did not have them. The tools make our work easier and faster.

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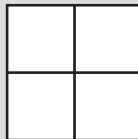
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

I understand many readers of The Bridge hope to find the rainfall for the month in my regular ramblings! Not to disappoint:

August 2023	87.22 ml
August 2022	33.00
Total to date (2022)	686.89ml 356.00ml).

By the time the children returned to school we returned to a heatwave with temperatures reaching 30°C in early September

Fortunately, the Corsley Fayre enjoyed good weather and a most successful and enjoyable day culminating in a wonderful evening of country dancing raising much needed money for the radiotherapy team at RUH Bath. Sadly, the Frome Agricultural & Cheese Show suffered from the extreme heat with the dog and cattle classes being cancelled and many attendees leaving early.

By mid September we were battenning everything down as rain and high winds came in from the west.

As the nights draw in we start to think of autumn and the changes that come about in the countryside. Leaves start to change colour, grass stops growing, fruit on trees and hedges are now showing their colour ready to attract the birds that will be flying in from colder climes.

Work on the farm now entails preparing the buildings ready for housing the cattle, first at night-time and then, as the need arises, for housing 24 hours a day.

Autumn fieldwork continues throughout October when the soil temperature is warm enough for germination of grass and cereal seeds. Maize is harvested when the cobs are

30/35 percent dry matter.

A high percentage of calves are born in the autumn months so that milk is produced through the winter months. It is important that the cows' diet is correct to maintain a regular supply of their milk. This is when good home-produced feed is so important, as commodities such as soya and vitamins, are so expensive.

Calves are housed either in pens in large airy barns or covered pens, with around eight to each pen. They have individual care from day one from their regular calf-rearer (usually a female worker) who sees to feeding, bedding, water, medical needs and air circulation. Heat stress in calf houses can encourage many diseases.

For early spring lambs, both the ewes and rams must be in good condition during the autumn so that conception is good. Special supplement blocks will be placed in the fresh grazing fields.

Dogs fouling in fields can adversely affect the health of grazing animals, so if you are walking your dog on a public footpath, please ensure you pick it up and take it home and dispose of it sensibly.

You may be aware that young pheasants and partridge poults are now in their pens in our woodlands; please keep well away as they are easily scared and will crowd together for safety, potentially resulting in smothering some of the poults close to the wire fence.

Enjoy the woodland for the colours they offer us and, when the frosts come, enjoy the rustle of the leaves under your feet!

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

Dates for your diary

Coffee Mornings

Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 7th November (10 am to 12 noon) – please do come along!

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 8th November, 7.30 pm.

Xmas Fair

Saturday 11th November, 10 am to 3 pm.

Updates about the hall

We have received a draft contract with a generous offer from Longleat to rent some of the adjacent land. However, the proposed contract has raised some potential issues which may require changes to our charity constitution. We are consulting with a specialist legal firm to advise us about any changes required and the implications and costs thereof before we take a final decision.

Funding

We are asking the Parish Council to consider making a larger commitment to the funding of the hall from the precept in future. Village halls are at the heart of what makes a village, whether you personally use it today, in the past or in the future; it is a village facility which,

if lost, would be very hard or impossible to replace.

The ever-increasing fixed costs are significant and include insurance, licences, water, daily electric charges, grounds maintenance, required electric/fire checks, basic cleaning and more. We are currently making up the shortfall on hirings income from reserves, and this is not sustainable in the long term. We need to make a surplus to fund other maintenance and improvements along with acquiring grants whenever possible. Having the fixed costs covered would give the hall that security.

Information

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Bookings

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Hugh Deed

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Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 The Tower of London
- 2 Tchaikovsky
- 3 Laurie Lee
- 4 Forming a trade union
- 5 Alfred Thaddeus Crane Pennyworth was a fictional character most commonly in association with the superhero Batman. First appearing in 1943, he was killed off in 2019.
- 6 Kidney
- 7 Sergei
- 8 Edward Lear
- 9 Baronet
- 10 Sleepwalk
- 11 20/20
- 12 The Rolling Stones (song was 'I wanna be your man')

Local organisation adverts

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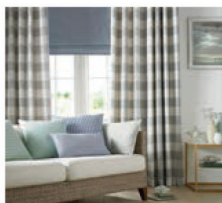
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