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## Editorial

Welcome to the April/May edition of the Rowde Village News and I hope you enjoy reading it.

This issue we have the usual excellent reports from our schools, clubs and societies and also some very good articles.

I would again recommend checking out the 'Eating Out' review. Ann and I finally got along to La Flambé Restaurant in Sutton Benger a couple of weeks ago and are delighted to report that we found it to be well worth a visit. Read all about it on page 7.

We have also received another old photograph which was taken near Rowde over 100 years ago. I'm guessing none of you will have been around back then but see if you can recognise the view on page 35. And speaking of Rowde's past, you may find it interesting to see and read about the Hurn family tree on page 9 which was sent in by Den Brock.

Wiltshire Council are asking for your views on housing needs in our area and you can get more information on this on page 24. Also, if you would like you and your family to be stars of the TV screen then go to page 41 where BBC2 are looking for a family to feature in a new series of 'Back in Time'.

Finally, I hope you are all happy with the magazine's new bi-monthly publishing schedule which, I am happy to report, is proving very successful in keeping us 'solvent' and means that you will continue to receive it free for the foreseeable future. It remains important though, that contributors and advertisers plan well ahead (at least two months) of the deadline dates given on page 22.

**Cheers for now, Ed**

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### Contributors please also note:

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every second month.

**Inserts:** *Due to the extra work created by inserting leaflets into the magazine and the fact that the team is already stretched, we very much regret we are unable to accept requests of this nature except in very special circumstances, when there will be a small charge.*

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## Cover Photographs

The photo of daffodils on the front cover this month was taken recently on Marsh Lane at the edge of the village by Alan Watters and the super photo on the back cover was sent in by Gemma Owen.

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On February 27th in the Village Hall the members of the Ladies Club were shown how to decorate greeting cards by Mrs C Morris. We then all 'had a go' and it was surprising how talented our members are and produced some very pretty cards.

Raffle winners were: Mrs. C. Sault & Mrs. C. Morris.

The next meeting will be held on March 26th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall when we will doing 'gentle exercises' with Eve.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 30th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall when the future of the Club and a programme will be discussed.

**Di. Buckland, Secretary 01380723049**

## HIWAY CLUB

*(for the hearing impaired)*

The first meeting this year will be held on March 27th in the Village Hall when members will be talking about their lives and having a quiz.

The April meeting on the 24th will be the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

A programme for the next year will then be produced.

**Di Buckland (Secretary) 723049**

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 5th. Due to the poor attendance we presume that everyone is satisfied with the way the Hall is being managed by the Committee.

The committee were re-elected en bloc. The balance sheet showed that the Hiring fees covered the day to day expenses and the Fund raising events profit was used towards maintenance and further improvements.

You will have seen that work was started on the drainage to the Car Park but due to the very sad death of Keith Stevens the contractor has been halted for the time being.

The dates for the Ploughman's Lunches will be May 13th and October 19th.

A Bric a Brac and second hand book sale will be held on April 13th (See page 5 opposite).

**Barrie Barrett, Chairman**

## ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members met in the Village Hall on February 5th when we had a few games of Card Bingo and as usual a chat and a 'cuppa'. We met again on March 5th where we had a quiz with the overall winner being Barrie Barrett.

The next meetings will be held on April 2nd and May 7th. If you would like an afternoon out come along and have a chat and a cup of tea.

**Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655**

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## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

*Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People*

### Gentle Movement for Older People

Do come and join us for 'Gentle Movement' at the Social Centre on alternate Monday mornings as part of Monday Club. The Gentle Movements are designed for older people and those who have some limited movement. It is completed sitting down. Participants are advised to only do exercises that they can do comfortably. The aim is to help you maintain strength and flexibility and improve posture. Ans why not join us for lunch afterwards?

For more information on Gentle Movement or Monday Club please contact:

**Caroline Culley,**  
**07557 983940 / 01380 850531**  
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*The Monday Club is a community day centre and lunch club for older residents of Bromham and Rowde. It is grant aided through Wiltshire Council.*



### Dementia Friends

**Monday 13th May 2-3pm Social Centre**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Dementia Friends is a national initiative that aims to change the way we think, act and talk about dementia.

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So far there are around 13,000 Dementia Friends in Wiltshire.

Please let me know if you are coming so we know how many to plan for.

**Caroline Culley**  
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- **The choir sings at Rowde parish church each month and further afield including Salisbury Cathedral**
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**Contact: Portia Broomfield 07514047878**



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# EATING OUT - La Flambé Restaurant

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The main focus of our food is classic French cuisine with Spanish & Italian influences throughout the menu. Our menu includes fresh fish, sirloin & fillet steaks and a traditional Sunday lunch. We have a list of over sixty wines, whether you fancy a glass of red, white or rosé, we have something to suit every taste and dish!

## REVIEWS:

### Best meal out in a while!

Ann and I had been meaning to try this French restaurant for some time and we are so glad that we finally got round to going. To see the building was worth the visit alone but the food was simply excellent. We had a glass of prosecco on arrival then two three-course, beautifully cooked, meals accompanied by a very good bottle of wine and it all came to just £85! We would very much recommend you try it and can't wait to go back there ourselves!

**Alan (Ed) & Ann from Rowde (February 2019)**

### Lovely lunch in an historic building

We have not had an evening meal at La Flambé as yet but I should imagine the atmosphere would be lovely. The set lunch is delicious, plenty of choice and the price in my opinion is good value. We have been twice to date this year and on both occasions have thoroughly enjoyed our meal. The staff are so pleasant and accommodating; nothing is too much trouble. As a change, you have a basket of melba toast with yummy butter to nibble at while waiting for your meal to arrive.

I would not hesitate to recommend this restaurant. Well done to the Chef and Staff, worth driving 70 miles for this fine place.

**Pammy Summers from Windsor (February 2019)**

### Three course set meal

We got this as a Xmas gift from dear friends. The restaurant is in a semi rural place and gets quite busy. We tried to book a couple of weeks prior but they were fully booked. So this just shows how popular it is. We had the set menu. I don't eat meat or chicken so sometimes set menus can mean only one choice. Not with this menu. There were a number of really very nice choices.

The staff were very welcoming. The meal was great. Very nicely presented and tasted great. Portions were large. And the most important thing the deserts are homemade. Too often you go to a restaurant and although the desert menu is great you can tell they have been made in some factory unit and bought in. So five stars to la flambé for making their own!

**Tracey O from Bath (February 2019)**



## REVIEWS NEEDED!

**If you have eaten out lately and could write us a review please send it to Suzan at [suzijj@rocketmail.com](mailto:suzijj@rocketmail.com), thanks, Ed**

# ROWDEY COW NEWS



February really was a month of contrasts! Starting with heavy snow and causing us to have to close for a couple days it was a dreadful start to the month and then just as half term began we had glorious sunshine and we were busier that week than in the heat wave last August! Without any of our extra Summer staff and students available our small team pulled together fantastically and we had the most successful February half term ever!

Our Valentines evening went really well and a huge thanks to Victoria Bolley who sang romantic songs beautifully. We hope to organise a few other themed evenings throughout the year so we will keep you updated!

March has been very windy so far but the forecast seems to be improving for next week so hopefully it will be ice cream weather again very soon! We are looking forward to Mothering Sunday where the Mums will be spoilt with a delicious selection of Sunday roasts and Afternoon Teas.

We are sad to be losing Bethan from our team who has completed her apprenticeship and is moving towards a change of career and we would like to welcome Gemma and Katie onto our team as well as the new Summer team of students!



We are now looking towards Easter and are planning our Easter Egg hunts and we have ordered in the cream eggs so that we can start making our Cream egg Ice Cream very soon!

From April we will be back to our Summer time opening hours of 9am-5pm – lunch served until 4pm and Mark has started to design a delicious new menu ready for our new opening hours!

***We hope to see you soon!, Sue***





# THE HURNS OF ROWDE (from a letter by Den Brock)

Hello Alan

As an old resident of Rowde during a very happy 5 years spent during the war staying with cousins Clem and Ethel Flower in what was then called 'The Gables', the 17th century thatched cottage just up the road and opposite the 'Cross Keys'. I saw in your JAN/FEB magazine the photos of pupils from Rowde school in the 1920s, one of whom I recognised. I am descended from a large family of 'Hurns' who lived in the village in the 1800s. I'm attaching part of a family tree which you might find interesting. I am descended from Elizabeth Agnes Hurn who left the village when she was in her teens or twenties to go to London in service where she met and then married Augustus Edward Brock and where she died in 1937. If this family tree gets to you alright you see that Win Hurn, in your photo, is the younger sister (by 10 years) of Ethel who I was staying with. The Hurns were all born and raised in the first cottage just to the right of The Gables. How they were able to raise some ten or more children in such a small cottage, which back then had no inside loo or bath, I don't know! Judging from the number of them they must have had quite an influence on village life.

I have a number of photos taken during the war, some of which were taken during days out 'picnicking' on 'the hills'. In those days there was a lovely wood covering the whole of the hill to the righthand side of Roundway Hill and we would spend the day in one of the clearings at the top, Clem fixing up a huge rope swing which would give endless enjoyment. It was somewhat spoilt when half way through the war the top of that part of the hill was ploughed up. I shall never forget those days and hearing the skylarks singing of an evening. I must be getting old!

Anyway Alan, that's enough of me reminiscing, hope you find the piece of the Family Tree interesting.

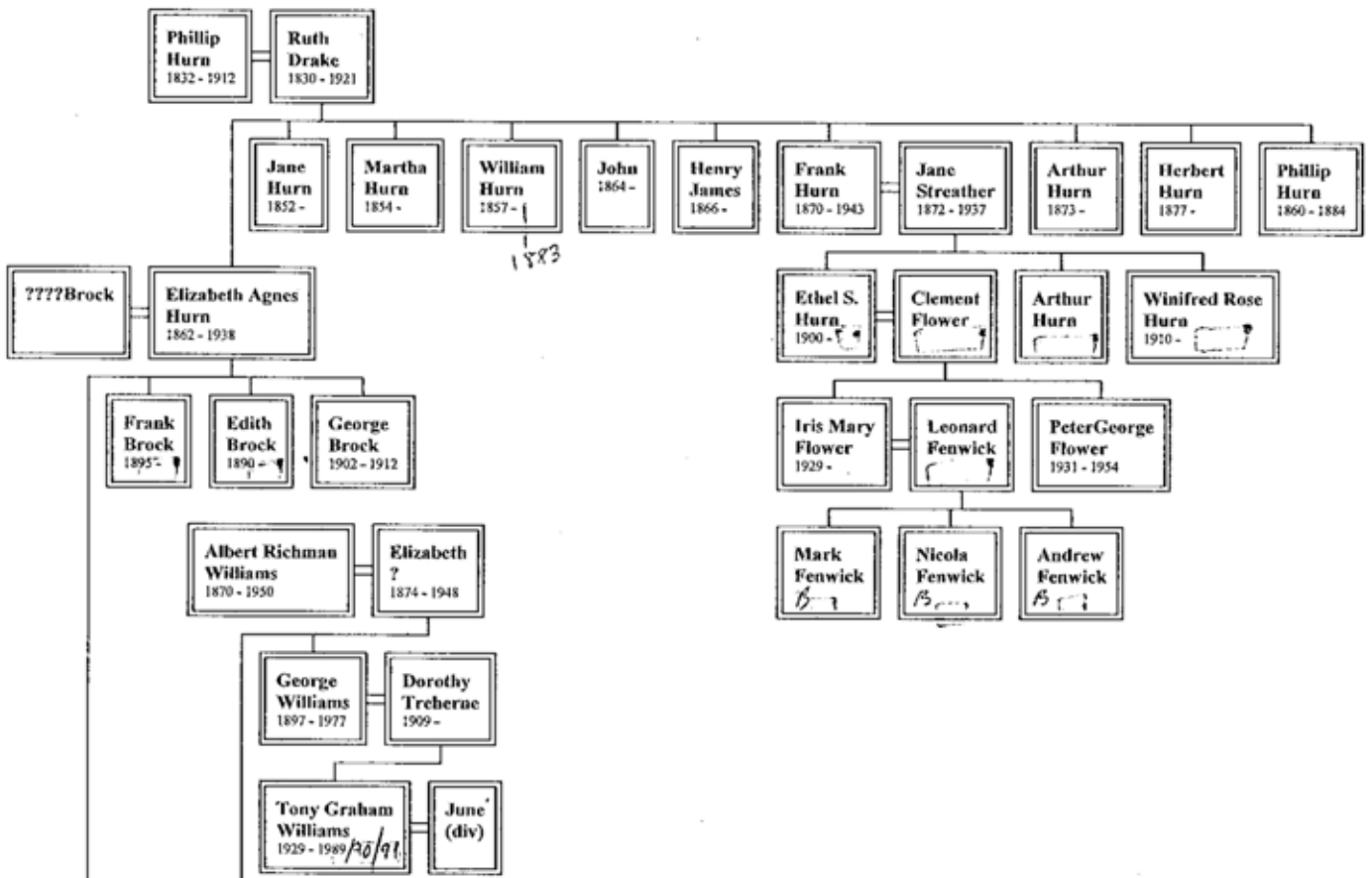
Good luck with the magazine!

PS. Should you wish to seek more information on either 'The Flowers' or the 'Hurns', my cousin Iris (Mary), who I was raised with during my life at 'The Gables', still lives in Devizes and some years ago was researching both Trees. Please therefore contact the editor and he will connect us.

**kindest regards**

**Den Brock**

*All-in-One Tree of Dennis Arthur Brock*



# NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

*Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring*



## Rowdeford Annual Garden Fair

Sunday 19th May is the day for our Annual Garden Fair and we need your support. The proceeds of this event will be going towards further development of Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) at Rowdeford.

There is exclusive entry for ticket holders from 10:00-11:00. The Fair commences from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. There will be gorgeous plants from specialist plant growers plus practical and attractive garden accessories. Other attractions include farm animals, WI teas, a Pimms' tent, Bistro lunches and live music. Advance tickets are £4 per adult (£5 on the day) with children under 16 free. Parking is free; but sorry, no dogs. These can be purchased from school reception – please ring 01380 850309. For further information or advance tickets, please contact [ma99iemoore@gmail.com](mailto:ma99iemoore@gmail.com) telephone 01249 814979, or go to [www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk](http://www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk)



We are all trying to show Resilience as our Value for this term.

The grounds at school are looking absolutely amazing, the students have been outside learning and having fun.

For Humanities Day our year 7 group went to the Steam Museum in Swindon and enjoyed this tremendously.

*Please follow our Rowdeford School Facebook and Twitter accounts (@RowdefordSchool) to keep up to date with regular notices and information.*

# NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

*Our bright start leads to their bright future*

We have been extremely busy in Year 1 investigating the life of Neil Armstrong. Our topic is 'to infinity and beyond' so we have been exploring the wonders of space as well. We have created our own solar system in the classroom as well as making rockets from junk modelling. We have also created space pictures using chalk and made papier-mâché moons!



We have used role play and played out what it would feel like to travel into space and are writing diary entries, whilst pretending to be Neil Armstrong. We have also written fact files about Neil Armstrong and compared his explorations with Christopher Columbus and looked at the similarities and differences of their missions.



We have continued to promote our love of sharing books and in particular we loved reading the book *Beegu*. We have discussed our favourite parts of this book and used interesting adjectives to describe how the characters were feeling at different parts of the story. We then wrote letters to either *Beegu* or the author (Alexis Deacon) in which we used our understanding of question openers and question marks to pose questions in our letters.

Currently, we are writing poems about space, whilst exploring alliteration, rhythm and rhyme. As well as this, we have been perfecting our understanding of measurement in relation to height, weight, volume and capacity! All whilst practising for our class assembly.

*Miss G Scrusse , Year 1 Teacher*

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***Mr Gavin Moss on 01380 729160***

***or e-mail [jmosscaudet@gmail.com](mailto:jmosscaudet@gmail.com)***

## FUN COLUMN

**Welcome to this month's fun column which features a few more classic jokes sent in by 'Chugalug', one of our readers:**

What do you call a woman that sounds like an ambulance? Nina.

Want to hear a joke about a piece of paper? Never mind - it's tearable.

Where do you learn to make Ice Cream (apart from The Rowdey Cow)? Sundae School.

I wouldn't buy anything with velcro. It's a complete rip off.

My wife suggested I was the car with our son. I told her a sponge would be better.

What did the ocean say to the shore? Nothing, it just waved.

What do you call a horse that moves around a lot? Unstable.

I'm reading a book about the history of glue. I just can't put it down!

Our son used to swallow coins when he was young. We realised when we saw some change in him.

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? He woke up when the bell went off.

What do you call a male ant? An uncle.

I'll never date another apostrophe. The last one was too possessive.

My friend begged me to stop singing Wonderwall. I said maybe.

What do you call a factory that only sells passable products? A satisfactory.

I used to have a job collecting leaves. I was really raking it in.

Why did the hairdresser win the race? He knew a good shortcut.

I used to have a job at a calendar factory but I got the sack because I kept taking days off.

A Dutchman has invented shoes that record how many miles you've walked. Clever clogs!

The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.

And finally ....

If you're still looking for that one person who will change your life take a look in the mirror.

**Do you have a funny story to tell? Send it in!**

## PHOTO FUN

This issue we have some cute animal photos.



Do you have any interesting or amusing photos of people or pets? Send them in!



# Netherstreet Beef

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# Your Parish Council

## Parish Council meeting - Update

The information below is current at the time of the Parish Council meeting. If events or information have changed since the meeting, it will not be reflected here. Please note, this is a representation of the meeting and not the minutes in full. A full set of the minutes can be viewed at: [www.rowdevillage.org](http://www.rowdevillage.org), on the village noticeboards, or by application to the Clerk.

If you would like further information on any Parish Council matter, please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01380 720988, [rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com)

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 13th February & 13th March 2019 were:

### Wiltshire News – in Rowde

Council House Build Programme Phase II – outline proposal to build on land off Reed Place, Rowde.

- Every household in the parish will receive a 'Housing Needs Survey' through their door. This will inform Wiltshire Council of any housing need there may be in the village, with regards to building new homes. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey and return it in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope to Wiltshire Council.

- If you have not received a 'Housing Needs Survey' form, please contact the Clerk tel: 01380 501731, or by email: [rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The survey is open until 15th April 2019.

### Community Led Housing

There was a presentation on Community Led Housing at the Parish Council meeting in February. Community First, Wiltshire Community Land Trust and Wiltshire Council have entered into a partnership project to deliver Community Led Housing advice and information to the communities of Wiltshire.

### What is Community Led Housing?

Community Led Housing is about local people taking a leading and lasting role in solving housing problems in their community. Such proposals must have meaningful community involvement; where the community group owns, manages or stewards the homes in a manner of their choosing; and the benefits to the community are clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity. They can be delivered directly by the community or through partnership working. The key is that the community is empowered to address their housing needs.

A number of community groups have formed already, including a group in Seend and Bromham. Community Led Housing are assisting them with addressing their housing needs.

Volunteers would be needed to form a group. The benefits of creating a group would be to make a difference to your community, get to know your neighbours, more knowledge of your local community, and it could be fun!

- If you need housing, the importance of being on the housing register was highlighted by the Community Led Housing team. There is one housing register and that is homes4 Wiltshire. There is also an open market register which provides intermediate housing solutions: discount market sale, shared ownership.

## Statutory Consultation on Special Schools Rowdeford School

A legal case has been made against Wiltshire Council stating that the Council has not followed due process during its consultation on the future of special needs schools in the county. The outcome of the case will be decided soon.

### Wiltshire wide news

- Wiltshire Council has approved its budget and set a 2.99% increase in Council tax.
- There is a motion by Wiltshire Council to acknowledge a climate emergency and to seek carbon neutrality by 2030.
- Wiltshire Council is unanimously committed to welcoming up to 100 refugee children over the next 10 years, as part of the national 'Safe Passage Our Turn' campaign to call on central government to fund foster places. There is some concern about the shortage of existing foster carers in Wiltshire. A plea was made for anyone who can give a child a loving home, to come forward.

Back in Time – BBC television programme is looking for a rural family to take part in their television series. They are looking for a family to immerse themselves in the past world of rural village life. They are filming the series in the region over the school summer holidays 2019 and are looking for a new family to take part and go back in time: those with memories of, or connections to, the countryside and village life. For more information and to apply please visit: [walltowall.co.uk](http://walltowall.co.uk). Families must be UK residents and have a minimum of three children, ideally aged 8+.

### Rowde News

#### Highways

#### Caen Hill Road Improvement Scheme

- There is an outline proposal to introduce traffic signal controls at both C244 Devizes Road and B3101 Marsh Lane junctions on Caen Hill. The design is being developed. It is estimated that a plan will be available for consultation in the summer.

#### Parking problems

- Problems are being caused for residents by school traffic parking in Springfield Road, Silverlands Road, Ferris Close and Reed Place. There are safety concerns for children navigating parked cars around the village. All drivers are reminded to park safely and respectfully of residents.

#### Dropped kerbs

- The Parish Council, in conjunction with HfT, has prioritised the dropped kerbs that it considers to be most essential at this time. The Clerk will apply to CATG for permission and funding towards the dropped kerbs needed. Thank you to Pete & Wendy Williams for supplying details of the original pavement survey (2010).

#### Rowde Village Walks booklet

- If anyone is interested and has some spare time, Barrie Barrett is looking to revise his Rowde Village Walks booklet. Help is needed to walk the walks, note any changes, to add new walks to the booklet and to help with the reproduction. Barrie can be contacted on 01380 722186 if you are able to help.

## Planning Applications

- 19/01258/FUL Application for Full Planning:- for ancillary equipment and food store shed, 2 x animal shelters, goat den and poultry house at: Land south of Rowde Lane, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1ST.
  - o The Parish Council objected to the application. The Parish Council thought that the application was incomplete because it does not mention access to the site, which would have to be across Rowde Common, which is under the stewardship of the Parish Council.
- 19/01115/FUL Bridge House, Caen Hill – single storey extension. The Parish Council had no objections to the plans.
- 19/01982/FUL Oakwood Stud, Marsh Lane: for the use of land and stables for a new equine business; extension to stables; erection of storage barn; stationing of mobile home (resubmission of 18/02904/FUL).
  - o The Parish Council was sympathetic to the business starting up and supported the application. They had concerns about the number of parking spaces due to the environmental impact and the size of the site; the lack of provision for drainage and trade waste.

## Pavilion – demolition proposed

- A contractor has been chosen to manage the demolition of the pavilion.
- 19/02119/DEM: At the request of Rowde Parish Council, the chosen contractor has lodged an application to demolish the pavilion. The process will take six weeks to complete.

## New Premises Licence

- The Scooter Rally has applied for a premises licence for the large playing field for their event in July.

## Financial Matters

### Village Infrastructure

### Silverlands Play Area – adoption

Residents are concerned about the condition of the play area in Silverlands.

The Parish Council has registered its interest in taking over the management of the play area. As the area is in a poor condition, this should help to move the matter along more quickly. Cllr Cuthbert will request that the matter is expedited.

## Repairs

- The faulty streetlight outside of 27 Tower has been repaired. Thank you to the local resident who facilitated this.
- The repairs on the small playing ground have been carried out free of charge.
- Wiltshire Council has stated that it has repaired the drain by 12 Devizes Road, however, the road still floods in this area whenever there is heavy rain. The whole section of road needs repairing as the tarmac has rippled opposite the school.
- The hedgerow overhanging the High Street at the entrance to the Church drive has been cut back.
- The Parish Steward has been asked to clear the path from St. Matthew's.

## Church to Cock Road

- The Clerk has reported the 'Reed Place' sign as damaged. This will be referred to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for repair.
- The planter on Marsh Lane/Rowde Court Road junction will be replanted for Spring.

## Finance

Monthly invoices for January were as follows, proposed by C Stevens, seconded by L Wills.

Admin costs	£1,214.88
Grounds Maintenance	£663.86
Subs/Meeting room hire	£122.00
Total:	£2,000.74

Monthly invoices for February were as follows, proposed by C Stevens, seconded by L Wills.

Admin costs	£1,214.88
Grounds Maintenance	£500.80
Christmas Tree safety	£343.53
Total:	£2,059.21

## Neighbourliness

- Please can we remind everyone to park with respect for your neighbours and residents who live in the village. Everyone should be able to easily access their own drives or houses.
- Please be aware of any hedgerow/bushes/trees that may hang over your property and cause obstructions and dangers for pedestrians and drivers.
- There is no such thing as the 'dog poo fairy'. Please keep our streets and grassed areas clean for everyone to enjoy. Please do not use our playing fields, including Rowde Primary playing field, to exercise your dogs and leave their waste behind.

## My Wiltshire App

- Please forward requests for highway repairs to the Clerk or report them through the 'My Wiltshire App'. The more reports that are logged through the App, the higher the priority will be given to the issue.
- It is easy to report problems like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting in your area using the 'My Wiltshire' online form. Reports can be made anonymously or you can register for free. Once you have registered, you can track the reports you have made, and receive notification once the work has been completed. The more residents report issues, the more likely we are to have them fixed.
- The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at:  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm>

## Mobile Library

- Please remember to use the Mobile Library which will be stopping in Maundrell Close on:
- Thursday 11 April 2019
- Thursday 9 May 2019

The mobile library will be parked from 9.30am – 10am and can be used by everyone. Please support your library service.

## Police Matters

If you need to report a crime:

- Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

It is possible to follow the Police on:

- Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>
- Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

**Dates for the diary –**

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Wednesday 3rd April & Wednesday 8th May, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Council meetings dates can be found in the village diary on the back page of the magazine.

We would like to encourage all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time at the next Parish Council meeting.

A full set of minutes is available on the Parish noticeboards and on the village website.

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Social care – children:	01225 773500
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<b>Wiltshire County Councillor deputising for Rowde</b>			
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- **CAN YOU SPARE AN EVENING A MONTH TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR VILLAGE?**

**PLEASE SEE THE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE FOR MORE DETAILS.**

**AT RECENT  
PARISH COUNCIL  
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**POSSIBLE NEW  
COUNCIL BUILD IN  
ROWDE**

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**UPDATE ON  
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## ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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tel: 01380 720988

Website: [rowdevillage.org](http://rowdevillage.org)

Meetings: Every second  
Wednesday of the month,  
7.30pm in the Village Hall.

# ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello Everyone,  
With the current high street trends, it has not been easy. We are aware that everyone looks for the cheapest option and although our shop may not always be the cheapest, we are pretty competitive.



Bookers wholesale dealt us a blow by refusing to deal with smaller orders of £1,500 plus a week, excluding cigarettes and VAT. Something that is was impossible for us to do, so we have now found two smaller retailers willing to supply us, one being a cash basis and the other on a cash and carry basis. One is Warminster based and the other is in Sherbourne Dorset. We have also lost a small provider for our pies and pastries as they went bust. And we are currently looking for another. It does show how hard things are for a number of businesses. We have had to limit stock in some cases, especially with cigarettes and tobacco, as there is a limit on the margins we can add.

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## Opening Hours

Mon to Fri	7:30am – 6:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 11:00am
Bank Holidays	9:00am – 11:00am

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The other issue is staff. There are very few of us to run the premises. There was never the 70 or so volunteers mentioned when we first opened. If the shop closes for want of staff it will be a sad indictment for the village.

One thing is certain we cannot continue as we are. For three years and more we have been appealing for help, and as long as we struggle on, the village will expect us to be there for them.

We have 11 regular volunteers and with Kelly leaving in June that brings us down to 10, also with holidays, sickness and other commitments we can expect to have approximately 7 staff any one time for 60 hours of cover. It is NOT enough!

We have missed the Marina shop money, but still are very grateful for the Foxhanger boat orders in the holiday season. If anyone can think of generating more funds in any way, we will consider it.

We have experienced quite a lot of rudeness throughout the year. It is strange that customers will stand patiently in the supermarket queue, yet fly in our shop door demanding immediate attention from us even if there are two or three in front of them

Complaints have ranged from "your bread is expensive is there any half price? To a customer

asking if she can pay £2.45 for a £2.50 item. When told no, the reply was 'it was worth a try.' Sometimes it does make us wonder why we stick our head above the parapet. Then along comes some lovely customer with home-made cake or biscuits for us. We do have a small band of regular customers who go the extra mile for us and it does make it all worthwhile. We really do value their kindness and help.

These are some percentages from the Plunkett Foundation regards current Community shop trends:

- Average directors are 7
- 30 volunteers involved
- 4 paid staff
- 59% have Post offices
- 43% have cafés
- 19% are located in community buildings
- 94% community shop success rate
- 46% business success rate.

We cannot provide a Café or Post Office, so our options are limited. Please read Janet's report and perhaps you can help by just buying those extra few items. We are solvent and working hard to remain so. The big question is; will we be so next year if our downward trend continues. It is up to the village to see we remain in business.

*Kind Regards,*

*The Shop Team,*

**01380 739800**

**[rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com](mailto:rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com)**

## AND FROM THE AGM REPORT:

This is our eighth set of accounts – for four years we have traded at a loss and four years in profit.

The losses over 4 years amount to £18089 and the four years of profit amount to £8379. The net losses are, therefore, £9710 overall. This loss has obviously been subsidised by grants, donations, fundraising and sale of shares to the sum of £11487. The grants have also contributed to the cost of additional assets none of which could have been purchased new or replaced without them.

The turnover each year has reduced significantly (a drop of £16695 from 2017 to 2018), an overall drop from £149946 in 2011-12 to our turnover this year of £98243.

It is time for the village to decide whether they want the shop or not! It cannot survive on the occasional visit on a Sunday morning for a paper, a packet of fags and to pay the electricity bill. Sorry to be blunt.

We fully realise that people cannot do all their shopping in our shop, but we are not that far away from supermarket prices so if 50% of the residents bought three or four items a week from us it could make the difference between sink or swim.

For 100 residents to spend £3 a week with us instead of Sainsburys, Aldi, Lidl, Morrisons our turnover would increase by £15600 a year.

Jan Barber will be explaining the situation regarding the volunteers and paid staff which is also of grave concern. PLEASE nobody suggest saving money by reducing the hours of our paid staff, without them the shop would cease tomorrow – we have only ten volunteers and some can manage only an hour or two in a week.

Despite all the preceding gloom it is good to report that the finances are being very tightly controlled and we are functioning without an overdraft, our creditors are all being paid on a regular basis and there is less than £2500 left to pay on the COOP loan.

If anyone has any questions about the accounts, I am happy to answer them by email or telephone - Jan has my contact details.

*Thank you, Janet Nuthall*

## SIMPLE SNACK RECIPE

### Avocado, Prosciutto and Egg Open-Faced Sandwich



*Who says eggs are just for breakfast? This versatile dish works at any time of day.*

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for serving
- 4 large eggs
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 2 ounces sliced prosciutto

#### METHOD:

1. Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the eggs and cook, covered, 2 to 4 minutes for slightly runny yolks. Season with ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper.

2. Dividing evenly, top the bread with the avocado, prosciutto, and eggs.

3. Serve drizzled with additional oil and sprinkled with pepper.

*(most ingredients are available from the village shop so remember to get them there, Ed)*

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**Alan Watters, Editor**

# April/May Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

Services in St Matthew's, Rowde, *unless otherwise stated*

Currently, there is a service at 10am every Sunday; usually in Rowde but sometimes in Bromham.

**Everyone is very welcome at all our services**



Date/Time	Service
<b>Wednesday 3 Apr</b> 11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde</b>
<b>Sunday 7 April</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Lent 5</b> <b>Holy Communion BCP, Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion (CW), Bromham</i> <b>All Age Service with Junior Choir, craft, songs, small children's play area and refreshments (No Eucharist), Rowde</b> <i>Evensong BCP, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 14</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Holy Communion (Benefice), Rowde</b>
<b>Monday 15</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> <i>Compline, Bromham</i>
<b>Tuesday 16</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> <i>Compline, Bromham</i>
<b>Wednesday 17</b> 7.30 pm	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> <i>Tenebrae service, Bromham</i>
<b>Thursday 18</b> 7.30 pm	<b>Maunday Thursday</b> <i>Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday, Bromham</i>
<b>Friday 19</b> 10.00 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>All age service for Good Friday, Rowde</b> <b>Last Hour reflection service. Rowde</b> <i>Stations of the Cross, Bromham</i>
<b>Saturday 20</b> 7.30 pm	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <i>Service of Light and Vigil, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 21</b> 8.00 am 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde</b> <b>Holy Communion (CW), Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion (CW), Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 28</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Easter 2</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Morning Worship, Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion (CW), Bromham</i> <i>Evensong (BCP), Bromham</i>
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b> 11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion BCP, Rowde</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm	<b>Easter 3</b> <b>Holy Communion BCP, Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> <b>All Age Service with Junior Choir, craft, songs, small children's play area and refreshments (No Eucharist), Rowde</b> <i>Rogation service, V&amp;P Collins Farm Shop, 81-83 Devizes Road, Bromham</i>

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Easter 4</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> <i>Holy Communion (Benefice), Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 19</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Easter 5</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> <b>Holy Communion, Rowde</b> <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 26</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Easter 6</b> <i>Holy Communion BCP, Sandy Lane</i> <b>Morning Worship, Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 2 June</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Easter 7</b> <b>Holy Communion BCP, Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion (Common Worship), Bromham</i> <b>All Age Service, Rowde</b> <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>

**Do come and explore our beautiful village Church or come in to sit quietly and pray. Please note that, although we try to avoid this whenever possible, times of midweek or special services may change due to unforeseen circumstances.**

**Please check the Church notice board for further information or contact the Administrator Sarah Bowler 07876142112.**

**Open the Book** – we have groups who go into both our primary schools to act out Bible stories. We are looking for more volunteers to join both teams. For more information, contact Revd Ruth.

### **Growing in Faith**

**Please contact Ruth Bray on 01380 859847 or ruthbray@outlook.com for more details.**

**Mothers' Union** Please contact Jo Partt for details: 01380 850435 parttsofbromham@internet.com

### **Church Cleaning**

We need a few more people to join our cleaning group (even if you can only do one or two sessions a year) so if you would like to come and help please contact:

Jane Moss 01380 729160 jmosscaudet@gmail.com (Brass cleaning Rota)

Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406

### **Choir**

Adult Choir Leader: Gavin Moss 01380 719160

Choir Practise for Adults is on Thursday Evenings 7.20 – 8.00pm

Junior Choir Leader: Portia Broomfield: 07514047878

Junior Choir Practice is on Thursday 6.45pm-7.20pm. New members are always welcome.

### **Bell Ringing**

We meet from 7.30pm-9pm on Friday evenings at St Matthews Church, please join us; the more the merrier. Contact: Richard Heath rich.p.heath@gmail.com/ 01380 722379

### **St Matthews Cafe**

Coffee and chat. St Matthews Coffee Shop is open on Tuesdays from 10.30 am-12 noon. If you might be free to make drinks and host, please contact Caroline carolineculley1@outlook.com or Revd Ruth

### **Flower Arranging**

20 April from 9.30 am - Flower arranging for Easter - All helpers

5 & 12 May - Caroline Keevil

19 & 26 May - Caroline Land

2 & 9 June - Jill Myerscough

For further information please contact: Jane Sartin j.ksartin@talktalk.net or call 01380 727446

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Administrator: Sarah Bowler 07876 142112

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## Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

Albert Einstein is widely credited with saying, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results". However it can be very difficult to change our habits! I find that I usually get up at 6:45am, even if I have set my alarm for 6:15. And every now and then I make a resolution to really tidy my study, but the piles of paper soon build up again!

One of the reasons for Christians to change their habits during Lent is to build up our "change" muscles. Trying out new habits for the six weeks leading up to Easter can lead us into a deeper relationship with God. Traditionally, Christians have fasted, or given up rich food and drink, to remember the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. But Lent was never just about fasting – we also make deliberate efforts to pray together, to think about our relationship with God, and to be generous in our giving to charities and people in need.

We can all benefit from breaking some of our habits every now and then, and trying to form new, positive, ways of behaving. So how do we go about changing those deep seated habits that hold us back, and sometimes even spoil our relationships?

One way is to go out of our way to make small changes. Even walking a different way to work, or having something for breakfast, can signal to our brains that change is ok! Those of us who are more mature can take inspiration from teenagers who find it comes naturally to try out a new style of dressing, listen to different music or even get their news from a variety of places.

God might love us just as we are, but he calls us ever onwards, to change, and to become more loving, more like Jesus. Making small changes is one way in which we can practice, for the big changes in ourselves that God would like to see.

**Revd Ruth**

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## WE NEED YOU!

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## Magazine Submission Deadlines for 2019 (bi-monthly)

**15th May**

**15th July**

**15th September**

**15th November**

**See also editorial on page 3**

# NEWS FROM Hft

## 25 years at Furlong Close!



*The Celebration Cake*

Thursday 21st March, saw the 25th anniversary of the opening of Furlong Close. Some of the people we support here arrived in the very first week and are still happily living here.

As a celebration for those first residents, there was an afternoon tea served in the Wilson Room and a larger celebration in the evening in Marsh Hall, where everyone living here attended for an evening of music, dance and shared supper. Some of the people who use our day services also attended and had a fantastic time.



*Afternoon Tea at Rowde*

The afternoon tea was hosted by two staff members from all those years ago, with photographs and lots of discussion about how the years have passed and absent friends.



*Selection of Cakes from Afternoon Tea*

## Recruitment

We continue with our rolling recruitment programme in an effort to attract the best possible quality staff. To this end, we are holding a recruitment morning at The Bear Hotel on 28th March, between 10:00 – 12:00. Even if you're not actually looking for a job at the moment, feel free to come and say hello.

## New Sheds

Thanks to the Friends of HFT Rowde fundraising group, we have been able to purchase some new sheds, so that the people we support here can have extra, safe, storage.

We have also been very lucky to receive a karaoke and sound system from the Friends' – we had been 'borrowing' a system from a staff member but now have our own. This has caused great excitement and we are all thoroughly enjoying using it at every opportunity.

## Wiltshire Police

We are very lucky to continue to provide short placements for trainee police officers at Rowde and this has been a very positive experience for all of us. We are grateful to Wiltshire Police for taking an interest in the people living at Furlong Close, all of whom were keen to learn and have been absolutely brilliant with the people who live here.

***Bye for now, Jan***

# Your views matter



## Identifying housing needs in your area

Wiltshire Council is working with your parish council and we need your help

We are asking all residents to complete the housing needs questionnaire which will be delivered to your home soon

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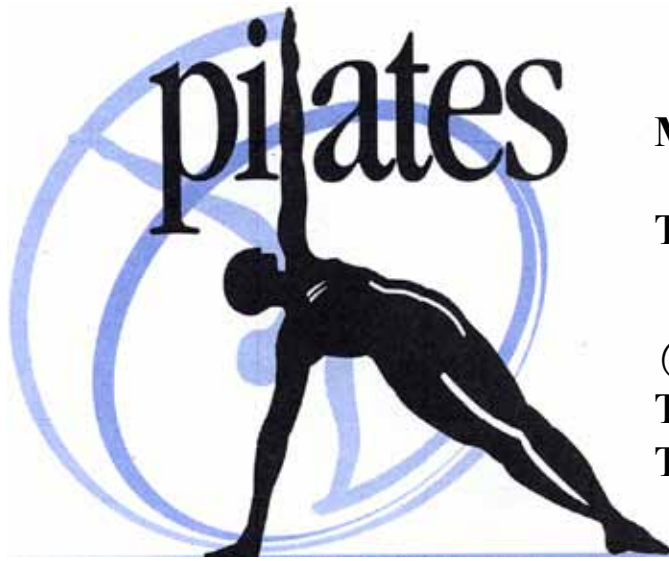
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Intermediates**

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# SHORT STORY

## ICICLES

by Sarah Morrow

"Her hands are like icicles on the horizon," he said and took a drag of coffee. She nodded blankly at him, barely registering the observations that swayed his tongue and flavoured his mouth.

"Do you see how she's shaking?" he asked, not taking his eyes off the porcelain doll ordering dinner across the room. He fumbled down distractedly to the table, found his plate, and devoured a fry in the half-reflective way that dressed all his actions.

To this, she murmured a vague, "Mhmm..." It was enough of a reply to fill the empty space he controlled over the table, but still enough to be noncommittal and inattentive. She reached through the maze of their cups and plates to spear a French-fry from his plate. She shifted her weight. The chair rocked under her, threatening her already uncertain balance and attempted grace in one blow. She shifted the feet of the chair, hoping to find some sort of equilibrium, but again the seat rocked under her, still precarious.

"Look at the angles to her face," he went on, working his words around mouthfuls. His eyes never wavered in their stiff critical stare of wonderment and interest. "There's just something about her that screams vulnerability."

"Hmm." She swallowed the hot, gritty remains of her tea. Her cup clunked as it hit the table, jolting the settled objects, but his attention never strayed from the Raphael-wonder. She picked up her croissant, then lowered it back to her plate seeing the tanned lines of her knuckles holding her fingers in place. She turned her palm up and followed the trained lines that traced her destiny.

"You really have to wonder about people like that," he continued in the silence. "How they think, how they feel, how they see the world. Don't you ever just wish you could go up and introduce yourself to a stranger and learn their entire life story?"

She repossessed her croissant and took a voice-saving mouthful, nodding her head disjointedly in case he possessed the consciousness to glance at her tongue-trapped tangle on the other side of the table. She sneakily slid her feet out of her shoes and flexed her toes in their freedom under the tablecloth-tiered table. The ache wrenched in her bones and her thoughts drowned in the haze of mid-stride wonderment, but not before the emptiness and pain of dismissal.

"I guess it's time to go," he said finally, still not moving his unblinking eyes or shifting his stranger-struck body.

She mumbled affirmative and followed through with her purse. The crowded bag jostled against her hand in the fruitful search for cash. Dumping the entire contents out for the finding and usage of a pen, she scrunched up her eyebrows, figuring the total into halves.

"Mind getting this one for me?" he asked, raising himself up to gather his belongings before heading out the door. Still his attention wandered over to the daisy, blooming at the opposite table. "This was fun. Let's get together again sometime soon, OK?"

She fell back in her seat, drowning in the whirlpool of inattention. Establishing their funds, she turned to see herself in the shadowy glass window reflection, and saw herself slipping away.

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## MOBILE LIBRARY - ROWDE

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For adults, there are a large range of information books and novels, ranging from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies, cookery and gardening. There is also a wide selection of large print and talking books.

If you are a parent with young children, you will find a great range of picture books and story CDs for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well. There is access to the whole county stock through the Wiltshire Libraries online catalogue. Books, audio books and DVDs can be requested on the mobile or online and collected by customers from the mobile library. All children's stock can be requested free of charge with a small fee for adult requests. You can also use your membership card at any Wiltshire library and return books to the mobile library.

It is free to join and there are no fines for overdue books on the mobile library. It's easy to join, just bring along proof of your name and address and the friendly Mobile Manager will sign you up straight away – they are always happy to help.

The mobile has full accessibility and is fitted with a customer lift.

The Mobile Library visits every 4 weeks on a Thursday at:

Rowde – Maundrell Close, 9.30 – 10.00am  
Apr 11, May 9, Jun 6, Jul 4, Aug 1, Aug 29, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 21

**Mobile timetables can also be viewed online at <http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/>**

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## UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM REPORT

### Advice for victims of fraud

If you suspect you've been a victim of fraud involving credit or debit cards, online banking or cheques, you should report it to your bank or card company.

They are responsible for undertaking further investigation and reporting criminal activity to us where appropriate.

Fraud that doesn't involve your bank or card company should be reported to the business or organisation concerned. Depending on their advice, you may then need to report this to us on 101.

Where an additional crime has been committed with the fraud, for example, you have had your wallet or purse stolen or the card used fraudulently was taken as a result of a burglary, then this should still be reported to us on 101.

Some steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Make sure you keep a record of all communications.
- Get a copy of your personal credit report from one of the credit reference agencies - Experian, Equifax and Call Credit. A paper version of your report is available from £2. If applications for credit have been made in your name you can ask to have any incorrect information removed.
- Consider contacting CIFAS - the UK's Fraud Prevention Service, to apply for protective registration. Once you have registered, CIFAS members will carry out extra checks whenever anyone applies for a financial service using your address.
- If you suspect mail theft, contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on 08457 740740 or visit their website

If you are a victim of card fraud or online banking fraud you have protection through legislation, which states that you will not be liable for any losses unless you have acted fraudulently or without reasonable care.

Action Fraud can provide help and information online or by calling 0300 123 2040.



## What to do - Disputes with neighbours Landlord and tenant disputes

Landlord/ tenant relations are a very complex area of law and the following advice is only to be used as a guide. For more complete advice you should contact the Environmental Protection department of your local authority.

The proper procedure that a landlord must follow to legally evict a tenant is:

- A legal written notice
- A court order for possession and
- A bailiffs warrant (to be enforced by a County Court bailiff).

Until all these three steps have been taken, the tenant has a right to stay in the property.

## Neighbour complaints and boundary disputes

Neighbour complaints can take many forms. Please contact us about the specific nature of the issue/complaint and we can advise further.

We do not have the power to deal with boundary disputes. This is a civil issue and you need to seek the advice of a solicitor to resolve any boundary issues you may have. It will be worthwhile contacting your bank or building society (or whoever holds your deeds) to check the boundaries.

## House parties and illegal raves

If your neighbours are having a noisy house party, we have no powers of prosecution for noise offences. You need to contact the Environmental Health Department of your local authority.

If you believe that an illegal rave is taking place then contact us.

Some signs to look out for are:

- Groups of cars and young people gathering in unusual places such as industrial sites, small villages or remote rural areas
- Interest in certain remote, rural sites such as quarries, particularly by people that look out of place or you wouldn't expect to see
- Cars and vans delivering generators to rural locations.

## 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR FORMER ROWDE RESIDENT

OLD soldier Vic Reed, who received the Chevaliers de la Legion d'honneur for his part in the Normandy landings, has celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends.



Mr Reed, who grew up in Bromham and spent much of his life living in Rowde, was joined at Market Lavington Care Home by a large group of friends from the Bromham & Rowde Monday Club.

His nephew John said: "It was a lovely afternoon. Vic seemed to really enjoy it. He had his card from the Queen and a nice cake. Vic is a bit frail now and hard of hearing, but he has always loved socialising and has a lot of friends. He was an active member of the Royal British Legion and Wiltshire Regiment organisations. A lot of people from the Monday Club came along. He and Doreen

had been members for many years.”

Widower Mr Reed lost his wife Doreen last April when she died aged 92 after 71 years of marriage. The couple, who married in 1947, once ran the New Inn at Westbrook. Mr Reed also worked on luxury liners as a steward.

An afternoon tea was held for Mr Reed on March 5 and he wore his medals for the special occasion.



Mr Reed joined the army with his close friend Ivor Gardner in 1937 having joined the local T.A. before the war. They disembarked on Gold Beach on June 6, 1944 as members of the mortar platoon of The Wiltshire Regiment. They were inseparable until Mr Reed received leg wounds at Else, near Nijmegen, and was repatriated. He nearly lost his legs, but finally made a full recovery.

The two men first became friends at Bromham Primary School and were together in The Bell at Bromham, which later became the Oliver Cromwell and is now an Indian restaurant, on the first Sunday evening following the outbreak of war in September, 1939. A sergeant arrived and told them to meet in Devizes the next morning to join the Wiltshire Regiment.

After the D Day landings they were engaged in many of the key battles to liberate France from the Germans. Both men attained the rank Sergeant. Mr Reed was wounded during a battle in the Dutch town of Nijmegen and had to return home.

## ROWDE STAFF AND PUPILS DRESS TO IMPRESS FOR WORLD BOOK DAY

Children, and quite a few teachers as well, dressed to impress as fictional characters to celebrate World Book Day.



*Rowde Academy pupils dress up for book week*

At Rowde Academy there was a wacky array of colourful characters pouring through the doors. Included in the mix were three little pigs, Where's Wally, cowboys and soldiers. Children were also asked to bring in their favourite books and we talked about the different characters and the stories. This is a great event to encourage children to enjoy reading books more rather than using iPads.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Licensing Act 2003

Adam Ford is applying for the grant of a Premises Licence For Playing Field, Sands Lane, Rowde, Devizes SN10 2QW.

The Licence, if granted, is to enable the following activities to take place:

Live Music - Friday 18.00hrs to 23.00hrs and Saturday 14.00hrs to 23.30hrs

Recorded Music- Friday 17.00hrs to 23.00hrs and Saturday 12.00hrs to 23.30hrs

Late Night Refreshment - Friday and Saturday 23.00hrs to 00.00hrs

Sale of Alcohol On and OFF sales - Friday and Saturday 12.00hrs to 00.00hrs

This application is for one weekend each year.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to Wiltshire Council, Licensing Section, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 1ER.

Representation may be made up to 28 days from the date of this Notice.

A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is kept by Wiltshire Council, Licensing section, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN151ER.

The application can be viewed by prior appointment.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Start of Consultation .....25th March 2019

End of Consultation..... 21st April 2019

### CHALLENGE YOURSELF FOR WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE



IF you or someone you know would like to take on new or exciting challenges in 2019, then Wiltshire Air Ambulance has a choice of events.

Our bumper events calendar includes an abseil, skydive and a Snowdon challenge.

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If an abseil appeals to you, experience the thrill of a controlled descent down Avon Gorge, Bristol, on Sunday 14 April.

You can explore the stunning landscape of Snowdonia National Park by tackling our triple challenge of cycling, climbing and kayaking on Saturday 8 June.

If you want to see Wiltshire from a great height take part in our skydive at Old Sarum Airfield, near Salisbury, on 2 June. Jumping in tandem with a professional instructor from either 10,000 or 15,000 feet, you can see the sights of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

We are a charity and rely on donations to keep saving lives. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and we are not funded directly by the Government and receive no National Lottery grants.

For more information about our events go to our website <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/> or call the charity team on 01225 300536.

Registered charity number: 1144097

### OBITUARY

**Keith Charles Stevens** suddenly passed away at home on 10th February 2019, aged 61 years. Much loved and forever in our hearts and thoughts. He will be sorely missed by his loving Wife Vicky, Daughter Judith and Son in law Adrian, and all of his family and friends.

A service was held at St Matthews Church, Rowde on Tuesday 26th February. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to be shared between British Heart Foundation and Arthritis Research UK. Enquiries to John Stuart 01380 729459.

## LOVING LIQUEURS

Liqueurs are widely acknowledged to have been produced by monks, during the 13th century. Derived from the Latin 'liquifacere', which means to liquify, liqueurs have evolved, over the centuries, to become very popular alcoholic beverages today. Liqueurs can be flavoured with fruits, herbs and spices etc. They are usually quite sweet and regularly have a lower alcohol content than spirits, although some liqueurs can have an ABV which is high. Liqueurs are great by themselves, over ice and/or used in cocktails-with fabulous results! Some liqueurs have recipes which are only known to a small number of people.



Numerous countries, globally, produce liqueurs, a good number of which are award-winning productions and for this quest I searched for a well-established company that has been producing an extremely popular liqueur for many years.

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Licor 43 Orochata is another production from the same company. Light, silky, delicate and with a creamy texture, this is infused with original Licor 43. Tiger nuts, spices and citrus are utilised, to great advantage, for this liqueur. The mouthfeel is complemented by the aroma, bringing together another combination of ingredients to achieve a most splendid liqueur.

Licor 43 Baristo combines the essence of Licor 43 original with rare and exotic coffee from the Canary Islands. The freshly-roasted coffee, mature fruit, plus citrus and vanilla combine to produce this delightful, elegant liqueur, with its complex flavours. I found this Licor 43 Baristo production wonderful for an end of meal experience. A perfect ending to any dining occasion. For more information and details, please visit [www.licor43.com](http://www.licor43.com). Also available online.

***As always, enjoy!***

***Trevor Langley***

### **Mummy failed to tell Daddy!**

A mother took her little boy to church.

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# ROWDE MEMORIES



Looking towards the Bromham hills from near Devizes. Rowdefield Farm and Iron Pear Tree Farm are on the left, mid picture. I guess the date is early 1900s.

The Iron Age encampment (Bromham Castle), right, and Beacon Hill, left, are in the distance.

Note the splendid Elm trees that covered the British countryside at this time - all succumbed to the dreadful Dutch Elm disease in the 1970s.

**Dennis Powney**

## Mobile Library Service (note new day, time and location)



A mobile library van will visit Rowde (Maundrell Close) on a Thursday every four weeks, from **9.30am to 10am**.

You can borrow books for adults and children of all ages, plus story tapes/CDs. It is also possible to reserve items that are not available on the van. The library van is wheelchair accessible.

For more details on Wiltshire Library Service, log on to:  
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**All dog waste should be picked up, even when walking in fields and woods. There is a danger to cattle if dog waste is left on grass which is then cut and given as feed.**

**This is your community; your children.**

**Please be respectful of their school and play spaces; keep all dogs out.**

*From Rowde Parish Council*

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**Alan Watters, Editor**

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**Maggie Lewis**

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		8	3		6			5
	1							
3				8	9		1	2
	6		2		5			
7	2			3			6	
9		6					5	
			4	6		8		
		7	5		8			3

**Last Month's Solution**

8	6	7	3	5	4	1	9	2
5	2	3	9	7	1	8	6	4
1	9	4	6	2	8	5	3	7
6	3	5	7	1	9	2	4	8
7	1	2	4	8	6	9	5	3
4	8	9	2	3	5	7	1	6
2	5	1	8	6	3	4	7	9
9	7	6	5	4	2	3	8	1
3	4	8	1	9	7	6	2	5

**Mini Sudoku** (difficult this month)

Insert the numbers 1 to 6 in the blank boxes so that each of the six separate areas of the puzzle and each line vertically and horizontally contains each number only once.

		5			
				1	3
			6		
4					
		3			2
	1			4	

**Last Month's Mini  
 Sudoku Solution**

4	2	6	3	5	1
1	5	3	4	2	6
2	6	1	5	3	4
5	3	4	1	6	2
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Please Support Giles Nevill in his bid to row a marathon on a Concept 2 rowing machine for

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After last year, I vowed that I wouldn't complete another marathon row. Well, having said that, I am indeed going to repeat this challenge on Sunday 28th April 2019, again in support of Dogs With Veterans, but with a new and very different emphasis:

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## Doctor

For list of doctors contact the  
Health Commission, Pans Lane,  
Devizes, Tel: 0300 111 5717

## Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

## Footpaths

Ivan Whittaker-Axon 01380 728669

## Garage

Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

## Hospitals

Devizes Community Hospital  
Tel: 723511  
Chippenham Community Hospital  
Tel: 01249 447100  
Trowbridge Community Hospital  
Tel: 01225 711300

## Ladies Club

Held in Village Hall on last Tuesday  
in the month at 8 pm.  
Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

## Local Councils

Wiltshire Council  
Tel: 0300 4560100  
Devizes Town Council 722160

## Neighbourhood Police Team

Jo Newbury Rural Beat Manager  
PCSO Georgina Dodd  
Ring 101  
Google devizes npt to contact the  
team on  
www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk>devizes

## Parish Council

Chair - Mr John Hawkins  
Tel: 07929 424781  
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries  
Tel: 01380 720988  
**PC Repairs** - 07833696328  
ian@pdoctor-devizes.co.uk

## Playing Fields

For playing field bookings  
please contact the Parish  
Council Clerk on 01380 720988  
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

## Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

## Pubs/Restaurants

Cross Keys, Tel: 739567  
George & Dragon, Tel: 723053  
Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

## Rifle Club

Practice Wednesdays, Matches  
Thursdays in Village Hall.  
Laurence Plumb, Tel: 728174

## Roads/Pavements

'My Wiltshire App or 03004560100

## Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

## Rowde Rainbows

Meet: Tuesdays 6.15 to 7.15pm  
Contact: Pam Ridley 01380 730442  
Email: RowdeRainbows@gmail.com

## Rowde Village News

Alan Watters, Tel: 01380 724788

## Rowde Village Hall

Enquiries - Tel: 07926952631  
Bookings - 722497 (after 6 pm)

## Rowde C of E Primary Academy

High Street, Rowde SN10 2ND  
Head teacher - Lorraine Colquhoun  
723991

## Rowdeford Special School

Head Teacher  
Mr M Loveridge Tel: 850309

## Hft (ex Self Unlimited)

Rosa Lancaster, Tel: 725455

## Sewing Circle

Ring Yvonne on 01380 728745

## St Matthew's Flower Guild

Liz Ibbetson, Tel: 720630  
Flowers for all occasions,  
Weddings, Funerals &  
Anniversaries

## TAXI

R H Reeves 725072  
J Dalley 07592 063789

## Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

## Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

Held in Village Hall first Tuesday in  
the month at 2.30 pm.  
Mrs D Ellis, Tel: 722655

## Veterinary Surgeries

Estcourt - Tel: 723687  
McQueens - Tel: 728505  
The Paddock - Tel: 813202

## Village Fete - Lisa Wills

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 730078

## Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

## Website

www.rowdevillage.org  
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com  
or contact Rebekah 01380 720988

## Youth Club

Iain Marr 07540017184

# Village Diary



3 April	Parish Council Meeting (1st Wednesday of month due to Easter holidays)
3 April	“A child of six could do it” (see page 37)
5 April	Annual Quiz with Supper at Hft
7 April	Sunday Lunch (see page 49)
13 April	BRIC A BRAC and BOOK SALE (see page 5)
27 April	George Wilding at The Owl (see page 38)
28 April	Plant Fair (see page 44)
1 May	“A decorative art history of wallpapers” (see page 37)
2 May	Charity Quiz Night (see page 38)
4 May	PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (see page 47)
8 May	Parish Council Meeting
13 May	Dementia Friends (see page 4)
19 May	Rowdeford Garden Fair (see page 2)
23 May	Village Meeting, 7.30pm Rowde Primary Academy
25 May	Music & Cider Festival (see page 38)
5 June	“Under the open sky” (see page 37)
3 August	ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW (see page 4)
15 September	PLant Fair (see page 23)
19 October	PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (see page 4)
30 November	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (see page 4)
All Tuesdays	St Matthew's Cafe (see page 22)

## Updating the Diary or Village Guide

If you would like to add an event to the Village Diary (this page) or amend an entry in the contacts page (previous page), please email details to [watters.alan@gmail.com](mailto:watters.alan@gmail.com) or phone 01380 724788

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## Bus timetable from 1st April 2019 for Service numbers 33 & 33X

### Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Rowde, Cross Keys	0733 1011 1147 1347 1642 1722 1806s
Devizes, The Pelican	0740 1017 1153 1353 1648 1728 1811

Times marked s – “sets down only” – the bus will only stop to drop passengers off

Rowde, Cross Keys	0800 1038 1238 1418 1518 1618 1740
Chippenham Bus Stn	0833 - * - - * - 1449 - * - 1649 1813

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### Saturday (all journeys are on service 33)

Rowde, Cross Keys	0807 0922 1022 1222 1352 1622 1752
Devizes, The Pelican	0813 0928 1028 1228 1358 1628 1758

Rowde, Cross Keys	0819 0934 1104 1234 1434 1634
Chippenham Bus Stn	0851 1006 1136 1306 1506 1706

**Note: If going to Chippenham Railway Station, add approximately 6 minutes to times shown**

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# Learn to Draw Plants in Vivid Colour with Local Artist

Ann Swan SBA at Rowde Court Studios, Marsh Lane, Rowde

**£20 discount off your first workshop if you live in Rowde**

**ONE-DAY STUDIO WORKSHOPS - £70 per day (£25 discount for 5)**

Suitable for all levels including beginners, equipment can be borrowed for the day

10.30am - 3.30pm including a light lunch, coffee, teas and cake!

**25th April, 22nd May & 20th June 2019**

**TWO-DAY STUDIO WORKSHOPS 2019 - £170**

Suitable for students with some coloured pencil experience or who have been to a one-day workshop

10am - 4pm Buffet lunch, teas, coffee and cakes included

**30th April - 1st May** 'Natural Objects' - Focussing on Feathers and Bark

**26th-27th June** 'Creating Contrast with Tonal Values'

**17th-18th July** 'Getting Started with Coloured Pencil' - Beginner's Workshop

- Plant material will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.
- The studio is equipped with drawing boards, magnifying glasses and light boxes
- Ann has a studio shop and an on-line shop selling pencils and equipment at competitive prices
- A deposit of £30 will secure a place
- Booking online at [www.annswan.co.uk](http://www.annswan.co.uk) or contact Ann on 01380 724788



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or text/email a good photo for a quote.

