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September 2014



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

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

September



Monday 1st

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

Corsley Festival Choir re-starts – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 4th

Warminster mobile library (see page 8 for times)

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30pm at Sue Waterman's house.

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 9th

Brownies re-starts

Thursday 11th

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting 'The Making of Larkrise'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 13th

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

Wednesday 17th

Corsley Gardening Club - visit to Hazelbury Gardens, Box – 2pm

Thursday 18th

Warminster mobile library (see page 8 for times)

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

Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Wine Tasting

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Friday 26th

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.30 - 12 noon, Sandhayes, Corsley

Saturday 27th

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October

Wednesday 1st

Licensing Service for Reverend Pauline Reid – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Deadline for Corsley Show donation applications

Deadline for garden waste winter collection service consultation (page 37)

Thursday 2nd

Warminster mobile library (see page 8 for times)

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

Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Barbers Plant Centre - Nursery Bonanza – 10am to 5pm (page 19)

Harvest Supper – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 7th

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

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI – 2pm, a short WI meeting followed at 3.00pm by a Talk & Tea Party 'Canine Partners' (Open Meeting), Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Friday 10th

An Evening of Light Music – 7.00 for 7.30pm St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Saturday 11th

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

Sunday 12th

Apple pressing day – starting at 11 am, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Bring your apples to press into juice, or learn how to convert the juice into cider!

Wednesday 15th

Corsley Gardening Club - talk on the care of roses at Lakeside Garden Centre – 2.30pm

Thursday 16th

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

Warminster mobile library (see page 8 for times)

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Saturday 18th

Chapmanslade Quiz

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 30th

Warminster mobile library (see page 8 for times)

November**Saturday 1st**

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 4th

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

Thursday 6th

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

Saturday 8th

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

Thursday 13th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, 'The Animals at Longleat', Corsley Reading Room

Friday 14th

Quiz Night – Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 15th

Wine Tasting – Corsley Reading Rooms (sponsored by Waitrose)

Wednesday 19th

Corsley Gardening Club – talk on bumblebees at Corsley Reading Room – 2.30pm

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

Thursday 20th

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

Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 27th

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

Saturday 29th

Christmas Market - 10am - 12.30pm – Corsley Reading Room



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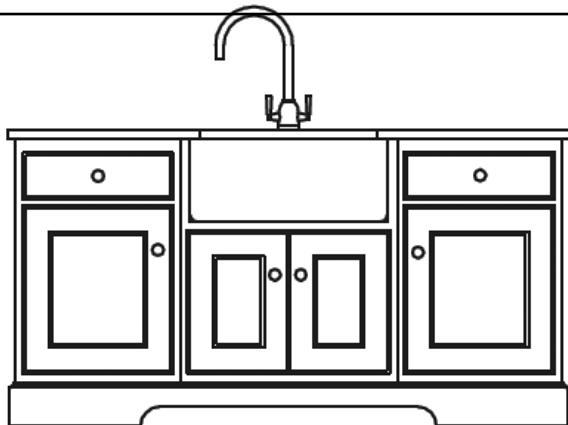


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The Ladies 'B' team played Frome 'C' on a balmy evening at the Memorial Playing Field and lost by seven sets to one. However, the bare result does not reflect some hard-fought rallies in all four contests, from which the Corsley ladies emerged with credit. Sue Bruce and Alison Withey worked hard to cover the court and resisted stoutly; Isabel Lewis lobbed to good effect and Diana Hale produced some crisp drives. Ultimately, the visitors deserved to win thanks to their greater penetration in serving and volleying.

The Ladies 'B' team entertained Trowbridge 'C' on the Memorial Playing Field and lost by seven sets to one. Diana Hale and Sue Newell applied themselves during some keen rallies and deserved to win a set. The new pairing of Marie Cusworth and the promising Rebecca Young also fought hard and emerged with honour. Perhaps the one stumbling block to success is the lack of a specialist volleyer.

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Admission £5

Raffle

Proceeds to Canine Partners and Corsley WI

Corsley Gardening Club

17th September

Visit to Hazelbury Gardens at Box. This is a private visit and we have been asked to assemble at 2pm. Cost £2 per person.

15th October

We are having tea at Lakeside Garden Centre with a talk on the care of roses – 2.30pm.

18th November

A talk on bumblebees at Corsley Reading Room – 2.30pm. Cost £2.

There is no meeting in **December**.



Bob's bafflers

- 1 What is the only English anagram of Unnoticed?
- 2 Cardiff is the administrative centre of which Welsh county?
- 3 What did Jack Ketch do for a living?
- 4 In which film does a cabaret singer on the run from the Mafia end up training a choir of nuns?
- 5 In alphabetical order, which is the last chemical element?
- 6 In the original game of Monopoly, how much is the doctor's fee?
- 7 Aqua Sulis is the Roman name for which city?
- 8 Which metal is obtained from bauxite?
- 9 In Cockney rhyming slang monetary wise, if you were asked to "cough up a pony", how much would it cost you?
- 10 Which composer's only opera was "Fidelio"?
- 11 Which unit of measurement was defined by King Henry III of England by placing three barleycorns in a line?
- 12 What is the Ishihara test used for?

Answers on page 48

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10:45 - 11:00

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11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

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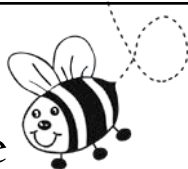
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To enable: Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway resurfacing and associated works.

Alternative route:

Via A36 - A350 - A3098 Leigh Road/Gooselands/Leigh Park Way / Mane Way and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on **20th October 2014** and it is anticipated that the works will take **until 3rd November 2014** to complete depending upon weather conditions (**weekdays only between 9:00 – 15:30**). The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

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August News

The President, Carol Seward, opened the August meeting of Corsley WI with a warm welcome for members, then Jean White gave the usual health and safety instructions and the business proceeded. Did you know that elderberries eaten raw are poisonous to human beings? One or two would do no harm but Elisabeth Irving wrote to us to bring to our attention a recent letter in The Times which said that members of a family in Sweden died after each ate a bowlful!

The visit to Highclere Castle where Downton Abbey is filmed was much enjoyed and we were very lucky that the weather was mostly kind to us on the day.

Our speaker for the evening was Maureen Hinton. Maureen is well known for her talks and flower arrangements and she had lots of ideas and suggestions for members, including how to grow date, apple and lemon plants from pips, how to condition cut flowers and glycerine foliage and the best way to prepare hanging baskets. Maureen advised us that lavender should be cut before the flowers are fully open if it is to be dried and used for lavender bags and we should pull out the pollen stamens on lilies, instead of cutting them off, to make them last longer. Using a variety of cottage garden and bought flowers, Maureen skilfully made a round table-

top arrangement, a modern display using gerberas and contorted willow and hazel, a large basket arrangement which included sun-flowers, buddleias, golden rod and a mixture of foliage and garden flowers and finally a light-weight buttonhole created from carnation petals, gypsophila and fern, a quite fiddly and time consuming process but worth the end result. Jean White gave the vote of thanks for Maureen's beautiful arrangements and the very useful hints and tips. The competition for a vase was won by Cath Fricker, with Jean White second and Amanda Bain third.

There is always a wide range of forthcoming events and workshops for members, including a visit to Winchester's Cathedral and Christmas Market in December – full details of all events are available at our meetings.

Visitors are very welcome at our open meeting at 7.30pm on 11th September at Corsley Reading Room, when Mike Pope will be giving a talk about the making of *Larkrise*. Would you like to join us? The cost for visitors is only 50p and includes tea or coffee and a biscuit! The competition for members is for a straw hat.

Carol Seward
01373 832446

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

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

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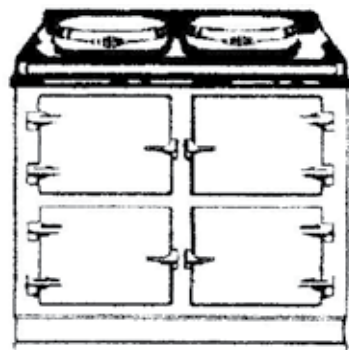


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Parish Council

Phil Jefferson reports on the August meeting of the PC

August is normally a quiet month for the parish council but there has been plenty to keep us busy this year!

Planning

We met on 22nd August to consider an application to demolish a bungalow at 158 High Street and replace it with 2 four-bedroomed houses; see next month's edition of *The Bridge* for details of the advice we gave Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire has granted retrospective planning permission to the owners of Thoulstone Park for a campsite for a maximum of 40 tents and 4 yurts. The permission lasts until 2019 and camping will be permitted between 1st April and 30th September each year. Wiltshire Council is monitoring noise levels at the site, especially on those weekends when events are taking place.

Early in August, to the consternation of local neighbours, a huge static caravan arrived at Sienna's Valley in Huntenhull Lane. Wiltshire Council's enforcement officer is dealing with the planning implications. The owner has been instructed to remove a number of metal storage huts which were placed there without permission some years ago and we await news of their removal.

Mains Gas

The possibility of mains gas being installed in Chapmanslade made a giant leap forward last month. Wales and West Utilities has sent a letter to 212 households asking again for people to register an interest. It is important to reply to this letter even if you have already replied to previous surveys. Please note you will not be committed to anything at this stage by putting your name down if you are interested. Once enough households have registered an interest then firm quotations will be sent out. When enough quotations have been accepted the Gas main connections will go ahead.

If you have not received a letter you can contact Wales and West at Fuelpoor@wwutilities.co.uk quoting reference **35023600** or telephone **02920 278740**. Kerry Jones is a gas engineer who lives in the village and is happy to answer questions relating to converting existing heating systems, etc. You can contact him at kmsgasandheating@gmail.com or on 07733 260512. Please note too, that Wales and West have assured us that they will convene a meeting in the village to answer residents' queries if sufficient people register an interest in the proposal.

Remember: to make sure it happens you must reply now!

Community Speedwatch

During August, as the school was on holiday, we varied the times we carried out our checks. One evening, between 6 pm and 7, over 500 vehicles passed through the village. 14 of them were reported for speeding. Their drivers will have received a letter from Wiltshire police two or three days later and hopefully next time they drive through the village they will remember to stick to the speed limit. You may have noticed, too, that the speed indicator device (SID) was in position for a couple of weeks in August. Our team of volunteers is growing in number but we still have room for a few more members. If you can spare an hour or two a month and would like to do your bit for the community, please contact Jill Willmot on 01373 832464.

August newsletter

Last month's piece was omitted from The Bridge. As soon as we learned this we put together a newsletter, together with advertisements for village hall events, and within 24 hours it was distributed to everyone in the parish. A great community achievement! You can check out the newsletter at www.chapmanslade.org.uk

September meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 11th September, 7.30 pm** at the school. Legh Walker has promised to come along and provide an update on the plans for the development of Barters Farm. Our meeting is a public meeting. Do come along to listen or to speak.

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Anyone who is interested in joining a local group of the Community First oil buying scheme can contact me. There is an annual membership fee of £20 but significant savings on central heating oil bills.

Once a month members are contacted by the village organiser. Ordering deadline for October deliveries is Saturday 27th September 2014. Community First negotiators then obtain the best possible price. Members pay the oil supplier directly after receiving an invoice.

Further information can be obtained from Rural Enterprise Assistant, Lesley Thomas on 01380 732813, or email oil@communityfirst.org.uk or look at the website on www.communityfirst.org.uk and click on 'Community Services' then, 'CF Bulk Oil Buying'.

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Phil Jefferson
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Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 6th September – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

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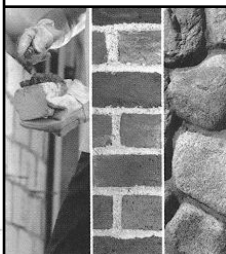
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Special Times

Last month we informed you that a new Priest-in-Charge had been appointed. We are pleased to report that Pauline will be moving into the Rectory later this month, and on 1st October at 7.30pm she will be Licensed at a very important service. We are very privileged that the service is taking place at St Margaret's with a social gathering afterwards at Manor Farm courtesy of Mr and Mrs da Costa. It is many years since the Parish hosted a Licensing service and it is a very special occasion; you will not often go to your village church and see the Bishop of Salisbury and many other dignitaries such as the Lord Lieutenant. Everyone is invited to join us on this momentous occasion to give Pauline a very warm Wiltshire welcome.

On Saturday 4th October we shall be holding our Parish Harvest Supper at Chapmanslade Village Hall. As well as being a great social event this will also be an opportunity for everyone to meet Pauline and Ian in a relaxed atmosphere. Please do not forget to buy your tickets – full details will be found in the advertisement in the Bridge.

The last twelve months when we have been without a Vicar have been a stimulating and invigorating time and the church has gone from strength to strength during this period. We look forward to handing over a healthy and flourishing Church to Pauline's ministry in October. We are so very grateful to the Reverend Di Britten who has given us tremendous support in this very busy twelve months.

The Parish Team

September Church Diary

Tuesday 2nd September

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley

After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594



Wednesday 3rd September

7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley

Parochial Church Council



Sunday 7th September: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist



Monday 8th September

10.30am at Wheelwrights, Chapmanslade

Time to Think Home Group – contact Phil 832845



Sunday 14th September: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley

Matins



Tuesday 16th September

7.30pm (location to be confirmed)

After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594



Thursday 18th September

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning

Sunday 21st September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Family Eucharist



Monday 22nd September
10.30am at to be advised
Time to Think Home Group – contact Phil 832845



Wednesday 24th September
12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley
Light Bites Soup and Bread Lunch



Sunday 28th September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley
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10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Short Family Worship celebrating Baptism
followed by Teddy Bear Abseil



Tuesday 30th September
7.30pm at to be advised
After Alpha Home Group – contact Richard 832594



Wednesday 1st October
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Licensing of Reverend Pauline Reid



Sunday 5th October: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Church Events for your diary

Wednesday 24th September

Light Bites Lunches recommence. From 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms and then every fourth Wednesday.

Church and Community Coffee Morning at the Three Horseshoes every third Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.

October 4th

Harvest Supper at Chapmanslade Village Hall.

Friday 10th October

St Margaret's Church, 7pm for 7.30pm. Brian Martin, a talented organist, together with friends, will provide us with a delightful evening of light music, ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan to Elgar via the Dam Busters' March. A light hearted and relaxing occasion, it will be the ideal way to start your weekend. Wine and nibbles will be available. There will be no charge for the evening but donations will be welcomed.

Saturday 6th December

Christmas Coffee Morning and the draw for the 50/50 Club, at St Margaret's Church.

Saturday 7th February

Auction of Promises at Chapmanslade Village Hall. We are very grateful to Dennis Barnard who is organising this event for us. We held a similar event last year and it was a great success and enjoyed by all. Please start thinking of Promises that you can offer for this great occasion.



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Parish Council

Neil Britten presents his report of the August meeting

As last month, this is a rather reduced version of the normal monthly PC briefing – therefore some more light holiday reading ! There was one occasional full PC meeting on 28 July, to consider two planning applications and distribution of the Housing Needs Survey Questionnaire and I had an introductory meeting with Mr Michael Birnie, the new Land Agent at Longleat, on 30th July.

My meeting with Mr Birnie covered a wide range of local issues, including empty Longleat housing stock, the two closed pubs in Corsley and traffic issues. Mr Birnie has asked to come along to the next full PC meeting on 1st September, possibly together with Mr Bob Montgomery the new Longleat CEO, to introduce themselves to the PC. Mr Birnie has also agreed to find a suitable date in the New Year for them both to be our keynote speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), probably in early March. You will remember that Mr Bradley, the last CEO gave us a presentation a couple of years ago and next year's APM will give the Parish an opportunity to hear the direction that the new team intend to take.

Planning Applications

14/06373/LBC

An application for "Everywhere Anywhere" (previously Orange) to up-date the equipment on their mast in Dertford Woods

to improve operational effectiveness in the 3G/4G world for the Warminster area. The changes would have no visual or safety implications for Corsley. The PC had no objection.

14/0622/FUL

Construction of a new vehicle access and drive at Deerleap Cottage on The Hollow. The new access is intended to relieve obstruction from parked vehicles on the field access south of the property. The application was accompanied by full traffic survey information and a planning statement giving full consideration of the options. The PC had no objection but commented that this position should not be construed as tacit approval of change of use of the land crossed by the new drive, from agricultural to domestic.

Housing Needs Survey

The questionnaire has now been distributed by a combination of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and PC members, to whom many thanks are due for their cooperation and efficiency. The questionnaires were distributed within two days of their receipt.

360 copies were distributed to a list combining the October 2013 Electoral Register and the neighbourhood Watch lists. The distribution was done on the basis of at

least one copy per household and additional copies for house with multiple voters on the Register or where it was not possible to judge the marital status of occupants.

The deadline for return of the questionnaires in the pre-paid envelopes provided is the **26th September 2014** and I urge all who have received one to complete and return their questionnaire. The maximum response is needed to provide the soundest basis for the analysis and report which will follow. If anyone has not received a questionnaire, and wants one, please contact me. For those who got more than one, my apologies.

Footpaths et al

Gill Parkinson has asked me to point out what many must already know, that many of our footpaths are becoming very overgrown. Gill is very aware of what is a pretty inevitable consequence of the very vigorous growing season and she has raised a large number of associated footpath issues with Wiltshire Council. If any path needs attention please email Gill Parkinson at corsleyfootpaths@btinternet.com Is there an overgrown path that you are willing to help clear? If so, contact Gill who can provide equipment to help.

Another consequence of the growth season is hedge overhang on to the lanes. I would remind all that it is the landowner’s responsibility to get them cut and there are plenty of local contractors who will do it for you. If you do not discharge this duty and your hedges start to overhang the highways then you may get a knock on the door – no-one appreciates having their vehicles scratched by protruding foliage.

I have recently been asked questions about fly tipping and the extent to which it might apply to the dumping of garden waste on

highway verges or byways. Fly tipping is illegal and is defined as ‘the illegal deposit of any waste on to land, or any waste dumped or tipped on a site with no licence to accept waste’. This would appear to cover regular dumping of garden waste on the roadsides and there are areas in Corsley where this occurs. Those doing it could be at risk.

Neil Britten
Chairman, Corsley Parish Council
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The following students of Debbie Rickhuss, Temple, Corsley, have been successful in achieving exams set by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

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Eva Perkins.....	Grade 2
Harriet Crowe	Grade 2
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Storing vegetables...

Winter wonder

Rob gives us some advice on eking out our lovely crops of vegetables from the garden to enjoy during the winter months

Storing root vegetable crops in a clamp

In the days when people had large families and often survived by what they grew it was common to store root crops such as potatoes, carrots, swedes, beetroot and celeriac in clamps.

The first thing to ensure is that the crop will be kept out of standing water. Choose a dry spot in the plot and then dig a trench around the storage area. This will help drain any water and provides soil you will need later.

Next place a layer of straw, bracken or even shredded paper on the ground and then place a layer of your crop down. With carrots, you could try a circular pattern, thick end to the outside, then place another layer of your packing material or sand to level up. Carry on adding layers to form a cone shape. On the outside of the clamp, place six to eight inches of straw and make a little straw spike at the top to allow excess moisture to escape. The soil you removed from your drainage trench can then be used to cover the clamp.



Storing potatoes

When you first harvest your potatoes, you should leave them out in the sun for a few hours to dry off and allow the skin to harden a little. After this, brush off any excess soil and check for damage. Any forked, slugged or suspect potatoes should be put to one side and used as quickly as possible.

Unlike other root crops, potatoes should preferably be stored above 5°C as below that the starch turns into sugars, which can give them a sweet taste. The optimum temperature range is between 5 and 10°C.

The most important point when storing potatoes is to exclude light. Prolonged exposure to light will cause greening of the potato. Partially green potatoes are still edible – just cut off the affected parts.

You can store potatoes in paper sacks but leave the neck slightly open to allow excess moisture to escape. For this reason, do not use plastic bags under any circumstances. The best container is a hessian sack. You can buy these quite easily and many potato suppliers sell them as well.

*Rob White
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley*

Our Lives, Our History project by

Wiltshire People 1st

An appeal for photos, information, local knowledge, stories, etc...

Wiltshire People 1st is a user led self-advocacy organisation, based in the Independent Living Centre, St George's Road in Semington. We work to promote the rights and inclusion of people with learning disability and/or autism to have a voice and be in control of their lives. We run meetings and groups, support members to take part in consultations etc., and provide training sessions. We also manage a number of projects.

An appeal for information or stories from Wiltshire People 1st

- Do you have any memories of the old hospital at St George's Road in Semington?
- Do you have a learning difficulty/?
- Have you lived or worked with people with learning difficulties?
- Do you have any old photographs, historical records or local knowledge of Semington and surrounding areas?
- Are you interested in history and have time to help us look through archives, speak to people or help out at meetings or events?

Our Lives, Our History is a project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and aims to record the life stories of people with learning difficulties, their families, and carers. The project will explore the hidden history of people with learning difficulties/disabilities over the last 100 years and will also look at the Semington workhouse. Contributors can tell us of their experiences of learning difficulties and how changes in care provision have helped people to achieve independence and have more choice and control in their lives. The outcome of the project will see:

- The material collected made available to the public with a written record
- A public exhibition
- A DVD of people's experiences.

We want lots of people to hear about what we are doing and to get involved – either by sharing their stories or offering their services as volunteers.

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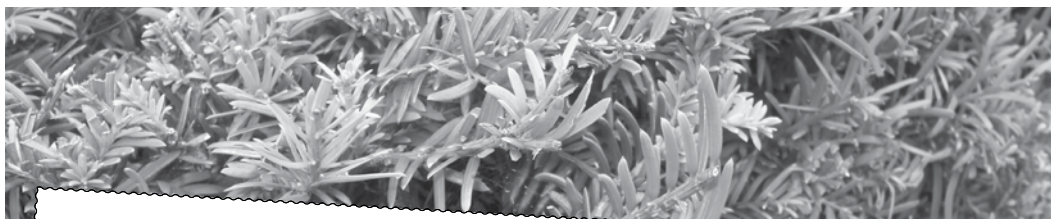
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Corsley

Memorial Playing Field

Neil Carpenter reports on some successful events and asks you for your ideas for future activities...

July and August have been very busy at the Playing Field. Following the Sleep-Over there have been cricket matches, tennis tournaments and three free 'Fun in the Sun' sports mornings for children.

As you know we work hard to provide free or low-cost events for the village. The 'Fun in the Sun' events were given to Corsley by the council to see the level of interest. They proved a great success with all the places available being taken up. Due to their success, Wiltshire Council have agreed to run a full course of these events next summer in the field. Thanks to all those who came along and we are looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

We have also been successful in winning a Health and Well-Being grant to support monthly events in the village.

Health and Well-Being is not just about exercise but also mental health; loneliness is recognised as a key problem in villages particularly amongst the older members of the community.

We would therefore like to input into what events we should put on. They don't have to be at the playing field – especially during the winter!

We have had a few thoughts but they are only for discussion...

- Afternoon teas
- Field wildlife day (hedges, borders, bulb planting, etc.) at our field or even down at the old school field.
- Free sports coaching for kids (tennis, table tennis, etc).
- Boules tournament
- Croquet tournament (I know we have one but we could run one over a number of months with more people involved)
- Indoor bowls (in the Reading Room)
- Cards or scrabble afternoon (field or Reading Room).

...please let us know your thoughts.

Neil Carpenter
Neil@nmc2.co.uk



Finally, we will be holding an apple pressing day at the field on the 12th October starting at 11am. Bring along your apples and press them into juice or learn how to convert the juice into cider. There will be some we made earlier to try!



Green Bin Garden Waste Winter Collection Service

**** Consultation extended to 1st October 2014 ****

There's still time to have your say on the proposed changes to the kerb-side garden waste collection service. More than 11,000 people have already responded giving their views on what is proving to be one of the most successful consultations the Council has ever run.

A number of Parish Councils have asked us to extend the consultation period to enable people that may have been away over the summer to have their say about the proposed changes to the garden waste service.

We currently deliver a fortnightly non-chargeable kerb-side garden waste collection service to those residents that request the service. But we need to make savings and we are considering three options for changing the kerb-side garden waste collection service to achieve this.

No decisions have been made yet and the Council's Cabinet will discuss the consultation response and the three potential options for change in November.

The proposed changes are:

1 A three month suspension of the non-chargeable kerb-side garden waste service with no collections taking place in December, January and February.

2 A five month suspension of the non-chargeable kerb-side garden waste service with no collections taking place in November, December, January, February and March.

3 To introduce a chargeable kerb-side garden waste collection service instead of the current non-chargeable service.

Residents are asked to pick the one option which best meets their needs. You can find out more information and contribute to the consultation:

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- online by visiting the Council's website and following the link to public consultations.
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Consultation documents and information are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.

Should you have any further questions you can contact the council by emailing gardenwasteconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk or by telephoning 0300 456 0102.

Well m'hearties!

What deeds of derring do were done at 'Pirates'?

Grog Blossom's report direct from the crow's nest...

The Sirens and Temptresses of stormy weather finally abated their wet and windy fury late that Saturday afternoon so that an evening of unrivalled hilarity, mirth and good cheer unfolded before a huge and appreciative audience. And huge it was indeed, with ticket sales up around 25%.

Sir Phillipe of the Abacus has indicated we might have cleared around £3,500 - £4,000 for worthy causes this year, which is a tremendous amount given our higher production and staging costs this year.

Trade was brisk at the Salty Swallow Tavern and the new barmaid we were trying out proved a great hit with customers old and new, "...but please Madam, desist from grabbing me crown tops".

However it's not all front of house, codpieces, flouncy frippery and men in tights: behind the scenes, locked away in the bowels of t'big house, a veritable army of Miriam's, Maxine's, Judith's and others too modest to mention slave away to make the event the success that it is ... Those that wore Marigolds also served"

So buckles were swashed, and ghosts were flabbered and Illyria finally took to the stage after another bewildering demonstration of acting brilliance by the Corsley fore-players, penned by the near infamous impresario CdaC, Maestro of the Obscure.

And who can forget (possibly only with the aid of extensive counselling) the Pilates of Penzance dance ensemble? Not so much 'Hot Gossip' as more 'Limp Innuendo'. Casting for next year is now open – anyone with an interest in foreplay or who fancies brushing up on their skills should attend auditions being held over the winter months in various parlours across the village. Preference will be given to those who own their own interesting corsetry and foundation garments.

Our Illustrious leader was h'ors de combat on the night and reluctantly took a quiet seat in the background, directing events in hoarse whispers, notes and the occasional prod from a sharp stick.

Those who attended the sit-down supper experienced less of a sinking feeling this year with over a £1,000 having been invested in new benches. The old MDF benches which have done sterling service for over 10 years are now up for grabs for a modestly small donation. Their worthiness as a bench cannot be guaranteed, but an item of object d'art (or firewood) might better suit.

As usual an assortment of lost or discarded items were found in and around the grounds the following day. Not unsurprisingly a large number of prosthetic limbs featured, as well as parrots, earrings, assorted nether

garments and an inflatable sheep. I'm keeping the sheep; all other items can be collected by arrangement.

The early word on the street is that Illyria will do more G&S next year with a spot of 'Iolanthe'.

So a humble and hearty thank-you to all our sponsors, patrons and our many behind-the-scenes chums.

*Yours as always, in moral turpitude
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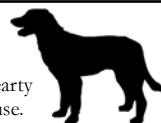
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"...Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Here, there and everywhere!

When I need a break, I offer friends an outing in the car. They don't know where they'll be going, because I don't! One afternoon, Joyce was free, plus Win, my friend from Chapel, and Ron, the oldest member of the Chapel's congregation (he's 94).

I headed for the Steam Railway at Bitton, near Keynsham, via Weston in Bath – but the road from Weston to Bitton is still closed after the winter landslide. A detour was signposted... When we passed Lansdown Racecourse, with no more signs of our detour, Ron was very excited – he'd never seen the racecourse before!

I panicked when I realised we were on the road leading to the M-something and Wales! I don't do motorways! As soon as we saw 'picnic area' signs, we turned into a huge car park overlooking the Severn Estuary and giving us views to the Black Mountains in Wales – marvellous! Even better was the tea stall, with its owner greeting us like long-lost friends and serving us tea and cake. When the man learned Ron's age and heard he'd served in Burma during the last war, he pulled up a spare chair and joined us at our table!

Ron was our preacher at Chapel for the Communion Service on 3rd August and his Reading was from Luke 24, the two disciples walking the road to Emmaus. As they travelled, Jesus joined them, but they didn't recognise Him, any more than Mary Magdalene recognised Him that morning, when she saw Him near the tomb. The travellers were asked what they were

discussing and they mentioned His suffering on the cross, His burial and the news of His resurrection. He talked to them about the Scriptures and how they related to Him, but it wasn't until He joined them for their meal, broke the bread and blessed it, that they realised who their fellow traveller was.

Writing about 'here, there and everywhere' reminds me to tell you all – I've finally moved! After 35 years in Corsley, I now have a flat in Frome. I'm sorry you haven't had much notice of the move, but nor did I in the end!

However, moving doesn't mean the end of my association with Corsley; I shall still attend the Chapel on Sunday mornings. I've added my mobile phone number below, because I have no landline or email provider at the moment.

Thank you all for your support and friendliness through the past three decades and more.

Quiz – cities in the Bible

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- 2 Where there is a street called 'Straight'.
Acts 9.11
- 3 Paul lived here two years in his own rented house.
Acts 28.30

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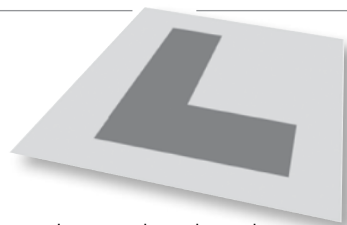
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Tales from the passenger seat



One of the difficulties that parents and pupils face, and have to understand, is the difference between **CONTROLLING** the car, and **DRIVING** the car. It can be very useful if a pupil has access to a car at home – I can teach a specific manoeuvre and the pupil can go off and practise it at home in their own car; saving both time and money. Additional driving also helps a pupil gain better spatial awareness and judgement of speed, distance and widths of other vehicles. The essential thing that has to be understood, is that once son or daughter can steer, change gear, do hill-starts and perform the manoeuvres, this merely reflects an ability to control the car. These are essential skills of course, but viewed by examiners as only a fundamental expectation. If a pupil cannot perform the above physical skills, then they should not be on test.

What the examiners really need to see is a pupil's ability to anticipate, judge and cope with other traffic, including other drivers doing things they shouldn't be doing – incorrect signalling, pushing through a gap, etc. In other words, the ability to read the road and prove independence in coping with whatever situation crops up. They have to see that the pupil is safe in observing and being aware of all that is going on around them.

I often get a pupil who is very good at driving their own car to school for instance, but put them in a busy unfamiliar traffic situation and suddenly they are not so

good or independent as they thought. Classic responses are "I didn't see it", "It was hidden by the window pillar", "It was hidden behind that lorry/bus/van" ...and so on. I have to explain that whilst that is acceptable whilst they are learning, it is totally unacceptable if they want a licence – after all, I managed to see it and dual-brake them, and they should not be relying on the passenger to get them out of trouble IF they want a licence!

I sometimes get a pupil make excuses that they are tired. My usual response is "Wonderful! You will be tired at times when you have passed the test and will still need to be attentive and safe, so this is the ideal time to get used to focussing and concentrating when you least feel fresh. We don't all do ten press-ups, have a glass of orange and a whiff of fresh air every time we drive a car... you **HAVE** to learn to concentrate regardless of 'how you feel' ".

Most pupils accept this reality check and understand that there is a very real danger out there if they do not learn to stay focussed all the time. Of course, some take a while to fully grasp this concept of personal responsibility, hence some pupils need more lessons than others, despite having received exactly the same information as everyone else.

A pupil not only has to be ready to drive in terms of age, but must also be ready to drive in terms of maturity – not all 17 year-olds are wise or mature!

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Countryside Matters

Judith notes the many changes in our countryside during September

The temperature drops especially at night to below 10°C, daylight hours shorten and all around us are signs of Autumn. This year the fruit trees are laden, the hedgerows are full of berries and nuts and if you're really lucky and take that early morning walk you might even find field mushrooms. As usual, much care should be taken in choosing edible fruit, fungi and herbs that you find in the countryside; if unsure, ask advice or don't eat it until you're absolutely sure it's safe to do so.

There is a big debate regarding when our hedges should be trimmed. The birds and mammals would appreciate their natural food being left on the trees and hedges until the early spring, but for those driving along our narrow lanes it becomes a problem with poor visibility, passing other vehicles can be an even bigger problem and, of course, damage to vehicles by branches and brambles; whatever the farmer does will be wrong in someone's eyes.

The harvest of cereals such as barley, wheat and oil-seed rape is nearly finished, some being stored on farms in large barns or silos or sold straight off the farms to grain buyers for the food industry.

The maize crop has reached its maximum height so we're waiting for the cobs to mature before the harvester collects the entire plant and chops it all up together to make a good silage feed for the cattle this coming winter

As autumn draws on, the calving paddocks are extremely busy. We still prefer to calve out in the field where there is less chance of cross infection and the mother cow is able to choose the spot where they want to calve in safety. The calving paddocks are near the farmhouse and the dairy so, just like a hospital maternity ward, we are able to keep an expert eye in the calving cattle 24 hours a day.

We have recently been extremely fortunate – a group of ladies enjoying a birthday tea party in their garden heard a distressed group of cattle bellowing in a nearby field; one unfortunate cow had become stuck in a large drinking trough. Thanks to the ladies' quick resolve to report it, the local fire brigade, the vet and our farm staff all managed to safely release the cow and she has since produced a healthy calf!

Those of us who are fortunate to live and work in the country do appreciate the care and thoughtfulness of those who we share the countryside with.

Judith Helliar





Over to you!

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

Those of you who read these articles now and again will know that I usually explore a theme or question

here. This time, I'm offering something a bit different and I'm keen to hear from you...

I'm wondering about running some small informal groups (a maximum of 4 people per group) where we would look together at an issue of interest. I've had a few preliminary ideas:

- Empty-nests – the process of young adults leaving home
- Retirement
- Making time for / looking after yourself
- Menopause/peri-menopause
- Being a carer

I'm sure there are plenty of other topics and I warmly welcome suggestions. These groups might be one-offs or run each week/

fortnight. I imagine they'd last for about 1 ½ to 2 hours each. I'd act as facilitator and, while work like this isn't the same as individual therapy, the groups will run along therapeutic lines: we explore the issue, sharing experiences and then try to deepen our understanding of what's really going on, drawing out themes and concluding with some ideas about how to make the issue more manageable.

If this is of interest to you or you'd just like to find out a bit more, get in touch. You can email, text or ring me – details below. If enough people are interested in the same topic, we'll get going. We'd meet in the room I use at the church. Of course, I'm still available for individual psychotherapy/counselling there as well.

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