

Rowde Village News



Competition winner - Avaery Barnett, age seven, Rowde Academy

April/May 2020

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CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION RUNNERS UP

(see front page for the winning entry)



Elsie, age six, Rowde Academy



Alice Robinson, age six, Rowde Academy



Logan Dowling, age six, Rowde Academy



Lucas Dowling, age six, Rowde Academy

Also highly commended (all Rowde Academy) are: Daisy, age seven, Harriet Wright, age five, Gregory Mogford, age four, Kenzie Joan Ovens, age six and Darcey Briggs, age seven.

Thanks go to Ann Swan for judging the entries and donating art materials for the first prize.

Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Rowde Village News.

This dreadful Coronavirus outbreak is affecting us all in the village and as I write this I am just one week into 12 weeks self isolation myself. This is so very frustrating to me as it prevents me from being a volunteer in the village and also means I cannot continue my support work at Hft. As all events in the village have been cancelled or postponed, you will find that this issue may be a bit different from the usual but I do hope it is informative and that you still enjoy reading it.

Firstly I must say that, with things changing so fast, any Coronavirus related information published in this issue is only correct at time of going to press and that you should check with the PC Facebook page or Rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or Tel 01380 501919 if you can help OR if you need help yourself. See pages 5, 17 and 21.

It isn't much fun being kept a 'prisoner' in your own home but hopefully you will find things to do in this issue. There's the children's colouring competition on page 23, 'what to do in the garden' on page 46, sudoku on page 51 and a couple of quick quizzes on pages 19 and 25.

Must-reads are the seven amazing untold stories from World War 2 on pages 40 and 41.

And there's a great old photo of Rowde ladies in the centre pages - please let us know if you can identify any of them.

Finally, we are all in this together, I do hope and pray we can all get through this crisis unscathed and be back to normal as soon as possible.

Stay safe all,

Ed

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Contributors please also note:

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15th 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 Image

On the front cover this issue is the winning entry in the colouring competition published in the February/March edition of your RVN.

The wonderful picture was sent in by Avaery Barnett (age seven, Rowde Academy) who will be receiving some super art materials donated by Ann Swan. Well done Avaery!

See page 23 for the current competition.

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Well we must be doing everything right as we had no one apart from the small Committee attend the A.G.M. on March 3rd. with any complaints!! We did receive two Apologies. The Chairman Mr. B. Barrett in his Report thanked all the Committee for their help during the year with the general running of the Hall on a daily basis and also with the money raising events held. Also the loyal band of volunteers who support the Committee with these events without whose help we would not be able to continue.

The Treasurer Mrs. M. Burbidge presented the Statement of Accounts which showed a 'healthy' balance. She stated that the Hiring Fees covered the day to day expenses and the profit made from the events allowed for any repairs and improvements.

The acting Minutes Secretary Mrs. D. Buckland appealed for someone to take over as the Minutes Secretary a job she had been doing since the sad loss of Mrs.A.Stradling. She said the Committee had also lost a willing long servicing member of the Committee on the death of Mrs.S. Elvin, both during the past year. She reported that the weekly Bingo session attendances had increased and everyone enjoyed the evening. All the money raising events had been well supported.

We still need helpers to assist with the general running of the Hall. Please contact me if you are interested. If you have any unwanted gifts you wish to get rid of please think of the Village Hall and let us know for us to collect or bring to the Hall.

The next event would have been the PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH on May 2nd. but this has been postponed due to the Coronavirus. A new date will be made later in the year.

AUGUST 1st FLOWER SHOW

OCTOBER (Date to be announced)

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

DECEMBER 5th CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Barrie Barrett, Chairman 722186

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club met in the Village Hall on February 11th. and after our usual chat and tea we had a few games of Card Bingo. We met again on March 10th. for a short get together with tea and chatter! Next meeting April 7th. Village Hall 2.30pm.

Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

HIWAY CLUB

(for the hearing impaired)

The Hiway Club will start again as soon as possible.

Di Buckland (Secretary) 723049

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On January 28th. the members of the Ladies Club met in the Village Hall and tested their knowledge on Dates in a quiz organised by Mrs. J. Arnold. Winner was : Mrs.D. Buckland (purely by guess work)! Raffle winner was Mrs.C.Sault.

On February 25th. after enjoying Pancakes made by several members it was time to put our 'creative talents' to good use by making a Mosaic Coaster. Mrs. C. Morris showed us what to do and then we all created our own designs. These efforts will be finish at our next meeting . Raffle winner was: Mrs. C. O'Rourke.

Di. Buckland , Secretary 01380723049

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

We will be staying in touch with all our members and helpers whilst we are closed with a newsletter, which should arrive on your doormat every week. I look forward to us meeting up again. If any Monday Club members would like any help whilst we are closed, do please let me know.

For more information please contact :

Caroline Culley,

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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.

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): LOCAL INFORMATION - WILTSHIRE

Latest advice for communities

As you may have seen (12 March 2020), the Chief Medical Officer provided new advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so please review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The advice is that you should self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature

This will help to protect others in the community while people are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. However, when self-isolating with mild symptoms people do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them they are staying at home and Public Health England will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms.

Based on current evidence, Coronavirus COVID-19 presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild.

There is a lot going on nationally to ensure we are prepared to manage this risk and locally, we have tried and tested plans in place which means we are prepared to deal with a whole range of issues.

There remains only four confirmed cases of Coronavirus in the Wiltshire Council area. Whilst cases in Wiltshire will undoubtedly increase people's anxiety, it's important to remain calm but vigilant and take necessary steps.

The best action we can all take is to ensure we continue to have good personal and hand hygiene, which includes:

- Giving your hands a good wash with soap and water is the most effective action you can take (but hand gels can be a good substitute).
- Maintaining personal hygiene when coughing or sneezing is also important – use a tissue rather your hands and then throw it away.
- It is good general practice to use cleaning wipes to give your keyboard, desk, phone etc. the once over on a regular basis.

If people have trips planned, they should follow the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice.

To stay up to date with the national situation and response and any advice PHE is giving

you can visit their website. Alternatively, you can follow the Department for Health and Social Care on Twitter- @DHSCgovuk

We have also produced a community toolkit to support you and your community which contains useful information and links to key resources. This can be downloaded from our website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

I will keep you up to date with local developments.

Tracy Daszkiewicz

Director of Public Health

Wiltshire Council

Notice from Rowde Parish Council

Coronavirus Update:

If you have contracted the Coronavirus, please remain in your home.

It would be wise to prepare a contact list of the people who can be contacted if you have to self isolate.

Think of Family – Friends – Neighbours who can help you with: Dropping off food, Collecting Prescriptions / Medications, Looking after pets and Keeping in touch via email and phone.

If you would like to volunteer to be a helper, please contact Rowde Parish Council facebook page or Rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or Tel 01380 501919 if you can help OR if you need help yourself.

Useful Contacts:

Tel 111 This is a free to call non emergency number medical helpline operating in England www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus

Doctors: Lansdown Surgery: 01380 722278

St James Surgery: 01380 711879

Southbroom Surgery: 01380 719959

Link: 01380 722241 **Age UK:** 01380 27767

Pharmacies: Boots 01380 722022

Rowlands 01380 723804

Morrisons 01380 720615

Out of hours

Pharmacies:

Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsburys Melksham) up to 11pm.

Asda Pharmacy, Melksham up to 11pm.



Rowde Junior Church Choir

(A Royal School of Church Music affiliated choir)

- The Junior Church choir has now been running for over 6 years.
- We are looking for more boys and girls aged between 7 and 16 to join the choir.
- Weekly rehearsals are held at St Matthew's Church, Rowde on Thursdays from 7.00pm to 7.45pm during term time, where the Junior choir will practise with the Senior choir.
- No experience necessary - just enthusiasm and commitment to the choir

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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

Due to the Coronavirus, the date of the next meeting will be notified to members when it is known.
Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.

BOOK REVIEWS

'The Woman in the White Kimono'

by Ana Johns

Those of us who had read this fictional historical novel thoroughly enjoyed it and found it a very easy read.

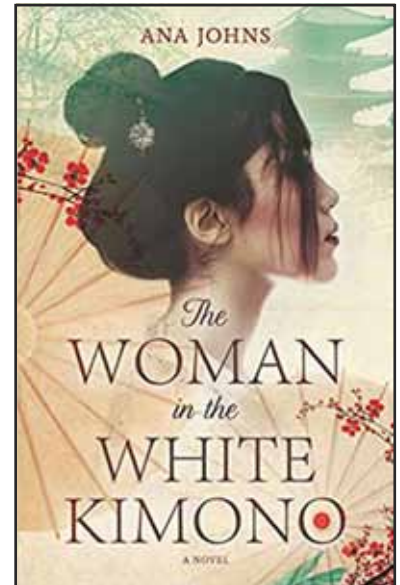
Set decades apart two women are inextricably bound by the secrets between them.

It tells the story of Japanese women during the American occupation after ww2 in 1957.

Ana Johns makes references to Japanese folklore and we all enjoyed this part of the book and felt we learnt a lot about the history of this period.

It is a poignant story of love, loss and redemption.

Jill Myerscough



'Big Sky'

by Kate Atkinson

(A Jackson Brodie novel)

Kate Atkinson has written four previous bestselling literary crime novels featuring former detective Jackson Brodie.

Jackson Brodie, ex-military and police, is now a private investigator living in a quiet seaside village in Yorkshire. Currently he is gathering proof of an unfaithful husband for a suspicious wife but a chance encounter leads him into a very sinister network of evil.

An historical investigation into a paedophile ring of elite establishment figures has been reopened, while an active company is trafficking young women from abroad into seedy prostitution.

Atkinson presents us with a vividly drawn cast of memorable characters, each with their own backstory. They are interwoven into a complex plot full of crossed paths and co-incidences.

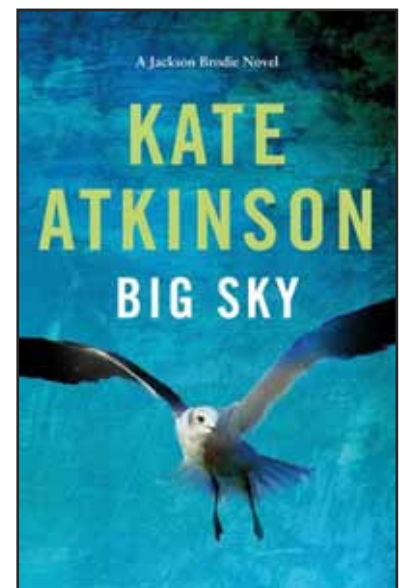
Her writing quality and style is excellent. Beautifully drawn characters, (mostly very unpleasant people) and a cleverly crafted plot, frequently laced with sharp humour.

Despite its obvious literary merit, the views of most Book Club members were influenced by the sheer nastiness of many of the characters and their disgusting crimes. For this reason they disliked the book. (Are crime novels ever about nice people?)

Also some found the ending somewhat underwhelming - deflating even. It was rambling and drawn out, although justice for the crimes was seen to be done and all the loose ends in the plot were tied in.

Both the hardback and recent paperback have featured in the Sunday Times Top Ten bestsellers continuously since publication in June 2019.

Jacqui Hylands-White



ROWDEY COW NEWS



As I write this today the Government have just announced school closures at the end of this week and people are recommended to avoid social places such as Restaurants and Pubs. We are all scared foremost for the health of our families and friends and of our own and in particular anyone who has underlying health issues. As a business owner I am also scared how I can maintain a business which is all about bringing people together and maintaining enough income for all of the amazing staff that work here and pay all the bills associated with the business and home. I am therefore trying to change our business so that for this year at least we can help the community at this difficult time and ensure that the business can scrape through this tricky period and keep the Rowdey Cow team together. We are therefore offering a takeaway menu where people can ring and collect or we can deliver. We are starting to prepare frozen ready meals so that we can sell these for people to eat at home.

The building work for the Spotty Dog Farm Shop completed a couple of weeks ago and Kerry is moving all her Spotty Dog Farm shop stock in - she will be offering free delivery to SN10 & SN11 areas and has a website to order from so although the opening launch day on Saturday is not going to be the big party we had hoped for, she is perfectly positioned to provide a fabulous service to our local community. The people who are fortunate to be healthy enough to visit the shop in person this weekend will be amazed at the beautiful local food, gifts, toys and

clothing which she has meticulously arranged in stunning displays.



The café hopes to stay open for the weekend to support her for her opening and then we will look to rely more on the deliveries and food to eat at home side of the business. As well as delivering food from our Take away menu we will of course be delivering our delicious Rowdey Cow ice cream.

We are just taking each day at a time but trying to adapt and change with the times – we thank each and every person who has supported us over the last 8 years. It is the Rowdey Cows 8th birthday on 31st March and we were hoping to have a big celebration day and open our new play room but this will be on hold now until life has returned to normal. The Spotty Dog and Rowdey Cow teams will then hold the most fantastic belated launch and birthday party to celebrate getting through this with all of you. Rowde has a wonderful community and we are proud to be a part of it. This will only make us stronger.

Please give me a call at the café if anyone in isolation needs help with shopping or food and I will be only too happy to help – we have always delivered food to our regulars when they are in need and now we are extending this to everyone in Rowde and surrounding areas. 01380 829666

**Stay Safe
Sue**

ROWDEY COW

FARM CAFE & ICE CREAM PARLOUR

Takeaway Menu

Please Phone orders through and pay then collect or delivery options available
- 01380 829666

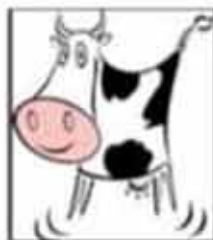
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 - ~ Chilli & Chips £8.95 ~*
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*For Collection or Delivery Options Available - Please Contact
the Café for more Info*

01380 829666



ROWDEY COW

Ice Cream delivery to your doorstep

To adapt and move with these difficult times we will shortly be trialling an ice cream and also hot food delivery service. If it is well supported we will continue with this and hope that it will bring some help and happiness to the local community as well as keeping the Rowdey Cow team going! Introductory offer of no charge for delivery.

Please phone us to book and pay for your order on 01380 829666 - Let us know if you are in isolation and we can arrange safe doorstep drop off.

Evening Delivery Slots: 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Monday: we will be delivering in Devizes and the surrounding villages including Rowde up to the Lavingtons and Poulshot and Seend and surrounding areas.

Tuesday: We will be delivering to Rowde, Bromham, Heddington & Calne and surrounding villaghes.

Wednesday: Rowde, Lacock, Derry Hill, Chippenham and Corsham.

Thursday: Rowde, Bromham, Sandy Lane, Melksham and surrounding areas.

Friday: Rowde, Devizes, Horton, Bishops Cannings and surrounding areas.

If these deliveries get full up we will open up weekend evenings too!

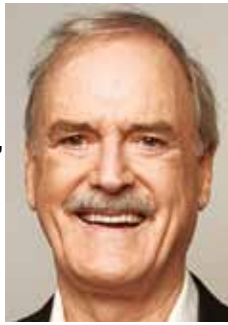
We can also arrange deliveries for hot food during the day time with ice cream dessert or phone, order and collect.

You can have up to two flavours in a 500ml takeaway tub £5.45 or up to three flavours in a 750ml tub prices £6.45 -

Ice cream flavours to choose from: Pure Rowdey Cow (dairy), Strawberry, Belgian Chocolate, Toffee Fudge, Salted Caramel, Bubblegum, Mint & Chocolate, Bailys, Turkish Delight, White Chocolate, Rocky Road, Double Cherry, Mascarpone & Fig, Coffee, Vanilla, Rasberry Srbet - we are using up stock so be quick to order your favourite flavours - once it's gone it's gone. Please also see our takeaway menu if you would like some hot food delivered too!

FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column, featuring classic quotes by John Cleese:



“Life is a terminal disease, and it is sexually transmitted.”

“I find it rather easy to portray a businessman. Being bland, rather cruel and incompetent comes naturally to me.”

“Why write about the past? Well, there's more of it.”

“Only a few things in life matter a little. The rest don't matter at all.”

“One of our professors described a lecture as ‘a mystical process by which the notes on the pad of the lecturer pass on to the pad of the student, without passing through the mind of either’.”

“We moved back to the Raffles’, then back to Devon (to Horrabridge, where I saw a spider so big I could hear its footsteps).”

“British journalists tend to believe that people who become good at something do so because they seek fame and fortune. This is because these are the sole motives of people who become British journalists.”

“The one thing I remember about Christmas was that my father used to take me out in a boat about ten miles offshore on Christmas Day, and I used to have to swim back. Extraordinary. It was a ritual. Mind you, that wasn't the hard part. The difficult bit was getting out of the sack.”

“Cats are very intelligent at all the things that cats need to be intelligent about.”

“I'm struck by how laughter connects you with people. It's almost impossible to maintain any kind of distance or any sense of social hierarchy when you're just howling with laughter. Laughter is a force for democracy.”

“If I had not gone into Monty Python, I probably would have stuck to my original plan to graduate and become a chartered accountant, perhaps a barrister lawyer, and gotten a nice house in the suburbs, with a nice wife and kids, and gotten a country club membership, and then I would have killed myself.”

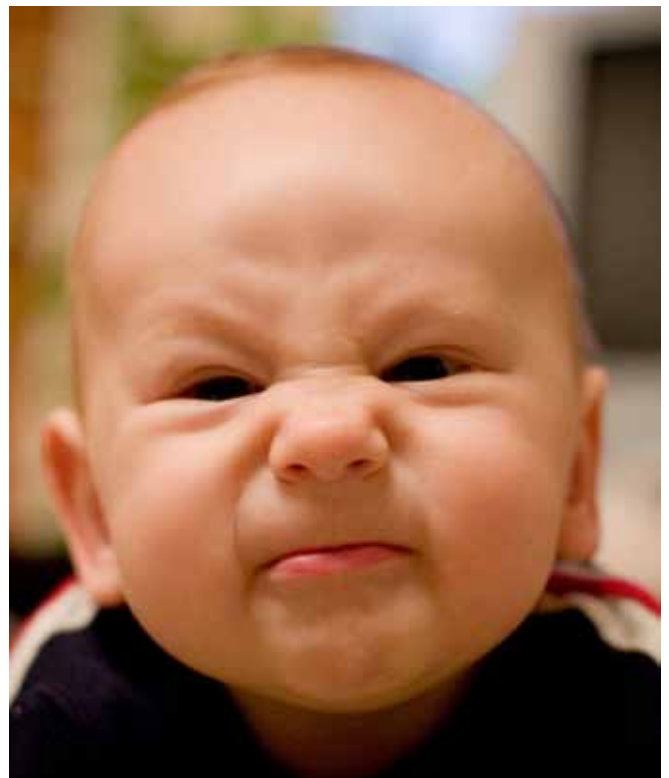
“When you get to my age you realize that the world is a madhouse and that most people are operating in fantasy anyway. So, once you realise that, it doesn't bother you much.”

“Who's ever going to write a film in which I get the girl? Me!”

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

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have some amusing baby photos.



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

NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring



School was very different on returning after the half term due to a flood in the main house. Staff and students have really shown our value for term 2 – Resilience as we have had to adapt to parts of the school being inaccessible, including the main kitchen and dining area.

World Book Day on 5th March saw staff and students alike dressing up as a character from their favourite book.

Sports Relief Friday was a great day in school as we had a Sporty Non-uniform theme, the students played many games and we raised over £165.00 which was donated to this worthy cause.

We held our annual Rowdeford Quiz night with magical theme this year which was a great success.

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

CLOSURE UPDATE (as at 20th March)

Dear Parents/carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding at this difficult time. It is lovely to see all of the positive comments on Facebook and all of the exciting learning that is taking place.

I wanted to write to you following the latest, national update to COVID-19 regarding school closures as the Government has now provided advice regarding key workers.

The Government announced on Wednesday 18 March 2020 that after schools shut their gates, they will remain closed for most students until further notice. This will be for all children except those of key workers and children who are most vulnerable.

It is worth remembering earlier advice that those who are at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19 are 'strongly advised' to follow social distancing measures. This identified vulnerable group includes all students who attend Rowdeford School.

If your family are self-isolating following exposure to the virus or because of symptoms, then government advice must be followed.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and many other key sectors outlined on the link below. Government advice states that, "Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be."

A full list of critical workers and further information is available on the gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. "If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading."

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles, laid out by central government:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them, if they are not able to be safely cared for at home.

At present we are exploring the feasibility of setting up a reduced provision for some students, beginning on Wednesday (25th March) next week, but cannot guarantee places for all children who may need them; we must be sure we have the correct levels of staff to ensure that children can be kept safe as well as ensuring the site is clean and virus-free. If we are unable to provide this reduced provision for all that need it we will work with the Local Authority and the DFE to explore alternatives.

It is really important that if you feel your child can not be safely cared for at home that we know as soon as possible and preferably by 4pm today. Please can you send an email to admin@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk stating the name of your child that needs to attend, your reasons for needing them to come to school and a contact number. Once we have ascertained the volume of need and the capacity we have for staffing we will confirm with parents/carers early next week.

Rowdeford staff continue to ensure that you and your child are supported during this difficult time. We have been staying in touch in a number of ways; by phone, email and via a number of other platforms. The Facebook page and website are being monitored, with further updates and work to keep students engaged and occupied. On the website are a number of support services, including key staff emails should you need to make contact. This will remain in place for all students for the duration of the school closure.

We will keep parents and carers updated as regularly as possible. I am sure you can appreciate that this is a very busy time for all of us. If you need further clarification, please contact the school.

On behalf of the school and Governors, thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have any concerns on safeguarding you should email TerriChard@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk

Any questions on the curriculum and learning should be emailed to Beth.Jones@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk

General inquires can be emailed to Admin@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk

Any inquires regarding SEN support to NickiCaslin@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future



Celebrating Lent at Rowde CofE Primary Academy

The build up to Easter is so exciting for the children, after all who doesn't love seeing the shops filled with Easter Eggs and hot cross buns? I fear it isn't only the children who delight in these moments!

What do we know about Easter? is the question asked of children when trying to establish a baseline of prior knowledge. In EYFS this is met by excited cries of "Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, Easter bonnets" and so on. Our learning for this term in Religious Education throughout the school is about salvation with children responding to increasingly more difficult questions as they get older. In response to their questions, EYFS and year 1 worked collaboratively making Easter Gardens which showcased the different symbols of Easter and opened up the dialogue for the true meaning of this special celebration. A messy but fun time was had by all and fingers crossed that the grass seed and sunflower seeds will grow. You might even see them in St Matthews Church.

Our theme for Collective Worship has been based around Lent and the build up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Each week we take a different part of our community

from family and school to friendship to wider areas and consider how important each is. We have all been thinking about what might be given up during Lent with the majority agreeing that it had to be something really special as we needed to make a sacrifice just as Jesus had. We felt that Lent was also about helping and trying to make a difference to others. Our shared school project was to create our Lent promises in the shapes of crosses and flowers which will be displayed in our entrance to remind everyone each time when it is passed on route to the hall. We love these shared projects and it makes us feel so proud of our children as they truly do think of others and how they can make a difference.

Throughout the Lent period we want to collect tins, dried goods and Easter eggs to make a difference to the Devizes food bank as this will help many people who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will keep you informed of how we get on.

A very Happy Easter from the staff and children at Rowde Primary Academy.

Jon Edy-Berry, Head Teacher

You can now follow us on twitter at Rowde C of E Primary @RowdeSchool or on Facebook



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, 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

CORONAVIRUS

Please continue to check news updates, on radio, television and online.

Local information can be found on page 5 of this issue of the Rowde Village News.

If you are able to help others by collecting medication, dropping off shopping, keeping in touch with elderly neighbours, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Rebekah (01380 501919), rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council. Their contact details can be found on page 17.

If you need help and do not have any family or friends that can help you, please contact the Parish Council through the details above.

Please watch the rowdevillage.org website; the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page and the village noticeboards for confirmation of forthcoming Parish Council meetings.

Concerns

If you have any local concerns about footpaths, hedges, allotments, play facilities, or anything village related, we would like to hear from you. We value your input and suggestions and will try to help.

You can contact us through the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page, or by e-mail: rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 01380 501919.

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 12th February 2020 and 11th March 2020 were:

Wiltshire Council's Green Infrastructure, and Open Space Study

Wiltshire Council collected data relating to open space provision around four years ago. This data needs to be updated so that it can inform two significant emerging strategies: The Green Infrastructure Strategy, and an Open Space Strategy. A household survey has been available for residents to complete. The Parish Council has also completed and returned the survey.

Neighbourhood Planning

- Rowde Parish Council has agreed to join the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan. This is an existing plan which is being revised and a new section for Rowde will be incorporated into the plan.
- The Parish Council hosted a launch evening on 11th February 2020 which was well attended by residents. Thank you to Cllr Laura Mayes who kindly attended the meeting and spoke about the merits of having a Neighbourhood Plan. Maps of

the area of Rowde and the whole Devizes Area for the purpose of inclusion in the plan were on display.

- Board subject areas were listed, for example highways, green infrastructure, and housing, for residents to comment on. The Clerk has collated the responses from the launch of the Neighbourhood process.
- Residents who expressed an interest in moving the plan forward, will meet soon. Anyone who is interested in the plan and shaping the future for Rowde, is very welcome to become involved. Please keep checking this magazine and the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page; the rowdevillage.org website or contact the Clerk directly at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, tel: 01380 501919.

Planning Applications

20/00412/PNCOU: Iron Pear Tree Farm, Conscience Lane, Rowdefield, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2JE. Proposal: Notification for Prior Approval (under Class Q) for the Proposed Change of Use from Agricultural to Residential.

- The Parish Council objects to the application on Highways grounds as the road that leads to the proposed development is inadequate. Conscience Lane can not sustain increased, regular traffic to a development on this site. The road is in a dire state of repair currently.
- The Parish Council also objects on grounds that there is no mains water to the site and there is no individual provision shown for septic tanks at each property.
- The Parish Council objects to the location of the proposed development as it sits in clear vicinity of a slurry tower, which is prohibited.
- There are no amenities in this part of the village. It is some distance from the local primary school, pubs and public transport. These houses will not form part of the village community and will be isolated. It is an unsuitable location for residential homes.
- Inaccuracies in the planning application were noted at the Parish Council meeting in March.

20/00078/FUL: Old Durllett Durllett Road Rowde SN10 1SX. Proposed development: Two story extension to the side and rear of the house & the erection of a pool house within the garden.

- The Parish Council supported this application with conditions. It is concerned about drainage from the site. The house sits on a hill and currently water drains from the site and pools at the farm below. The Parish Council has asked that drainage be taken into consideration when the development is built, especially as there will be the disposal of swimming pool water to deal with too. Swimming pool water will contain chlorination which could have a detrimental effect on wildlife.
- The Parish Council would like consideration made to any external lighting for the pool and to ensure that this does not disturb neighbours.

20/00495/LBC: Old Durllett, Durllett Road Rowde SN10 1SX, Proposed development: Listed building consent: Two story extension to the side and rear of the house.

- Please see above linked application. The Parish

Council did not object to this application.

Reed Place

- The Clerk has requested if the access point to the proposed new building site at Reed Place could be from Marsh Lane. Wiltshire Council has responded to say that the proposed access is likely to be through Springfield Road, Silverlands Road and into Reed Place. Wiltshire Council hopes that as Reed Place has been constructed there will be minimum disruption to the residents of Silverlands Road. There would be no need to manoeuvre or wait or unload and no service connections required in Silverlands Road itself. A haul road or temporary surface from another access point could make the development financially unviable. This can be discussed in the forthcoming consultation process.
- The project remains in the first phase of the programme. Wiltshire Council is looking at constructing passive houses on this site (eco-friendly).
- Wiltshire Council will be delivering 1000 homes across Wiltshire by 2030.

The Common

Management of grassland area

- Residents who live along the Common were invited to attend a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the ongoing management of the area.
- Some residents kindly agreed to join a Commons Committee where they will take over the regular maintenance of the area. The Parish Council will retain overall responsibility for the area and will cover any costs incurred. A yearly maintenance schedule has been drawn up with kind thanks to L Tovey and Y Pullen.
- There are ongoing concerns about ragwort in the area. Volunteers will be needed to help pull out the ragwort when it appears. Please contact the Clerk if you can help with this work.

Unauthorised encampments

- The Clerk has prepared a draft policy for dealing with unauthorised encampments and asked the Parish Council for feedback on the document. The draft policy has been reviewed by Wiltshire Council. It was agreed to deploy the policy when the travellers arrive next.
- The Clerk has spoken to solicitors about the potential costs involved.

Speeding & Weight restrictions

- The Parish Council had requested a 30mph speed limit, traffic calming measures and weight restrictions.
- CATG has responded to say that the environment and road geometry dictate that vehicle speeds are substantially below this level. The introduction of a lower limit is unlikely to alter vehicle speeds. A speed assessment could be undertaken; however, it is not seen as an effective use of the group's budget. The route is not of strategic purpose and most users will be of a frequent and local nature. The use of traffic calming and speed limit are not considered to be necessary as there are not any records of injury, collision or excessive use by large vehicles. The report has been closed.

- It has been queried whether there are sufficient weight limit signs on Cock Road. Wiltshire Council has responded to say that there is no structural weight limit on Cock Road, however, there is an environmental except for access limit to prevent inappropriate use by HGVs. The signs are placed on entrances to the minor roads off these main roads. They relate to an area rather than a section of a road.

Damaged grass verge

- During the recent closure of the A342 for resurfacing, vehicles were using Cock Road as an unofficial diversion. It has been reported that vehicles have over-run the grass verge past Smithwick Farm, before Wick Farm, causing damage to the verge. The Clerk has asked if the Parish Steward can repair this area.
- The Hill remains damaged with large ruts in the recently re-turfed area. This has been caused by heavy vehicles.

Highways

Tanis footpath

The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) has agreed to fund the design of the footpath for Tanis, with the Parish Council contributing 25% towards the cost. When the design has been completed the project can be considered by Wiltshire Council for a substantive grant.

Collision concerns

- The Clerk has made a request to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to install a 'road narrowing' sign on the High Street near to West End Farm, on the approach to the village from Chippenham.
- The Parish Council will purchase and be responsible for the maintenance and insurance of a sight mirror, which will be placed at the edge of Mulberry Lodge, High Street to aid drivers accessing Close Lane from the High Street (from Devizes).
- The Clerk has requested double yellow lines on the A342 from the junction of Bunnies Lane to Slade's Garage.

Re-surfacing work

- The A342 has been partially resurfaced (Devizes Road; High Street by West End Farm). The central white markings are still to be repainted. The Clerk has asked if the faded white lines on the remainder of the A342 through the village can be re-painted at the same time. In addition, the uncontrolled crossing point needs to be re-instated.
- The Clerk has requested that the pavements along the A342 are re-surfaced. Wiltshire Council has responded to say that the footpath budget for this year has been allocated. Rowde will be added to the list of sites to consider when Wiltshire Council is next asked for path sites for resurfacing work.

Fly-tipping – tarmac

- The Clerk has reported fly-tipping of tarmac lumps which are being dumped in the grass verge along the Common, past the crossroads. Wiltshire Council has attended the site, but the problem has not been resolved. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council again about this problem.

Grit bins

- There are now new grit bins at Tanis and Reed Place. These are in addition to grit bins in Maundrell Close, Cock Road and Close Lane. All containers have been re-filled with grit.
- The Parish Council has agreed to purchase a new grit bin for Rowde Court Road, which it is hoped will be placed near the path entrance to St. Matthew's Church.

Update on Conscience Lane resurfacing

- Please see separate letter from Cllr Laura Mayes, in the letters pages (see page 48).
- The Clerk has made a Freedom of Information request to Wiltshire Council to find out the cost so far of resurfacing Conscience Lane.

Repairs

- A limb fell from the Oak tree in the allotments during the last storm. The Clerk arranged for a tree surgeon to attend, to ensure that the tree was safe and for the limb to be chopped for logs. The fallen branch destroyed an allotment holder's fruit cages which were beneath the tree.
- The Parish Council will repair the handrails to the bridge on the permissive footpath (from Devizes Road), when the wet conditions on the path improve for access.
- The Clerk has arranged for the wet pour around the igloo and the large swings to be cut back and re-filled. The igloo will be treated for rust.
- Weed killing along the pavements in the village will commence when the weather improves.

Large Playing Field

- The playing field is still waterlogged. Bishops Cannings Youth Football teams have not played on the field since mid-December.
- It is not possible to empty the portaloos used by the football teams at the large playing field at this time due to the wet conditions.
- New goal posts will be purchased for the pitch.

Storage Area request for Bootcamp equipment

- The Parish Council has agreed that training equipment can be stored on the edge of the playing field behind the heras fencing, near to the toilets, against the hedge that borders the allotments.

Allotments

- Recent donations of bio-digestate from Jim Butler, and wood chippings have been gratefully received.

Best Kept Village

- The village is due to enter the competition again this year. Health and weather permitting, we hope that residents may be able to tidy up the frontage of their gardens in advance of judging.

Police Update

Rowde incidents

- On 08.01.2020 a vehicle was stopped by officers and the driver was arrested for possession of a class B drug.
- Overnight between 09-10.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have used unknown means to break the

lock of a diesel tank to drain it. Suspect/s have then stolen a cattle trailer from the rear of the farm building.

- On 26.01.2020 a car was stopped by officers and the vehicle was seized for having no insurance.
- There were no Rowde incidents reported in February.

Finance

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

Admin costs	£1,308.50
Grounds Maintenance	£654.99
Amenities, dropped kerbs, grit bins	£2,701.06
Christmas tree	£217.20
Total:	£4,881.75

Monthly invoices for February 2020 were as follows, proposed by L Wills, seconded by J Hawkins:

Admin costs	£1,439.51
Grounds Maintenance	£396.72
Allotment Maintenance	£249.39
Total:	£2,085.62

Parish Council income for January & February 2020

09/01/2020 Pitch Fees	£270.00
10/02/2020 Interest	£0.31
28/02/2020 Interest	£5.88
18/02/2020 Community celebration (VE Day) ring-fenced from Fete Committee	£1,920.08
Total:	£ 2,196.27

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, 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>

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

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

We invite 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 notice boards and on the village website.

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Pest control:	01380 734721	School special educational needs:	01225 718095
Planning:	01380 734812	School transport:	01225 713004
Recycling boxes - Hills Waste:	0845 6032085	Social care – adults:	0300 456 0111
Registration – Births, Deaths & Marriages:	01225 713007	Social care – children:	01225 773500
Roads & pavements (Clarence) Freephone:	0800 232323	Street care and cleaning:	01380 734849

Parish Council Contacts during the Coronavirus Outbreak

If you would like to volunteer to help OR if you need help yourself, please contact us through one of the points of contact below:

- **Rowde Coronavirus Volunteer Group (RCVG) facebook page**
- **Rowde Parish Council facebook page**
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com
Tel 01380 501919 (Rebekah)
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NEWS FROM Hft

VOICES TO BE HEARD (VTBH) GROUP ROWDE VILLAGE NEWS

Dropped Curb Access – February 2019



In February 2019 the group emailed Ivan Whittaker-Axon from Rowde Parish Council with our concerns about the lack of dropped curbs in Rowde, particularly the junction of Springfield Road and Marsh Lane. David and myself had several meetings at the proposed site with Ivan and Rebekah who also took photos.

This was taken to the Parish Council on our behalf. This was agreed with a further access site identified.

The Parish Council then put this proposal forward to Wiltshire Council who also agreed that this was needed.

We are very happy that the dropped curbs are now in place and the group are very pleased that their voice and views have been listened to. Not only have our suggestions been put in place but in addition to this more curbs have been lowered.

Cream Tea 4th July – Marsh Hall (Coronavirus situation permitting)

We have decided to hold our very first VTBH cream tea here at Furlong Close on 4th July at 2pm. Tickets will be available from the end of May.

GONGS SOUND IN MARSH HALL



Tony Brazier performs at Hft Rowde (see page 19).



Hi I'm David (second from the right in photo), When the magazines arrive from the printers I am supported by Debbie to count the correct amount, label the bags or boxes with the volunteers address ready for the next stage of distribution.

Hi we are Richard and Bob (on the left of photo), When the magazines are all bagged up we drive around and drop them off at the volunteers homes for them to deliver around the village and surrounding areas. You may recognise us, as a team we have been doing this for many years.

ART GROUP



'The Four Seasons' by members of the group.

Deborah Clarke

GONG SOUND JOURNEYS



You will all know and will have seen Gongs. You'll no doubt recognize small dinner Gongs, the massive Gong at the beginning of films made by the Rank Organisation (but you really, really don't play them like that bloke with no top on!), and you may have seen the occasional Gong in an Orchestra or rock band. But do you know about Gong Sound Journeys?

It's likely that the sounds produced by the Gongs are like nothing else you will have ever heard. When gently struck, the Gong produces multi-layered tones which blossom rather than fall off quickly like most instruments. The tones mingle and create a myriad of magical sounds.

The beauty of these sounds is not just in the hearing of them. The effect they have upon the brain is simply quite magical.

Gong Sound Journeys can be used in many ways. Relaxation and meditation are perhaps the most common. The sounds produced by the Gongs often slow the 'monkey chatter' most of us have going on in our heads most of the time and calm our ever present fight or flight response. This allows for deep relaxation and as our bodies relax, our brain waves slow to those we experience in sleep. It is not uncommon for those attending a Gong Sound Journey to drift off into dream world. Time can seem to slow and a meditative state is possible to reach relatively quickly. It is during these times that attendees can achieve moments of personal clarity and calm.

There is a lot of energy produced by the Gongs and attendees often feel that energy in their bodies, often in a very pleasurable way. Some have described the feeling as if all the molecules in their body were being re-assembled correctly. Some attendees feel as though the experience 're-sets' them, preparing them to re-start their lives in a positive manner. Some experience what has

been described as self-healing and some describe positive effects on poor sleeping patterns and long term pain.

I am a firm believer that whatever happens to an individual during a Gong Sound Journey, (and everyone will experience it very differently), is right for them at that time. Some of what happens will be determined by the intent someone brings with them. I always ask everyone to bring a positive personal intent to focus on during the Gong Sound Journey, it's amazing how strong the power of positive personal intent can be.

Most people chose to lie down for their Gong Sound Journey and bring a sleeping or yoga mat and anything else to keep them warm and comfy throughout the experience.... duvets, sleeping bags, pillows etc. The cost of Gong Sound Journeys vary depending upon the venue but are normally priced between £10 and £20 per person depending on venue.

I perform Gong Sound Journeys all over the SW and beyond and recently have been working with staff and residents at HFT. The response and effects of the Gong Sound Journeys have been entirely positive, so much so that we are now working together to expand the opportunity to experience them.

I will be performing at HFT, Marsh Hall, Furlong Close, Rowde on Fridays April 3rd and May 1st (Coronavirus situation permitting). We start at 5pm so please arrive in plenty of time. These Gong Sound Journeys will be on a donation only basis.

If you can't make the Rowde Gong Sound Journeys but would like to experience one, I have regular workshops at The Santosha Yoga Studio in Chippenham, The Equilibrium Natural Health Centre in Corsham and in April and May will be performing in the world famous cloisters of Lacock Abbey (Coronavirus situation permitting).

For more information and/or to book your place please contact Tony on 07977582599.

QUICK QUIZ

Which of these is the fastest land animal?

Cheetah, Giraffe, Tiger or Wolf

Which of these is the fastest fish?

Flying Fish, Shark, Sailfish or Tuna

Which of these is the fastest bird?

Stork, Eagle, Peregrine Falcon or Wren

Which of these is the fastest human?

Maurice Greene, Tyson Gay, Usain Bolt or Asafa Powell



Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

A Message From Revd Ruth

It's with a heavy heart that I'm confirming that public worship in our churches is suspended and the Church will be locked until further notice. But we are still here for you! Please get in touch if we can help, with particular prayers for you or loved ones, with a phone call or any practical help.

If there is an urgent need for a visit, please get in touch. We will also be making short films of Sunday services, and will put those on YouTube – we will send out information on this in the next few days.

We will continue to serve the community in carrying out funerals although the numbers attending are limited subject to any further advice from the Government.

There are many online resources to enable us to worship and pray at home. Please have a look at the CofE website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

We are putting a Thought For The Day on our Facebook page – search for “Churches of Rowde and Bromham”

This change will be hard to live through, especially for those of us whose lives have centred on worship for years. If anyone needs support, please do give me a call. My diary is much freer now, and I expect to spend much more time on the phone.

With every blessing to you all, and your loved ones.

Ruth

A Prayer For All Those Affected By Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please check the Church notice board for further information

Or contact the Administrator:

Sarah Bowler
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Open the Book

For more information, contact Fran Hall:
07989758412 or Sarah Bowler: 07876142112
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Growing in Faith

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

Mothers' Union

Please contact Carole Myer for details: 01380
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Church Cleaning

For more information contact Jane Moss on
01380 729160 jmosscadet@gmail.com Maureen
Hiscocks 01380 725406 for the brass cleaning rota

Choir

Choir Leader: Gavin Moss 01380 719160
Choir Practise Junior and Adults is on Thursday
evenings from 7pm
New members are always welcome.

Bell Ringing

Contact: Richard Heath rich.p.heath@gmail.
com/ 01380 722379

St Matthews Café

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Contact: Caroline carolineculley1@outlook.com
or Revd Ruth

Flower Arranging

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

Saint Matthews Churchyard Rubbish Bins Disposal Policy

In line with the new Wiltshire Council Refuse
Collection Policy we would ask that all members
of Rowde Community, who lay floral tribute on
their relative's graves or cremation memorials,
follow the guidelines published below when the
time comes to dispose of the tributes.

Wreaths: Wreaths usually come in two guises:

a. Those set in oasis within a plastic bowl with flowers set into the oasis. With this type of floral tribute the plastic bowl can be recycled as can any plastic flowers. If you can separate the wire used to bind the floral tributes to the oasis that too can be recycled. So any recyclable element that can be separated from the wreath should be placed in the recycle dustbin with the blue lid, located opposite the church vestry door.

The oasis and any elements of wire binding that cannot be separated from the oasis cannot be recycled and will have to be placed in the normal household bin with a black lid, again located opposite the vestry door. Or any of the bins with lids located around the church yard.

Any real flowers that can be removed from the wreath should be disposed into the circular bins without lids located around the church yard so that they can be emptied into the Green Waste Bin.

b. The other type of wreath is usually circular and based on straw/grass bound very tightly with a very fine wire strand; these have flowers and greenery secured into the circular mould with fine wire. Please remove any wire from the greenery and flowers and place them in the Green Waste bin or circular tubs located around the church yard. The circular grass/straw mould is to be placed in the Household bin with a black lid.

If due to time constraints those removing old floral tributes from their relatives grave do not have the time to separate all the bits, then simply place the whole wreath in the household bin or bins with lids. **Please do not put them in the Green Bin or the circular bins used for Green Waste.**

Bouquets: Please remove any ties from the bouquet and place the green waste in the circular tubs or the Green Waste Bin.

Rowde Parochial Church Council
01 March 2020

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing, the Covid-19 pandemic is spreading, many of us are self-distancing or self-isolating, schools will close today and we have had to suspend our public worship. And yet, in the face of such a dangerous and far-reaching disease, the most effective counter-measure is still to wash our hands, thoroughly and often.

There is, also, the practice of social distancing to consider. Refraining from hugging and shaking hands, even from standing or sitting close to other people, may be effective in stopping the spread of the disease. In the last few days we have probably all had occasions when we would under normal circumstances have hugged someone but have held back, adopting new habits which feel as strange as trying to fold your arms the opposite way to normal.

Jesus often gave very simple advice. Asking his friends to love each other as they loved themselves, for example. He told stories about loving someone from a different country instead of walking past them on the other side of the road. He stopped to listen to people and to take their problems seriously.

We face very different times in the coming weeks. Some of us will stay healthy, and perhaps be in a position to help others. Some may have to stay isolated, or perhaps face feeling even more alone than usual. In these circumstances, I hope we can all follow Jesus' simple advice, when all our usual habits and guidelines have been washed away on a tide of soap, water and hand-gel:

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

Check your neighbours, and keep in touch by phone when face-to-face isn't possible. If you are feeling lonely or need some help, please do ask someone for that help. It can be difficult or awkward to ask, and perhaps sometimes it's easier to just try and cope. Do contact me, and our church communities will do all we can with practical help.

I do pray that we shall weather this particular storm well as a community. If we can keep ourselves safe and look out for each other, we have as good a chance as possible of drawing closer together, even if physically we have to keep our distance.

In His love, Revd Ruth

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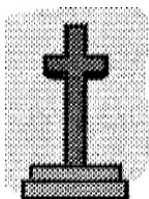
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Alan Watters, Editor

CHILDREN'S PRIZE COLOURING COMPETITION

See next page for details



PRIZE COLOURING COMPETITION

(see previous page)

Open to children 10 years and under who either live within the parish of Rowde or attend one of our two local schools (Rowde Academy and Rowdefield School)

Just colour in the drawing on the previous page, carefully cut or tear it from the magazine or print it first if you can only access it from the village website and drop it in to our advertising manager Julie Baker, at:

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Alternatively take a good photograph of it on your mobile phone and send it to the editor by email at watters.alan@gmail.com or by text to 07886870053.

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A prize will be awarded to the drawing judged to be the best by local artist Jill Myerscough and the winning artwork will be featured on the cover of the June/July issue.

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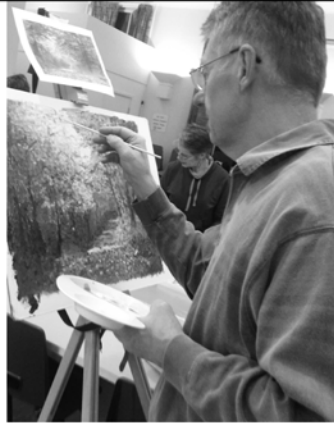
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QUICK QUIZ - TRUE OR FALSE?

Warts can be caused by touching certain animals, especially toads.

Labrador retrievers were originally bred to retrieve fishing nets.

Ancient Olympic athletes competed nude.

Bangalore is the "Silicon Valley of India."

The "dark side of the Moon" is the same as the "far side of the Moon."

As a human body grows larger, its number of bones gets smaller.

Coffee originated in Brazil.

Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Franklin Roosevelt is one of the presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore.

(Answers at bottom of page 54)

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Local News



**An old photo of Rowde Ladies
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WANT TO HELP THE BEES?

A local beekeeper is looking for a new apiary site in Rowde.

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- 24 hour access - I will normally keep to times that you are happy with but sometimes things need to be done at short notice
- Southerly aspect - not under trees
- Hidden from public view. Sadly bee hives and bees do get stolen
- Vehicular access - lots of heavy lifting in beekeeping so getting close with the car is a great help
- Water available - (pond , trough, canal etc) closer the better but within a few hundred yards
- Sheltered from wind.

Few apiaries meet all these requirements so if you are interested and you think you have something that is close to this spec, then do get in touch.

Traditionally there is a rent payable of 1 pound of honey per hive per year :)

Please Email David (davidb.rowde@gmail.com) or call in at Rowde Hall Cottage for further details

CROSS KEYS CLOSURE

The Cross Keys announced on 18th March that it would close from Monday 23rd March until further notice. The pub wrote on Facebook to say: "It is with great sadness that the Cross Keys will be shutting its doors from Monday, March 23, until further notice."



YOUNG FARMER AND HIS PALS TAKE TO THE ROAD FOR CHARITY

Tractor drivers took to the village roads around Devizes last month and helped raise £786 for Macmillan Nurses.



Young farmer Solomon Pegden, who works at Rowdefield Farm, Rowde, was delighted that 30 tractors and about 80 people turned up to help his fundraising cause.

He said: "I was very happy with how all the farming community came together for the charity event. I would like to thank the Spar shop in Bath Road, Devizes for donating all the rolls and drinks."

Solomon, 19, who is a member of Devizes Young Farmers and a former pupil of St Augustine's in Trowbridge said: "The Macmillan nurses do a wonderful job."

GEORGE & DRAGON CLOSURE

The George & Dragon also closed recently when Boris Johnson said all pubs, clubs, restaurants etc had to close due to the Coronavirus. They are (at time of going to press) however, providing a takeaway service to the village. See their takeaway menu on page 44.

PLANS TO UPDATE PLAN!

People living in Rowde were urged at the beginning of March to have their say on a plan that will help shape the area in coming years.



The existing Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan was agreed in 2015 but is now being reviewed and people living in the town and villages of Bishops Cannings and Rowde have been canvassed for opinions.

Devizes Town Clerk Simon Fisher said: "Before we go too much further we want the wider community to have an opportunity to voice an opinion. The area the plan covers has also been reviewed and we are pleased to be working with Rowde Parish Council to help shape the new plan. Whilst ensuring that the town can meet its housing requirement will remain a high priority for the Neighbourhood Plan, availability of employment sites, protecting our green infrastructure and providing a framework for town centre growth are all issues that it is likely the Neighbourhood Plan will try to focus on.

The objective of the plan is to ensure that new developments are carried out in a way that allows Devizes to meet its proposed growth whilst respecting the existing communities, and which will protect and enhance the rural character of the town through the control of green space."

The main housing objectives of the plan include: Having new housing within 20 minutes walk of the Market Place; ensuring that new developments have no more than 65 houses and avoiding further congestion on the A361.

Mr Fisher said: "The issue of future development of our town is one that most of us have a strong view on. Whether we like it or not, more houses will be built in Devizes therefore what the neighbourhood plan does is to keep the impact to a minimum."

Some public meetings have already been held but comments can be made at www.devizesareaplan.org.uk

CORONAVIRUS VOLUNTEER GROUP IS SUPPORTED BY PARISH COUNCIL

'The Parish Council is supporting the Rowde Coronavirus Volunteer Group. We have an open call out for volunteers to help the most vulnerable in our community at this time. If you are able to collect medication, or shopping for very vulnerable people, please contact us through the details on page 17.

Our volunteer group has a big heart but is small in number. Please ask your family and friends first if they can help you with your shopping and prescriptions. Please use online ordering, delivery services where you can. The Spar Shop, Bath Road, is offering free delivery to Rowde. The Rowdey Cow and The George & Dragon are offering a meal delivery service. There will be others locally too.

Unfortunately, we do not have capacity to shop and queue for everyone who lives in the village. Please use this resource sparingly and kindly with thought for those who have no one to help them.

Please note there will be no Parish Council meeting in April. Please look at the Rowde Village website and the Rowde Parish Council facebook page for details on future meetings and updates on the Coronavirus outbreak.

Please look after each other during this worrying time. Stay safe and well.

ANOTHER STEWSDAY

Thank you to everyone that came along to Stewsdays on 3rd March in the Cross Keys, it was another successful night which everyone enjoyed.

95 people attended, so with tickets sales and the £164 that we took on the raffle we made a grand total of £900 - the costs for food and Ellie (the wonderful girl that helped in the Kitchen) were £200 so we made an amazing £700 profit, which will all be going to St Matthew's Church.

Special thanks to:

Gavin, Michol, Mary & Bernie who did all the cooking on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Jane, Amanda, Wayne, Jenny, Mo, Mike, David & Nicola who helped set up the skittle alley. Mary and Wayne who organised the raffle. Gavin, Mike, Bernie and Michol who served out the Stews. Amanda and Abbie who served out the puddings and Ellie for doing all the washing up Also everyone that made the amazing puddings.

And last but not least Gee, Georgie, Tee and all their staff at The Cross Keys.

BATH MALE CHOIR WAS A BIG HIT AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH



First of all thank you to everyone that helped with the concert in one way or another on 15th February in St Matthew's Church. Without your help it wouldn't have been possible or the success it was.

As some of you will know Gavin cooked a meal (Stews etc) for The Bath Male Choir in the village hall before the concert, so special thanks to Barry who helped set up the hall and to Michol, Mary, Wesley, Abbie, Jacky, Tayte and Tivy who helped prepare, serve and clear up.

Also thanks to Jenny, Nicola, David, Abbie, Michael, Mo, Naomi and Maureen who helped clean and set up the church on Friday, and give out the drinks at the concert.

Massive thanks to Phil who built the stage for the men to perform on (so that we could all have a good view of them) Hopefully we will be able to use the stage for other events.

Then thanks to all of you that braved the weather last night and came to the concert. Sorry that some of you couldn't make it through illness or because of the weather, we hope you are felling better soon.



As I am sure you will agree it was a wonderful evening and lovely to have the church so full.

Last and not least thankyou to Grenville, The Bath Male Choir, Phil their pianist, Helen the guest soloist and her accompanist Matt for putting on such a wonderful performance for us all.

Please note that the Choral Concert of Music for Good Friday with The Bath Chorus which was scheduled for 4th April has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak. You can read a letter from Greville, the conductor and founder of the choir, on page 48.

FALLEN TREE CAUSES ACCIDENT

Police were called to an accident on the road between Rowde and St Edith's Marsh on the morning of Sunday 16th February after a tree came down across the road.

A spokesman said: "A tree had come down causing vehicles to stop and a second vehicle collided with the stationary traffic."

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS ARE READY TO HELP MOST VULNERABLE IN ROWDE

In Rowde people are coming together to help the most vulnerable. Anyone who wants to volunteer is being asked to fill in a form and send a photograph via Whats App to 07511748954.

KNOWING WHO NEEDS HELP IN ROWDE? SEEING RED (OR GREEN)

Many people who are in isolation are adopting the red and green card system. If you are OK you put a green card in your window and if you need help you put a red card in the window. Anyone passing by can then see whether you are OK or whether you need help with something (food, medicine, mail, logs for the fire, etc).



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Monday - Friday	33	33	X33	33	X33	33	X33	33	X33	33	33	33
Chippenham, Rail Stn	06:55	-	-	-	10:10	-	12:10	-	14:10	16:00	16:40	17:30
Chippenham, Bus Stn	07:00	08:30	08:55	09:35	10:20	-	12:20	-	14:20	16:10	16:50	17:36
Derry Hill, School	07:09	08:39	09:04	09:44	10:29	-	12:29	-	14:29	16:19	16:59	17:45
Sandy Lane	-	-	09:08	-	10:33	-	12:33	-	14:33	-	-	-
Calne, The Pippin	-	-	V	-	V	11:21	V	13:21	V	-	-	-
Calne, Strand	07:15	08:45	V	09:50	V	11:26	V	13:26	V	16:25	17:05	17:51
Bromham, Greyhound	07:27	08:57	09:15	10:04	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	16:39	17:19	18:03R
Rowde, Cross Keys	07:34	09:04	09:22	10:11	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	16:46	17:26	18:09R
Devizes, Market Place	07:42▼	09:10	09:28	10:17	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	16:52	17:32	18:14R

Monday - Friday	33	X33	33	X33	33	X33	33	33	33	33	X33	
Devizes, Market Place	07:55	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:13	15:13▼	16:13	17:35	18:20	-
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:00	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:18	15:18	16:18	17:40	18:25	-
Bromham, Greyhound	08:06	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:25	-	16:25	17:47	18:30A	-
Calne, Strand	08:21	V	10:56	V	12:56	V	14:38	-	16:38	18:00	R	-
Calne, The Pippin	-	V	10:58	V	12:58	V	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandy Lane	-	09:50	-	11:50	-	13:50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derry Hill, School	08:25X	09:54	-	11:54	-	13:54	14:43	-	16:43	18:06	R	-
Chippenham, Bus Stn	08:37	10:04	-	12:04	-	14:04	14:53	-	16:53	18:16	R	-
Chippenham, Rail Stn	08:45	10:10	-	12:10	-	14:10	14:59	-	-	18:22R	R	-

Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Chippenham, Rail Stn	07:30	08:43	09:43	11:43	13:13	15:43	17:13
Chippenham, Bus Stn	07:35	08:50	09:50	11:50	13:20	15:50	17:20
Derry Hill, School	07:43	08:58	09:58	11:58	13:28	15:58	17:28
Calne, Strand	07:49	09:04	10:04	12:04	13:34	16:04	17:34
Bromham, Greyhound	08:01	09:16	10:16	12:16	13:46	16:16	17:46
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:07	09:22	10:22	12:22	13:52	16:22	17:52
Devizes, Market Place	08:13	09:28	10:28	12:28	13:58	16:28	17:58

Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
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Devizes, Market Place	08:15	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:30	16:30	17:55
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:20	09:35	11:05	12:35	14:35	16:35	18:01
Bromham, Greyhound	08:26	09:41	11:11	12:41	14:41	16:41	18:10
Calne, Strand	08:38	09:53	11:23	12:53	14:53	16:53	18:21
Derry Hill, School	08:43	09:58	11:28	12:58	14:58	16:58	18:26
Chippenham, Bus Stn	08:51	10:06	11:36	13:06	15:06	17:06	18:34
Chippenham, Rail Stn	08:56R	10:11R	11:41R	13:11R	15:11R	17:11R	18:39R

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Alan Watters on 01380 724788 or by email at watters.alan@gmail.com or Suzan Jackett on 01380 729791 or by email at suzijj@rocketmail.com

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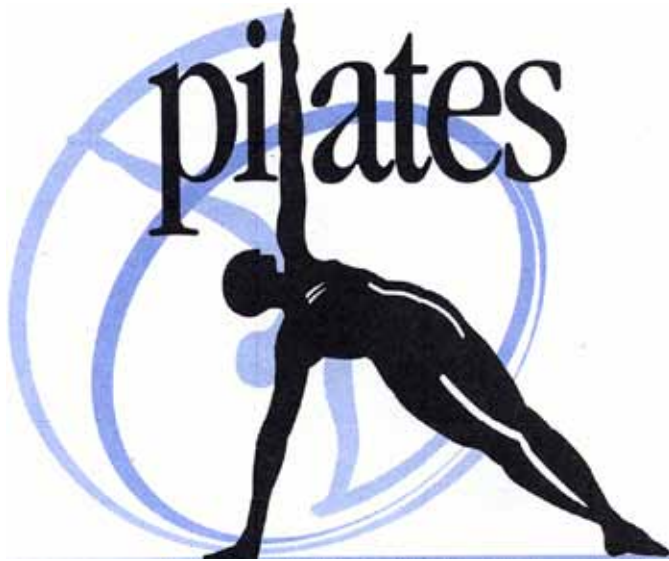
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SHORT STORY

POOH AND PIGLET VISIT EEYORE



It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet," said Eeyore, in a Glum Sounding Voice.

"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know,

to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now?"

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

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UNTOLD SHORT STORIES FROM WW2

MAN WHO WON 2 VICTORIA CROSSES

The Victoria Cross is the ultimate award for bravery in the British and Commonwealth armies. It has been awarded 1,357 times since its inception, and only three people have ever received more than one of them. Captain Charles Upham was the only man to be awarded the Victoria Cross twice in World War II. He volunteered for the New Zealand army in 1939 and was commissioned the following year. He won his first Victoria Cross in May 1941, during the German invasion of the island. He led his platoon in an attack on heavily defended positions 2.7 kilometers (1.7 mi) away. During the attack, he destroyed two machine gun nests and an anti-aircraft gun with grenades. He then helped carry a wounded man away from the fighting and rescued a surrounded New Zealand company. On May 30, he led his men on a flank to attack a group of advancing Germans, killing 22 of them with a Bren machine gun. His second Victoria Cross was awarded the next year on July 25, during the first battle of El Alamein. During the defence of the Ruweisat Ridge, he ran forward through a hail of machine gun fire to lob a grenade into a truck full of German soldiers. He then drove through the enemy lines in a Jeep mounted with a German machine gun, convincing Italian soldiers to push him out of soft sand. During a bayonet charge, he was shot in the elbow and sustained a broken arm. By now, the Germans had surrounded the New Zealanders, but Upham kept on fighting until he couldn't walk. Upham was always quiet about his bravery, telling a reporter in September 1945, "Naturally, I feel some pride in this distinction, but hundreds of others have done more than I did." He led a quiet life after the war, resenting publicity and dying at age 86 in November 1994.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM HMS PERSEUS

HMS Perseus, a Royal Navy submarine, left Malta for Alexandria, Egypt on October 26, 1941. On board was 31-year-old John Capes, a stoker fleeing the besieged island. During the night of December 6, the submarine hit an Italian mine off the coast of the Greek island of Kefalonia, instantly killing most of its passengers. Luckily, Capes was drinking rum and reading letters in a converted torpedo rack at the time, which didn't start flooding until Perseus smashed into the ocean floor. When he realized what was happening, he went searching for survivors and found three other stokers, all of whom were badly injured. Surrounded by rising water and bodies, they headed to the escape hatch, and after finishing off the rum and donning escape apparatus, they made their perilous escape into the sea. When Capes surfaced, he saw that the three other submariners hadn't made it. Despite the pain in his lungs from the escape, he swam toward the Greek island of Cephalonia. After dragging himself ashore, he fell unconscious and was found by two fishermen. For the next 18 months, he was given shelter and cared for by the locals, who hid him from the

occupying Axis forces. He was then smuggled by boat to the then-neutral Turkey and eventually to Alexandria. Unsurprisingly, not many believed his incredible tale, especially since he wasn't on the crew list for the journey. His story wasn't proven true until the wreck of the Perseus was found in 1997, 15 years after his death.

THE SOHAM RAILWAY EXPLOSION

On June 2, 1944, just before D-Day, driver Benjamin Gimbert and his fireman, James Nightall, were in charge of a freight train delivering bombs to the USAF in White Colne, Essex, UK. As they approached the village of Soham in Cambridgeshire, Benjamin realized that the wagon coupled directly behind the locomotive was on fire. That's never a good thing, but this fire was particularly dangerous, given that the train was carrying tons of explosives. He stopped the train, and James came down from the footplate to uncouple the blazing wagon. Only 128 meters (420 ft) from the station in Soham, they attempted to ditch the wagon in the open countryside before the bombs exploded. They failed, and seven minutes after Benjamin originally saw the fire, the wagon exploded. It flattened the station building, damaged 600 others, threw Benjamin almost 200 meters (about 600 ft) away, and killed two other railway workers who had stayed to stop another train that was headed for the wagon's path of destruction. Despite the crater the explosion created that was 6 meters (20 ft) deep, the track was up and running again by that evening. Both Benjamin and James were awarded the George Cross, the highest award for non-combat bravery in the British and Commonwealth. Their actions are commemorated with two different plaques in Soham.

HOBART'S FUNNIES

In the days leading up to D-Day, a number of problems were evident to the men planning the invasion of occupied Europe. Chief among these was the "Atlantic Wall," a series of defences that stretched from Norway to the Franco-Spanish border. This presented a formidable obstacle to the Allied armies, who would need to develop new specialist vehicles to combat the soft sand and other logistical difficulties. The task was assigned to Major General Sir Percy Hobart, who had been forced into retirement in 1940 while commanding the famous Desert Rats in Egypt and is often credited as the inventor of Blitzkrieg. Most of these new vehicles, which came to be known as the "funnies," were based on the design of the Churchill tank, whose low centre of gravity and roomy interior made it ideal for modification. The most famous of the Churchill modifications was the flame-throwing crocodile, the mere sight of which was often enough to compel German soldiers to surrender. Other ingenious features implemented were turrets that could be swapped out for bridges and rolling mats to allow armoured vehicles to drive on beaches with soft sand without getting

UNTOLD SHORT STORIES FROM WW2 (Cont'd)

stuck. Variations of Sherman tanks were also used, including one that was designed to be launched from deep water and effectively “swim” in with the first assaults, after which a large waterproof screen would come down, allowing the tank to fight as normal. Another variant was a flail for mine clearance, which proved to be a vital asset. The funnies saved many lives during attacks on British and Canadian occupied beaches. General Eisenhower even said it was “doubtful if the assault forces could have firmly established themselves without the assistance of these weapons.” Many of the technologies Hobart developed are still in use today in modern specialist armoured vehicles, and many of the funnies served the British troops well into the 1950s and '60s.

BOMBER PLANE CAPTURES U-BOAT

On August 27, 1941, U-boat U-570, captained by Kapitänleutnant Hans-Joachim Rahmlow, surfaced off the coast of Iceland. Almost immediately, it was spotted by James Thompson, the acting leader of a British squadron based in Iceland who was on an anti-submarine patrol. Immediately, Rahmlow ordered a crash dive, but it was too late. Thompson's Hudson bomber dropped four depth charges, one of which dealt a critical blow to U-570, knocking out the lighting system. Being inexperienced in U-boats and commanding an inexperienced crew, Rahmlow panicked and surfaced again, fearing the release of deadly chlorine gas. When a number of the crew came up on deck, Thompson attacked the U-boat with the plane's machine guns. The crew soon realized the futility of fighting the aircraft in rough seas and surrendered. Amazed, Thompson flew in for a closer look, but no other attempt was made by the crew to defend their vessel, fearing more depth charge attacks. Thompson then radioed for more planes and to alert the Navy to collect the U-boat. In the time it took for the Royal Navy armed trawler to arrive, the U-boat crew destroyed the code books and Enigma machines on board. U-570 was then towed back to Iceland and beached to prevent it from sinking. The boat was repaired, and it was discovered that there was no evidence of chlorine gas. A more experienced crew would probably have escaped. U-570 was then placed into service with the Royal Navy as HMS Graph. The surrender of U-570 remains the only time a submarine has surrendered to an aircraft.

HERMANN GOERING'S ANTI-NAZI BROTHER

Albert Goering was the brother of infamous Nazi leader Hermann Goering, the man who famously vowed to destroy the RAF. Unlike his older brother, Albert was not a Nazi and often risked his life to save those the Nazis hated. He moved to Austria after the Nazis rose to power and often spoke out against the Nazi party, but when Austria was annexed by Germany in 1938, Hermann kept the Gestapo away from Albert. When the Nazis marched into Vienna, Albert rushed to distribute exit

visas to Jewish residents and even went head-to-head with Nazis who were forcing elderly Jewish people to do degrading things, such as washing the street. Albert managed to save hundreds of Jews as well as political dissidents during the war. He persuaded his brother to order the release of many prisoners of concentration camps, claiming they were “good Jews.” He was arrested on a number of occasions, but each time, his family connections ensured his freedom, even when a warrant for his death was issued in 1944. Albert ran a Skoda factory in Czechoslovakia, whose employees were very grateful to him for how he treated them, even allowing passive resistance among the workforce. When two Nazi officers gave him the Nazi salute while he was stationed in Bucharest, Romania, he invited them to “kiss [his] ass.” Ironically, Albert was imprisoned for two years after the war due to his association with his older brother. When he was released, he found himself unemployable. He died penniless, but he was looked after by those he had helped during the war. Only recently has he received recognition for his bravery

THE ST. NAZAIRE RAID

The German battleship Bismarck had been sunk by the Royal Navy in 1941, but that wasn't the end of its threat—the Bismarck had a sister ship called the Tirpitz. To neutralize the threat, the British planned a raid on the French dry dock of St. Nazaire, the only dock on the Atlantic coast which could hold the Tirpitz. Destroying the docks called for an unorthodox plan—an old US Navy destroyer, HMS Campbeltown, would have to be packed with explosives and rammed into the dock gates. Then, commandos would blow up the other buildings, including the U-boat pens. HMS Campbeltown was stripped of all nonessential equipment to save room and weight for explosives, and two of her four funnels were removed so she bore a better resemblance to a German frigate. Extra steel was plated on at the front to protect the commandos on board. On March 26, 1942, the flotilla—made up of two destroyers, 16 motor launches, and HMS Campbeltown—set off from Falmouth, Cornwall, reaching the dock on March 28. Flying the German naval ensign, HMS Campbeltown accelerated to full speed on the river leading to the docks. With the gates in sight, the Royal Navy flag was raised, and seven minutes later, the destroyer hit the gates and the commandos sprang into action. Unfortunately, the commandos on board the motor launches didn't fare well. Of the 265 who landed, only five made it back to England. The rest were killed or captured after many of the motor launches were damaged or destroyed. At 10:35 AM on the March 29, HMS Campbeltown exploded, killing 250 Germans on board and destroying the docks, rendering them out of service for six years. Five Victoria crosses were awarded in the aftermath, and even today, it is regarded as the greatest military raid of all time.

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WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN APRIL AND MAY

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- Give your greenhouse a thorough scrub (if you haven't already) with hot soapy water. This will get rid of pests and diseases and let in more light.
- Prepare beds for the growing season. Dig in a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well-rotted manure. You can also work in a general-purpose fertiliser, such as pelleted chicken manure, or fish, blood and bone.
- Check your container plants aren't drying out - the warmer weather will quickly affect soil moisture levels.

In the flower garden:

- Lift and divide perennial plants now, to improve vigour and create new plants for your garden.
- Divide hostas before they come into leaf.
- Pinch out the tips of fuchsia shoots and sweet pea plants, to encourage bushy plants this summer.
- Divide primroses once they have finished flowering.
- Move evergreen shrubs and trees now, provided the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a balanced, slow-release fertiliser, by lightly forking it into the soil surface. Roses, in particular, are greedy plants and will greatly benefit from feeding as they come into growth.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- Prune your penstemons now - cut back all the old shoots to the base, provided there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves.
- Finish cutting back any dead foliage on perennials and ornamental grasses (if you haven't done so already), to make way for new growth.
- Prune forsythia as soon as they have finished flowering, cutting back to strong, young shoots.
- Trim winter-flowering heathers as the flowers disappear, to prevent plants becoming leggy.
- Tie in new honeysuckle and clematis stems. These plants will be putting on growth now, and you'll need to train them along their supports.
- Continue to remove faded flowers from winter pansies to stop them setting seed. This will encourage flushes of new flowers throughout the spring.
- Deadhead daffodils and tulips as the flowers finish, but leave foliage intact, allowing it to die back naturally.
- Apply a layer of mulch around your perennials, trees and shrubs before the hot weather arrives.

In the vegetable garden:

- Prepare vegetable seed beds by removing all weeds.
- Dig a 5-cm (or more) layer of compost, well-rotted manure or green waste into beds.
- Cover prepared soil with sheets of black plastic to keep it drier and warmer in preparation for planting.
- Build raised beds to take the bending out of growing vegetables.
- Harvest asparagus spears when they're no more than 18 cm tall.
- Support pea plants now. For quick and easy pea supports, push some twiggy sticks around your plants.
- Thin carrot seedlings to achieve good-sized carrots; do this in the evening when fewer carrot flies are around

In the fruit garden:

- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts by covering them with fleece on cold nights.
- Spray the emerging leaves of peach and nectarine trees to prevent peach leaf curl. Sheltering your plants from the rain will also help reduce the risk of peach leaf curl.
- Mulch fruit trees with well-rotted manure or garden compost, taking care not to mound mulch up around the trunk.
- Top dress patio fruit-trees with fresh compost and a slow-release fertiliser
- Feed raspberry canes, fruit bushes and fruit trees to encourage good crops this season. Apply a slow-release fertiliser around their base.
- Try hand pollinating peaches and nectarines with a soft-bristled paint brush for better crops this year.

Your lawn-care jobs:

- Sow lawn seed now on well-prepared soil and keep the soil moist while it germinates.
- For an instant lawn, lay new turf and keep it moist until it's established.
- Repair any bare patches in your lawn.
- Apply a high-nitrogen fertiliser to your lawn, for a boost to the start of the season.
- Apply specialist lawn weed killers to your lawn wherever moss and weeds are a problem.
- Brush away any worm casts on dry days.
- Mow your lawn more regularly, as required. Lower your mower blades towards the end of the month.
- Recut lawn edges to straighten them up.
- Aerate compacted areas of lawn, by spiking it with a garden fork.

Other jobs to be getting on with:

- Check compost bins to see if you have any compost that's ready to use.
- Improve the drainage of heavy soils by incorporating plenty of organic matter.
- Top up raised beds with compost & quality topsoil.
- Top dress containers with fresh compost.
- Keep on top of weeding now that the weather is warming up. Run a hoe through beds and borders.
- Apply weed killer to weeds in paving and patios.
- Look out for signs of pests and diseases, early prevention is easier than curing an infestation.
- Remove dirt from your paths and paving before summer arrives. Use a pressure washer or patio cleaner.
- Buy fresh potting compost from your local garden centre and store it in a cool, dry place in preparation for the season ahead.
- Invest in water butts. Position them under a downpipe to make the most of rainfall.
- Top up bird baths and bird feeders to encourage birds into your garden.

Lastly, tasks you can do from your armchair:

- Keep track of what you have sown and planted in your diary - it will really help you out later in the year.
- Give your houseplants some TLC - the warmer weather and longer light hours will encourage them to grow and they may require more water.
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The advantage of this treatment is that it reduces the removal and disposal of material, requiring fewer lorry trips, and the reduced use of scarce quarried materials. It has potential cost benefits and a much reduced carbon footprint. The process has been used successfully both nationally and elsewhere in this county. The assessments for this road indicated that it would be an appropriate process for Conscience Lane.

Work was started on 2nd October, and despite particularly wet weather, was completed on 18th October. Unfortunately, it has become apparent that the surface is failing and requires substantial remedial work. The failure has no doubt been exacerbated by the continual wet weather since then.

The contractor will be returning to site to make repairs at their expense. However, to ensure the retreatment is successful it is proposed to wait until the weather is better - probably early summer. They will be considering the actual treatment carefully in order to avoid a repeat of the current situation. In the meantime, the site is being monitored to keep it safe, but it is appreciated that there is currently a very poor surface. I regularly report the bigger potholes to ask them to be filled but I realise this is only a temporary measure.

I am very sorry that this treatment has failed on this important route, and that the process has not worked as well as anticipated. The contractor will be absorbing considerable costs to rectify this problem.

I apologise for the problems these works have caused. Please contact me if you would like any further information, or if there is anything else I can help you with.

Yours faithfully, Laura Mayes

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We will continue to serve the community in carrying out funerals, weddings and baptisms, although the numbers attending may need to be limited subject to any further advice from the Government.

There are many online resources to enable us to worship and pray at home. Please have a look at the CofE website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

We are putting a Thought For The Day on our Facebook page – search for

“Churches of Rowde and Bromham”

We hope to keep our churches open for private prayer, although we ask that you maintain social distancing. Also, please use the hand sanitiser when you come into our churches, or wash your hands.

This change will be hard to live through, especially for those of us whose lives have centred on worship for years. If anyone needs support, please do give me a call. My diary is much freer now, and I expect to spend much more time on the phone.

With every blessing to you all, and your loved ones.

Revd Ruth Schofield

Rector, Benefice of Rowde and Bromham

07738 858909/01380 850191

CONCERT CANCELLED

I'm sorry to have to write this email but I have taken the decision today to cancel the St Matthew's Church concert in Rowde, on Saturday April 4th – this is obviously due to the Coronavirus, not a decision I have taken lightly, but I believe that in the best interests of all our singers and audience members, we should not be encouraging people to meet together in small groups and adopt a sensible approach.

Greville, conductor and founder

CANCELLATION OF ROWDEFORD GARDEN FAIR 2020

The Rowdeford Garden Fair committee, in common with many other organisations and venues, is closely following the Government's advice over COVID-19 and its guidance concerning social gatherings. This advice is changing day by day (and may be different by the time you read this). In this rapidly changing situation we have decided to cancel this year's Garden Fair and to give as much notice as possible to those involved. It is with great sadness that the organising committee has reached this decision, which will be a great disappointment not only to committee members, but also to the School and the volunteers who work hard each year to ensure an enjoyable and successful day that benefits the children who attend the school at Rowdeford.

We are in the process of contacting stall holders, charities, our volunteers and those who have pre-purchased tickets in order to return monies already

paid. We do not yet know the resulting cost of this to the Rowdeford Charity Trust, under whose auspices we run the Fair.

Due to the complexities of organising this event and the seasonal nature of many of our specialist plant stall holders, unfortunately we cannot reschedule for later in 2020. We do aim to start planning for the 16th May 2021 Garden Fair in September of this year.

Regards, Tony Scorer

Chairman - Rowdeford Garden Fair organising committee

MESSAGE FROM SAINSBURYS

Dear Alan,

I wanted to write to you again to update you on the steps we are taking to make sure everyone has access to food and essential items. I'm also sharing more information about how we are supporting our colleagues in these challenging times and how you can help.

An increasing number of you have told me that you're not always able to get the items that you need when you need them. We are working with our suppliers to get even more stock of essential items and we are adding warehouse capacity on a daily basis. You will have seen that we put restrictions in place this week to ensure that more products are on shelf for longer. From Monday 23rd March, we are consolidating our opening hours and all our supermarkets will be open from 8am to 8pm, Monday-Saturday, including those with an Argos store. Sunday opening, Sainsbury's Local and petrol station opening times will stay the same.

This means we can focus our store colleagues' time on keeping shelves stocked and serving our customers well during the times that most of you are already shopping.

Last Thursday, we set aside an hour for elderly and vulnerable shoppers in our supermarkets. Many of you have told me how much you appreciated this and that you would like this to become a regular event. Some of you also said we should extend this to members of our hardworking NHS and Social Care workers. And we will be doing just that.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, all our supermarkets will dedicate 8am - 9am to serving elderly, disabled and vulnerable customers, as well as NHS and Social Care workers. They will just need to show us their pass or ID when they visit. Some of you fed back that you couldn't find what you wanted during that hour, so we will try our best to have essential items on shelf for these customers. We will be working to keep our shelves well stocked and would encourage customers to arrive throughout the hour to prevent queues forming and to help everyone keep a safe distance.

Hundreds of you have written to me to thank our amazing colleagues who are working around the clock to serve our customers. A number of you have also shared your concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our colleagues. I want you to know that we are doing all we can to support everyone who works in our business. We have committed to paying all colleagues who are unwell or need to self-isolate for the full period of fourteen days.

We have also committed to paying vulnerable and elderly colleagues in full if the government decides they should isolate for 12 weeks. We hope this will go some way to helping our teams through this uncertain time and we are looking at other ways to thank our colleagues for their extraordinary efforts.

To keep our colleagues safe, I need to ask again for your help. Please do your best to stand one metre away from colleagues in our stores where you can. And we would prefer you to pay with card rather than cash at our tills. Please also treat our colleagues and other customers with kindness and respect. These are unprecedented circumstances and our colleagues are being asked to come to work every day while so many others are being asked to stay at home. We all need them to keep coming to work to feed the nation – a small thank you goes a really long way.

I hope you will join us in looking out for each other and the communities that we serve.

Best wishes,

Mike Coupe, CE Sainsburys (dated 21 March)

SAINSBURYS UPDATE

We are continuing to work around the clock to feed the nation in these challenging times.

Many of you have written to me in the past 24 hours to tell me that you like the idea of priority shopping for NHS workers and for elderly and disabled customers, but that these should be at different times.

We have therefore decided to allow NHS and social care workers to shop in our supermarkets for half an hour before they open each day. So anyone with NHS ID will be able to shop from 07.30-08.00 every day from Monday to Saturday. We're delighted to be able to offer priority shopping to all the hard-working NHS staff across the country who are working so hard to keep us all safe and well.

In addition to this, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, all our supermarkets will dedicate 08.00-09.00 to serving elderly customers, disabled customers and carers.

Many of you have also asked me about priority online delivery slots for elderly, disabled and vulnerable customers.

We have been able to identify a number of customers as elderly and vulnerable based on the information they have given us previously. These details would include date of birth and if you have ever used our vulnerable customer helpline. For all of these customers, we will email you today (Sunday) with information on when slots will become available.

If you do not receive an email and you consider yourself to be vulnerable, please visit our Groceries Online website on Monday for information on how to contact us. We are also working as quickly as possible on an option for people to register themselves as disabled and vulnerable on their online shopping accounts.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to get in touch with me and share your feedback - it's because of you that we are making these changes and we will continue to listen, learn and adapt during this uncertain time.

Best wishes, Mike

M&S - WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER - HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES

In my last message, I made a promise to share more about what we're doing to help our customers and our wider community. Today I'm sharing the initial steps that we're taking to help the communities we serve; particularly its most vulnerable members. Many of the ideas we are putting into action come from the 80,000 colleagues who are working around the clock and I have never been prouder to lead this team - this family - and wear my M&S name badge.

IN OUR STORES:

We are reserving the first hour of trade every Monday and Thursday, as a special shopping hour for our more vulnerable and elderly customers to help them get the food and products they need. For our NHS and emergency service workers, who we will all be relying on in the coming weeks and months, we will reserve the first hour of trade on a Tuesday and Friday for them to shop.

To help make sure all of our customers can get what they need, we have introduced temporary purchasing restrictions on some lines. This isn't a decision we have taken lightly, but there is unprecedented demand on some products and all of us need to play our part in feeding the nation. There is plenty of food for all of us, if we just buy what we need.

IN OUR COMMUNITIES

One of the things that makes me most proud to work at M&S is the role we play in our local communities. Not just through the brilliant service our colleagues give, but through the time and energy they give to helping those most in need. We can't do this on our own and so we partner with organisations like Neighbourly, a community platform which links our stores to local organisations so we can donate surplus food and non-food products to the people who really need them.

Earlier this year we launched an app to make it easier for our colleagues to connect surplus product with the right local charity. Where we've launched it donations have gone up by more than 100% so we're rolling it out as fast as we can to make it as easy as possible for everyone in all of our stores to get involved. We're also playing our part in the work the government is convening with the whole food supply chain - from farm to fork - and when we can tell you more about that, we will.

But we know that isn't enough. So M&S is kickstarting the 'Neighbourly Community Fund' specifically to support those most impacted by COVID-19. The whole M&S family - including M&S Bank and M&S Energy - is supporting the fund, which will help mobilise more than 1000 local charities to support the most vulnerable members of our communities immediately. Alongside this local on-the-ground funding M&S is supporting the National Emergencies Trust Campaign with a donation to help galvanize the national efforts now under way. To help you show your support for your local community, you can now select Neighbourly or the National Emergencies Trust as your chosen Sparks charity. This means M&S will continue to donate to these funds every time you use your Sparks card.

I don't want to overclaim, we're just doing our bit, and hopefully making it easier for you to do yours.

HELPING OUR OWN COMMUNITY

Our colleagues have a critical role to play in the coming weeks to deliver for you, our customers, and that means a huge effort across our supply chain, stores and support centres.

Whilst they are working hard we want to make it as easy as possible for them in these challenging times. We are supporting all of our colleagues, should they need to self-isolate, on full pay. For those colleagues who may find their families facing temporary hardship, we have set up a colleague fund to give them extra help.

At M&S one of our values is to be 'all in for the customer.' By this we mean three things: All of us working as one M&S team; giving all of our effort all of the time; and being guided in everything we do by giving every customer the unique magic and sparkle of M&S.

We're still doing that. But at the moment it isn't quite enough. Because this is a challenge for everyone, everywhere.

So at the moment our guiding value is that we're all in this together. Our M&S family doing our very best to help every family that we can.

Take care and a big thank you from us all.

Steve Rowe, CEO M&S

STEWSDAY PRAISE

Good evening Alan,

No doubt, you'll be receiving a report on the recent "Stewsdays", held in The Cross Keys on Tuesday - 3rd March.

On the evening - and in subsequent emails, Jane Moss gives acknowledgement and thanks to the persons making it a successful evening. I am one of those people.

The singular person that neither receives, nor requests any acknowledgement, is the main player behind "Stewsdays" our 'C.E.O.' JANE MOSS.

Jane puts in a tremendous amount of work organising, collecting (browbeating) the monies for the tickets, preparing the room for the evening, then clearing up afterwards. Thus making it a very beneficial evening, on this occasion, for our village Church - St. Matthews.

Should there be an article or report on the last "Stewsdays", in the forthcoming edition of The Village Magazine, I would ask that credit and thanks be given to Jane for the tireless work she puts in to make the event a success.

Best regards, Bernie Lund

HOW YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE DO THINGS IN THEIR GARDENS ETC

People being told to stay at home may want to do something in the garden or greenhouse, like grow things to eat, but may not have all they need to do it and not be able to get out to get things. So, if you have a surplus of seeds, compost, pots etc why not put them outside your door or driveway with a sign saying that people can take them for free. And possibly the volunteers in the village can pick them up and deliver them to those in need.

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Sudoku (Medium this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

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.

4				3	
			6		1
			1		2
	6				
					4
3		4			

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

4	1	6	2	5	3
5	2	3	6	4	1
1	5	4	3	6	2
3	6	2	4	1	5
2	4	5	1	3	6
6	3	1	5	2	4

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www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk

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Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:
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Church Wardens

Michael Cornwell Tel: 01380 722855
Gavin Moss Tel: 01380 729160

Doctor

For list of doctors contact the
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Devizes, Tel: 0300 111 5717

Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

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Ivan Whittaker-Axon 01380 728669

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Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

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Devizes Community Hospital
Tel: 723511
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Tel: 0300 4560100
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Ring 101
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