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October 2024

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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

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If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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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**

Diary *Dates*



October

Wednesday 2nd

Village Coffee Morning – 10.30 am to 12 noon,
Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 7th

Christmas Craft Fair – 3 pm to 8 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 8th

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

Tuesday 9th

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 10th

Corsley WI - speaker Robert Middlefell from the CQC – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 16th

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

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 24th

Poppy Appeal launches today

Monday 28th

Reading Room Film Club – 7.30 pm (doors at 7 pm)

November

Friday 1st

Deadline for bids for donations/grants from Corsley Parish Council

Saturday 2nd

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

Thursday 7th

Craft Fair – 3 pm onwards, Corsley Reading Room – more details nearer the date

Sunday 10th

Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday 12th

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

Saturday 16th

Corsley Memorial Playing Field 70th Anniversary Party – 4 pm to 6 pm

Thursday 21st

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

Wednesday 27th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 30th

Dolce Singers - Brahms, A German Requiem – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

December

Tuesday 10th

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

Friday 6th

Carols in the Barn – 6pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Wednesday 18th

Lite Bites Christmas Lunch – Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 19th

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

Carols in the Barn

*6 pm Friday 6th December
in the Barn at Manor Farm, Corsley*

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Wednesday 2nd October

Wednesday 16th October

Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 13th November

Wednesday 27th November

Wednesday 11th December

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Wednesday 8th January

Wednesday 22nd January

Wednesday 5th February

Wednesday 19th February

The Reading Room Film Club is back!

*Launching Monday 28th October at 7.30 pm,
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*Please email films@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk
for a list of films and more information.*

*Please bring your friends and your own drinks
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occasional parish council meetings,
church services, previous editions of
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2024 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



This year's Poppy Appeal will launch on
Thursday 24th October, marking the start
of our collection period that continues to
Remembrance Sunday on the 10th 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.

Nationally, the 2023 Poppy Appeal was a
tremendous success, raising more than £50
million. Corsley and Chapmanslade raised
£2883.53 to help fund the life changing work
of the Royal British Legion.

From care homes to recovery centres, the
RBL provide a vast array of welfare support
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If anyone would like to help by becoming a
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*Jackie Jasper
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Corsley Parish Council

BIDS FOR DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR 2024/2025

It has been the practice of the Parish Council each year to provide donations or grants to a variety of community and village organisations. It has been agreed that this practice should be continued for the FY 2024/2025

In recent years these have included:

Corsley Reading Room
War Memorial Playing Field
Corsley and Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council
Little Cuckoos
Corsley Tennis Club

The Parish Council budgets on spending a total of around £4,000 from your taxes, in areas such as community groups, sports and recreation, open spaces, entertainment and local issues.

Donations and grants will be made on the basis of bids to help us spend this (your) money in appropriate areas. These should be by application to our Parish Clerk (he can provide the relevant forms) and include financial accounts where appropriate.

Bids for defined projects are preferred, but this is not to the exclusion of others. The Parish Council is conscious that some organisations may be seeking grants from both local and national bodies and it may be that match funding or seed funding is required if these are to be successful. The Parish Council would be happy to discuss how they could help in these instances, even if the arrangements have to be spread over a number of financial years.

Bids should reach John Willcox, Parish Clerk, on paper or email by
Friday 1st November 2024, to
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Bob's bafflers

- 1 What is the usual freezing point of water in degrees Centigrade?
- 2 What number does the Roman numeral C represent?
- 3 In the classic Jules Verne novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea", who commanded the Nautilus?
- 4 Which musician has the nickname "slow hand"?
- 5 Where was Francis Drake reputedly playing bowls when the Armada was sighted?
- 6 Where on a human body might you find a fontanelle?
- 7 Who wrote the opera "Tosca"?
- 8 According to the old saying, where does charity begin?
- 9 What name is given to a playing period in Polo?
- 10 Which common bird featured on the old British coin the farthing?
- 11 What is the capital of Croatia?
- 12 What is a male guinea pig called?

Answers on page 44

A NEW Monthly Village Coffee Morning *(organised by members of the Lite Bites team)*

***Starting Wednesday 2nd October
and every 1st Wednesday of the month***

***10.30 am – 12 noon
Corsley Reading Rooms***

***Book-swap Table
Finished your book and looking for another?***

Corsley Tennis Club News



There is exciting grass roots tennis at Corsley Tennis Club this Autumn...

A message from our new junior coach, Callum Close:

"When I was asked to take over the youth programme at CTC it was a very nice feeling for me. It was a club I had coached at before and it was lovely to be considered for the role again. It is an inclusive club and I have been welcomed with open arms.

I saw the programme that previous junior coach Martin had created and was very excited to build upon the foundations. Some of the best aspects of this programme are the enthusiasm of the children to come and learn tennis and the dedication of the young tennis leaders who give up their time on a Sunday to come and ensure the lessons are effective and run to a high standard. We have some very talented young players within this set up and I am excited to see the next generation flourish. It is a pleasure to also have the support of the parents at the club as they are a focal point to the development of their children within tennis as they bring them week in week out.

I am very happy so far with how the coaching is going and look forward to what the future holds for the youth development here at CTC. The ideal goal for the youth section would be retention, progression and introduction. All three of these aspects work in combination with each other. Retention – the children

enjoy the sessions and want to keep coming back week after week.

Progression – we have players that progress onto the next stage, thus opening up spaces for Introduction into the groups. I would also like to see some of the older children I coach being part of the teams for CTC and being able to compete at a high level.

I believe this goal is achievable and is something I aspire to; it is what gives me the motivation to deliver high quality coaching."

On another note, as we have said previously, three key officers on the committee will be standing down at the end of this year. These roles are the Membership Secretary, the Treasurer and the Committee Secretary. These committee members have already served on the committee longer than they originally intended, and we have been grateful for their vital support, but we also accept that they have 'done more than their turn', and now is the time for other club members to consider helping out the club. It is critically important we fill these roles for the smooth running of the club so please speak to anyone on the committee if you might be interested – it would be massively appreciated!

*Kate Jackson
(Committee member)*

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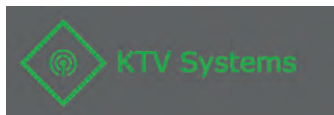
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Orchard & Playing Field

Neil Carpenter reports on a visit to both of Corsley's community spaces

On the 16th September, a beautiful autumn day, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Dr Olivia Chapple OBE, visited the Corsley Orchard and Memorial Playing Field to see how the community was using its outdoor spaces and to meet the volunteers who work so hard to keep these spaces open to all.

At the orchard she was treated to freshly pressed Corsley apple juice using the Memorial Playing Field's mill and press. We explained that every year we run an apple pressing day at the Playing Field for families to bring their apples and make apple juice or be helped to make cider. Olivia had a go with the press to see how easy it was to extract the juice once it had been through the electric chopper rather than having to use the hand chopper, as it is much quicker and extracts twice as much juice.

Before the tour of the orchard she also had a go with the battery operated mini chainsaw to see how easy it was to use and how having the battery operated equipment helped get more volunteers involved as it was so much easier to use than petrol equipment. The range of battery equipment has been bought thanks to grants from Amazon, The Area Board and the Fudge Trust.

Sara and the other volunteers then showed the High Sheriff around the orchard discussing the various fruit and nut trees that we have planted as well as the training we have received on winter and summer pruning thanks to a grant from Wiltshire Council's Woodland Officer Naomi Styles.

The visit was finished off with coffee and Corsley apple and blackberry cake

made by Rachel. Before leaving Dr Olivia congratulated all the volunteers for their achievement in the orchard and to Sara on winning the longest runner bean at the Corsley Fair and presented her with some wildflower seed to go with the certificate she had received.

Moving on to the Playing Field Dr Olivia was very pleased to see the Wiltshire flag flying and met with Liz and Alice who had just finished playing tennis. There was a discussion about how the tennis club were getting lots of children involved and they had free membership to the club. We explained how the Memorial Playing Field was bought by the village in memory of all those lost in both World Wars and that many of the trees growing there, along with some of the benches were in memory of villagers who lost their lives. There are also other memorial and commemorative benches and trees. We explained about the grants we had won and that all the play equipment we had bought was specifically designed to be accessible by all.

She then met with Barbara Hughes, one of our Trustees, who had just finished tidying up the flowers around the pavilion, ensuring an amazing autumn display, before taking a picture of us outside the pavilion and tennis courts with the Wiltshire flag flying above us.

Dr Olivia is an advocate of the benefits of gardens and gardening and has seen first-hand how the natural environment can enhance wellbeing. The theme chosen for her High Sheriff year is focused on charities involved with 'connecting people with nature'.



Evening Christmas Craft Fair

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Chapmanslade Church of England Primary School has received support from a local business to promote its safer parking campaign in the village

Technical support company TMTI, located in Corsley, has designed and donated new signs to prevent vehicles from parking along the yellow wig-wags outside the school. The wig-wags are in place to protect the school's safety barrier, allowing space for families to cross the busy road at drop-off and pick-up times. They also provide a protected space for staff to enter and exit the school driveway safely.

Commenting on the donation of the

signs, Robert Cottrell, Headteacher at Chapmanslade Primary School, said: "We are extremely grateful for the support from TMTI and how much of a difference these new signs will make alongside our new safety measures. Governors and I have been working tirelessly on our School Travel Plan to help make life safer for our community. We're lucky to have so much support from so many parents and also our new Police Community Support



Photo: Chapmanslade Primary School pupils from Redwood Class reveal their new safer parking signs with (from left to right) Headteacher Robert Cottrell, Police Community Support Officer Lukasz Kolasinski and TMTI's Daniel Slade

Officer, who has been visiting us at key times to help.”

Daniel Slade, Chief Executive at TMTI, added: “We are delighted to support the safety needs of this wonderful school in our community. As a local employer, we understand the challenges many parents face when travelling with their children to and from school. Road safety for families and teaching staff is a top priority in the community and we hope the new signs for the school will make a great difference to their day-to-day protection.”



Corsley Parish Council – Co-option to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council

Electors in Corsley Parish will be aware that a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council following the resignation of a Parish Councillor.

Wiltshire Council has advised that there is no need for an election to fill the vacancy and the Parish Council has agreed that it will seek to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Candidates should be registered electors in the parish area or, if during the whole 12 months before co-option they have owned or been a tenant of any land or premises in the parish, or if their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or if they have resided in the parish or within 4.8 km of it. Candidates should also be over 18 at the time of co-option, should not be bankrupts and have not been in prison in the last 5 years.

Candidates who are interested in co-option should apply, by email or post, to the Parish Clerk, John Willcox. Candidates should attach a covering letter detailing relevant experience and some explanation of why they wish to join the Parish Council. The closing date for applications is **1st November 2024**.

Prospective candidates are welcome to contact the Clerk, Oliver Hares or Lavinia Mitchell who are current members of the Parish Council by phone for an informal discussion about the responsibilities and time commitments involved, or John Phillips or Judith Selman, also current members of the Parish Council for an email exchange.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

This is my last time of writing and it seems befitting that my last service will be the Harvest Festival during which there will be a double baptism. Both harvest and baptism foster a sense of gratitude, there is gratitude for the fields and trees resplendent in their fruit, there is also gratitude for fruit of our own making, when man and woman cocreate together and bear fruit made in their own image! It gives one the sense of God sitting back with his arms behind his head and enjoying all that he has created. I rather like this image! It counters some of the negative images that people have about God. I firmly believe that God enjoys being among us, and loves it when we share our delights with him. Both harvest and baptisms offer us the time to express our gratitude. We shall be richly blessed by these wondrous gifts.

As I look back and reflect on all the things we have said and done together I know that I have been richly blessed and I am full of gratitude. Just recently I was asked “why doesn’t God want you to be our vicar anymore?” I can tell you my heart was broken in that moment. Children put things so succinctly, don’t they? In the bible we are shown how God draws his followers on, take for example Abraham, Abraham was called to move to a place that God has prepared for him. God took Abraham on a journey that required obedience, trust and faith. Through the journeying there were things for Abraham to learn about himself, his wife, and, about God. God is drawing me into a new place, and these things that Abraham had to learn, are there for me to learn also. It is not that I am leaving anyone behind, but that there is a different calling placed on the church and community here.

I am deeply thankful for my time here as a team vicar, I have felt very much loved, valued and appreciated. And in the time honoured words of St Paul... “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with your spirit”

Revd Caroline

October Church Diary

6th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

10 am Harvest Festival Eucharist Corsley

10 am Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill



13th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Harvest Praise and Worship Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist Kingston



20th October – 21st Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist Brixton

11 am Matins Corsley



27th October – 22nd Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist Longbridge



3rd November – 4th Sunday before Advent

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

10 am Eucharist Corsley

10 am Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill

Church and Community Events in October

NEW monthly Village Coffee Morning

(organised by the Lite Bites team)

10.30 am – 12 noon, Wednesday 2nd October, Corsley Reading Rooms

Crafternoons

Wednesday 9th & Wednesday 23rd October

3 pm – 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Community Church Coffee Morning

10 am – 12 noon, Wednesday 16th October, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Lite Bites Soup Lunch

12.30 pm – 2 pm, Wednesday 23rd October, Corsley Reading Rooms

There will be a collection for the Warminster Foodbank at the Harvest Festival Services on the 8th October at Corsley, and on the 13th October at Chapmanslade. For foods they are particularly in need of, please visit their website www.warminsteranddistrictfoodbank.co.uk

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Soup for ALL in Corsley Reading Room

The temperature last night (12th September) went down to 4 degrees so it's definitely soup weather!!

The Lite Bites Team will be back serving delicious soups in the Reading Room on the fourth Wednesday of every month until April. Come and join us between 12.30 and 2pm for a choice of soups followed by tea or coffee and plenty of chat. Bring your neighbour or friend(s) for a relaxing couple of hours. You don't have to be an OAP – we welcome all AND you still have time for the school run!

Unfortunately by the time you read this our first serving will be over but you can put Wednesday 23rd October on your calendar

or in your diary for joining us in the Reading Room to enjoy some warming soup in a relaxing atmosphere.

Please also note that our Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 18th December, again in the Reading Room. More details will follow but keep the date free! Once again we shall be collecting for children's charities.

Finally, you will see an advert for our coffee mornings which are going to run on the first Wednesday of every month. Please come along and bring a book if you want to swap!

*Maureen Willcox
for the Lite Bites Team*

Flooding advice

Wiltshire Council give some helpful information to ensure you are prepared in case of flooding. Now that summer has come to an end and autumn and winter storms have begun, it is essential that you are prepared in case of flooding. You can check your flood risk on this map (<https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/map#>). If your community is at risk of river flooding you should sign up for Environment Agency flood warnings at <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/alerts-and-warnings>.

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Corsley WI

September news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the September meeting and announces some forthcoming events



In September, a large group of members and friends met at Orchardleigh House where they were welcomed by the owners, Heather and Chris Vincent.

The estate provides a beautiful setting for the impressive house which was built in 1856 by William Duckworth. We were amazed to hear that it only took two years to build. The estate, which had belonged to just two families since Norman times, was sold to developers in 1986 but their plans were never realised and the house was left empty and fell into disrepair.

By the time Chris bought the property the house had been unoccupied for 20 years and, although the building was basically sound, it required a lot of work. Chris thinks of himself as the custodian of the property and the restoration has been true

to the history of the house. The layout is unchanged; walls have not been knocked down, rooms have not been divided up.

As Heather took us on a tour of the building we could see the care which had been taken to restore its

former beauty, and to furnish it with respect to its past as well as for its future. Orchardleigh has begun a new phase in its history as a venue for weddings and celebrations.

Heather and Chris were very kind hosts and we enjoyed chatting to them over coffee at the end of the evening. Like many local people, some of our members had memories

of the Duckworths and Orchardleigh which they enjoyed sharing.

We meet again on 10th October at 7.30pm in the Reading Room when our speaker will be Robert Middlefell who is a senior dentist advising the Care Quality Commission, teaching in Bristol and practising locally. Visitors are welcome to join us (£5)

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Autumn exercise



Volunteer clearing the algae pond of bottles and rubbish

Earlier in the year, I walked through Trowbridge Park and found the entrance to Biss Meadows, a good site for autumn exercise! From Trowbridge Town Hall – still being renovated – walk right and turn right again into Park Road, striding alongside Albany Place, once a cinema and now a Wetherspoon pub.

Entering the park, walk along the left side of the war memorial and through the avenue of trees ahead, to red-brick walls encasing the Biss River, with a wooden exercise ‘sculpture’ nearby. Go left on the tarmac path, follow it downhill to the right and go under the road bridge, with the Biss river at your right and a derelict Victorian warehouse/mill to your left. The path goes over a wooden footbridge on the right, beside a metal double gate; ahead, are a Biss Meadows board (left) and two entrance stones (right), one detailing the site’s opening by HRH Prince Philip in 1993.



‘Exercise’ sculpture

The river’s at your right, with places where you can stand beside it, though the water isn’t clear, sadly. Left of the tarmac path, here, stand four pollarded trees; I don’t know the species, but they look like sentries to me! After the trees, take a right-hand track across grass, to a spot where the water is faster-running and a bit clearer over stones. This is a ‘view’



The 'sentries'

I've tried to re-create in watercolours, several times.

The grass track joins a gravel path afterwards, passing a large algae-filled pond on the left. There's a semi-circular, decorated seating area next - reminding me of Ancient Greek theatres – and a hard-working volunteer, pulling bottles and other rubbish from the water, that day. If you have any free time, the Friends of Biss Meadow would love to hear from you! Past the pond and its 'Interpretation Boards', the gravel path rejoins the tarmac one, skirting a picnic area with tables. Head right as the path curves left and splits, then stay with the right-hand path. The river's running at your right again, while ahead of you, the path splits once more. Go ahead this time, underneath the overhead bridge with 'murals' adorning its supports. Beyond that, there's yet another split of pathways, so go right, on a gravel path.



I liked this area, passing under trees and over a footbridge, heading out into open country signed as a 'Wildflower Meadow'. There are occasional benches for sitting, sketching and



Hawthorn berries

enjoying the views, before wandering past open meadows, plus woodland and field-management areas. When this path splits,



through the grass. You're circumnavigating the central meadow and will soon reach the houses, plus a children's play area. Get on the gravel path here, walk past the play area boundary to your right and look for sloes – are they used to flavour gin? Next are bushes with small, bright red berries I couldn't identify. Stay with the rough track, which joins another one, leading you back to the footbridge with the 'Wildflower Meadow' sign on. Cross the bridge, stick with the track and you'll recognise the

too, go right again, meandering past wooden benches with a 'sculptural' look. Walk under tall thin trees, bending over the path from your right, making this section exciting and mysterious (it was to me!). More trees come next, but these are tall and upright; ahead of you, now, is open ground again and you'll see houses ahead.

'murals' road bridge next. Join the tarmac path and stay with that until you reach the picnic area, now on your right. From here, the park and the Town Hall aren't far away...

I mentioned excitement earlier – and for me, this was the moment! Not everyone likes slugs, but they've never harmed me; this exquisite shiny creature caught my eye and stopped me walking for a couple of minutes. Wonderful! Another couple of tall thin trees curved over the path next, leading me to a metal-railed concrete footbridge and, beyond that, open fields. There's a stile at the far end of the footbridge and I longed to explore further, but there's no shelter from the sun here and the day was hot. I sighed and returned to the footpath, but my built-in radar said those fields lead towards West Ashton – and checking a site map-board showed I was right. If you do this walk and explore those fields, please, let me know what you find. The water flowing under this footbridge is cleaner and clearer than the earlier stretches.

Back on the footpath, turn right and head for the houses on a 'rise' ahead, using a track



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As we experience the darkness of approaching winter, it's good to think of the coming Messiah, the God-man born into the world, God's light for mankind. This child was born to suffer for the sins of mankind, yet He was the perfect son of God, willingly born into our world that first Christmas night. Angels, shepherds and wise men rejoiced at his arrival, after so many years of promise, to redeem his people from the penalty of sin and death.

At Corsley Fayre this year, some of you will have taken away Gospel bracelets from the Whitbourne Chapel stand and, for some, a Wordless Book to accompany them. The colour of each bead on the bracelet is significant. The green bead signifies the creation account in the book of Genesis, how God created the heavens and the Earth and when He had done so, declared that it was good. In that paradise lost, Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil to rebel against God's commands and to follow their own. As we look at the beauty of creation, at music and art, we can see that there is beauty, but there is also something that is tarnished, no longer bright and shining – like my Mum's best silver, left to discolour through the ravages of time and I allowed it to happen.



This is where the black bead comes in. It signifies sin, all that is ugly and anti-God, all that is in opposition to God's way. We live in a fallen world, a tarnished world, one that is selfish, not selfless, and becoming more so. But there is hope; the red bead signifies the selfless act of the God-man, suffering for each one of us on a cross, at a place called Calvary, if we only believe and ask God's forgiveness for our long-held unbelief. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9 tells us.

The white bead signifies repentance and faith, the turning away from the old life and being washed clean from the ravages of our sinful life. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, the old things are passed away, behold all things are become new," 2 Corinthians 5:17. And the yellow bead? Well! This signifies the destination for all those who believe, a place where there will be no more tears, no death or sorrow, no crying and no pain. "Heaven should have been a place on Earth," sang Belinda Carlisle, but because of Sin it never was and never can be. Heaven is coming, Christ Jesus will return, so seek His light these coming winter months. The yellow bead is for heaven and the hope of glory.

Every blessing, Adrian Henson

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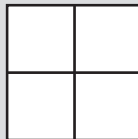
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

The last of the cereal harvest is nearly complete with the expectation of maize harvesting during October. The maize cobs are ripening quickly – the stems and leaves are drying well on the plants. After such an awful spring and summer for planting and growing crops, we'll be harvesting what looks like a good crop of maize; nature has a way of putting things right eventually. Maize silage is made by cutting the plant off 6-8 inches from the ground, then the whole plant, including the cob, is chopped finely in the adapted combine harvester and put into a silage clamp, rolled and covered with plastic sheeting. Old tyres are used to compress the airtight clamp, so the silage can be cut out in wedges to help make up a highly nutritious feed for the cattle during the winter.

Wildlife, including birds, small mammals and badgers are in their element, gorging themselves on the maize cobs and grain left by the combine harvester.

Recently, I have been aware of an unusual smell early in the morning around the garden and fields! There has been an explosion in the numbers of foxes – they're finding plenty of rabbits and hares and the occasional chicken house needing a little repair, or doors not shut early enough in the evening. Foxes will create havoc, killing as many fowl as they can, removing only one or two, intending to return at a later time to pick up the rest of their kill. Small and large poultry keepers beware..!

Please be careful now when walking in the woods and fields, as young pheasant poults are wandering from the safety of their large pens. Gamekeepers are kept busy feeding them and attracting them back into the safety of their

pens at night.

As the daylight hours shorten, the milking herd will stay indoors in the warmth of the barns overnight, but will still graze the field in the day.

The rams will soon be let into the flock of ewes for breeding, so you might see splashes of colour on the sheep's rump, which will give the shepherd an idea as to what date next spring the lambs will arrive.

Foxes and bucks will be calling to their mates, so be prepared for unusual sounds in the woods.

Our native birds are now feeding on the hedgerow fruit, squirrels will be busy stripping the hazel bushes of their nuts and hopefully remembering where they have hidden them.

Children collect shiny conkers for traditional games or just for the sheer beauty of the nut.

Wild mushrooms can be found in farmland grass and harvested fields, but do be careful, as so many fungi are not suitable for human consumption.

There is an old country saying, that come October the blackberries belong to the Devil.

Enjoy the colours of autumn, the sounds and sights of the countryside and celebrate with the farmers and growers the services of celebration of the harvest in our local churches.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Rainfall

August 2023	87.99mm
August 2024	41.20mm
Total for first 8 months of '24 – 589.73mm	

Corsley Reading Room

Your ‘village hall’

Secretary, Liz Garrett, reports on the latest happenings at the Hall

Great news!

The Coffee morning is being relaunched on Wednesday 2nd October by the Lite Bites group. It will run on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Film Club

Proposals for the Film Club have now been sent out to all those who expressed an interest. We are hoping to have the first showing in October. Watch the website and community Facebook pages for further information.

Christmas Fair

Thursday 7th November 3 pm to 8 pm

We are really looking forward to this event where you can buy all your presents for Christmas and treat yourself too! Some of the stalls are favourites from previous years, but we have some new ones too.

Please note that this year the Fair will be on a Thursday to allow those who couldn't come on a Saturday to experience the lovely crafts and food stalls. The ever-popular raffle, with all the prizes being donated by the stall holders, will be drawn at 7.30pm. The bar will be open, and we will be selling teas, coffee and cakes.

Developments

We are now able to move forward again with refurbishment of the Reading Room. Thanks to a grant from the Fudge Trust Warminster and the Warminster Area Board. Work will start this month on several things, including replacement of the ladies toilets.

We have not yet heard whether the application for the installation of solar panels and a battery has been successful. Watch this space...

Annual General Meeting

The Reading Room AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30 pm. We would love to see you there. You'll hear about our plans and hopes for the coming year.

Bon voyage!

We have said 'farewell' and a BIG THANK YOU to Hugh Deed who has been our Chairman since 2016. In that time Hugh has given many hours and much effort to the Reading Room and its activities, leading the trustees with vision and determination. They will be tough boots to fill!

We wish Hugh and Christine all the very best in their new home.

And finally...

I resigned as a trustee (and chairman) of the Reading Room at the end of August in anticipation of leaving the village soon afterwards. Unfortunately, the move has been delayed due to problems further down the chain.

I want to thank those who have also been trustees in my time as well as those who, although not trustees, have been part of the team supporting and enabling the RR to be available to the village. It is only because of people being prepared to undertake these responsibilities that such halls can remain

viable and available to the community.
It has been great to play a part in the village life in this way. I do hope the Reading Room is around for another 100 years! Good luck to all involved.

Hugh Deed

Booking the Hall

You can book the hall by emailing crrbookings@gmail.com. Corsley residents get a discount on our published prices! So please

do use the hall. Jamie Owen is keen to help with your booking.
Whilst we currently don't have a Chairman, all emails to chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk will go to the secretary, Liz Garrett
See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up-to-date information and more.
Liz Garrett
Secretary

Trustees

Chris de Groot, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett, Caroline Hutton, Jackie Jasper, Mark Richards. (Jamie & Charlie Owen look after hall bookings)

Wiltshire Council's campaign to tackle fly-tipping continues to grow

Our hard-hitting We're Targeting Fly-tippers (WTF) campaign continues to gather pace with the launch of dedicated fly-tipping webpages (<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping>), which provide you with a range of information about the WTF campaign, including:

- what is classed as fly-tipping
- how to report fly-tipping and/or unlicensed waste carriers
- the witness reward scheme
- possible penalties for offenders
- recent prosecutions and
- how to access further information to comply with the laws around waste disposal.



Stricter penalties to deter fly-posting

Wiltshire Council have raised the amount of the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) people will have to pay if they are caught illegally advertising in Wiltshire.

Fly-posting or illegal advertising is defined as the display of advertising material on buildings or street furniture without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land or premises.

The penalty fine has increased to £500 from the previous amount of £75 and has been implemented following feedback from local communities reporting more incidents of fly-posting.

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!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Zero degrees
- 2 100
- 3 Captain Nemo
- 4 Eric Clapton
- 5 Plymouth Hoe
- 6 A fontanelle, or a soft spot, is an opening in a baby's skull where the bones have not yet grown together
- 7 Giacomo Puccini
- 8 At home
- 9 Chukka
- 10 Wren
- 11 Zagreb
- 12 No – not Fluffy! It's a boar - allegedly. Switzerland passed a law years ago forbidding people to keep only one guinea pig as apparently they get lonely!

Local organisation adverts

£2.50 per month for a small boxed advert or £8 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 (Barter's 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)	£24
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£47
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£68
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£85
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£120

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.



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