

Rowde Village News



August/September 2020

GEE, WHAT A HERO!

I couldn't even start to put together this new issue of the Rowde Village News without first talking about one of our 'local heroes', Cross Keys landlord Graham 'Gee' Hill who re-opened the village shop, which closed at the end of last year, to make sure people in Rowde could get supplies.



Gee was also a member of the village's Covid-19 support group led by the parish council and when he and his wife Teresa were forced to close the pub along with all other hostelrys back in March, his first move to help the local community was to open for take-away food on Saturdays.

Then two weeks later he decided to ask his landlord Wadworth if he could re-open the adjoining shop and it was promptly back in business.

Gee said: "Due to this horrible virus a lot of the community were (and still are) stuck with nothing and no transport. Over the subsequent weeks, the Covid support group in Rowde did shopping and delivered the essential bits for the needy. My wife and I approached Wadworths and took the shop back on. We sold mainly essential goods but if people thought there was something missing they let us know and we did our best to get what they wanted for them."

Gee also kept spirits high in the village by playing music in support of key workers on Thursday evenings.

Villager Lisa Wills said: "Gee was respectful to the villagers and we all shared the clapping before he went on to play another set."

GRAFFITI VANDALISM!

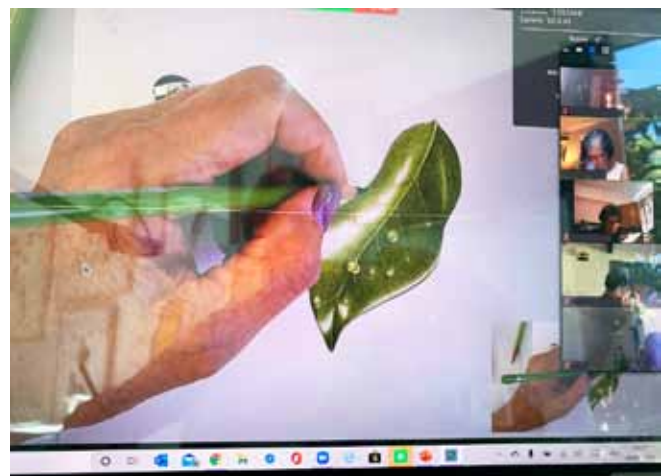
Police are investigating a spate of graffiti near the canal in Devizes that has left play equipment and signs looking a mess.

The vandals struck at Jubilee Woods, Rowde Skate park and Caen Hill Locks and car park.



A police spokesman said: "This is extremely frustrating for the Canal and River Trust. This behaviour is reckless and unacceptable - please have a close look at the photograph - Do you or anyone in your family recognise the 'tag'? If you have witnessed any of the damage taking place or have any further information please contact us on 101 and quote Crime reference 5420056976."

INTERNATIONAL ZOOM CLASSES FROM ROWDE COURT STUDIOS



Linking up around the world during lockdown. Students from Australia, Japan, Mexico, the USA and UK enjoyed meeting up for a virtual botanical art class with Ann Swan at Rowde Court Studios on Zoom. www.annswan.co.uk

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 hopefully just finishing 12 weeks self isolation. This has been so very frustrating to me as it prevented me from being a volunteer in the village and also meant I couldn't continue my support work at Hft. I have however been keeping very busy 'doing my bit' to help in whatever ways I can from home (see pages 30 and 31).

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.

Many of you have sent me some great photos and comments on what you have been doing during lockdown and you can read and see many of them in full colour on pages 2, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 55.

Have you been spending your time at home on a hobby? Maybe you've been watching YouTube tutorials to revisit crafting, painting or drawing, learning how to enhance your pizza-making skills virtually with friends, or embracing the opportunity to catch up on books you've been meaning to read. With many educational sources offering digital courses at free and discounted rates, the possibilities are endless. If you haven't picked up a new hobby or revisited an old one, do you have plans to? (If you haven't, remember that's okay, too.) Tell us what hobbies you've been enjoying at home.

It hasn't been much fun being kept a 'prisoner' in your own homes but hopefully things will continue to get better and we can at least get out a bit more, even if it means sometimes having to wear a mask. Finally, we urgently need a new distribution manager, please see our appeal on page 54 if you can help.

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 Images

On the front cover this issue is Gregory and Rupert Mogford with a WW2 soldier and Poppies display for VE Day in Rowde. The photo was taken by Darren Warrow so well done to him!

I took the back cover shot on a beautiful evening recently when we went up Roundway Hill for a socially distant picnic with friends. **Ed**

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

At present we are unable to re-open the Village Hall due to not being able to meet the strict guidelines we have been given to follow. The Hall will have been 'Deep Cleaned' and hopefully we will be 'back in business' soon.

The Committee would like to thank James Collett for 'stepping in' and keeping the grass areas around the Hall cut while our usual gentleman has been hospitalised due to a bad back injury. We wish you well Rob and hope to see you soon but thank you James for keeping the outside area tidy.

Barrie Barrett, Chairman 722186

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.

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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.

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The Club will start again as soon as possible.

Di Buckland, Secretary 01380723049

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Club will start again as soon as possible.

Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

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(for the hearing impaired)

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Rowde Covid-19 Volunteer Group



At the Parish Council meeting on 11th March, we were alerted to what may lie ahead with regards to the spread of the Coronavirus and we were urged to put something in place to help the villagers of Rowde (thank you to Pat Bryant).

Our volunteer group was set up by Wayne Cherry, then managed by Cllr Lisa Wills & Rebekah Jeffries (Parish Clerk). Leaflets were printed and delivered to every household in the village with details of who to contact if help was needed during the pandemic. This leaflet drop also asked for people to volunteer to help us. Thirty-six residents responded to our plea for help (mostly couples and one family), of which 26 regularly went out on errands for residents. We did not know what help would be needed at the start.

Our first request for help was on 23rd March, the first day of the lockdown. The queues for the chemists were then in excess of 2 hours. If we could have bunched the prescription collections together this would have saved volunteer time and their exposure to the virus. Unfortunately, our requests trickled in for different chemists, on different days, with differing urgency. Boots Chemist then decided that a volunteer could not pick up more than

one prescription at a time, even if one was for the volunteer themselves. More difficulties.

The queues did get less and with presentation of the volunteer badge, we could receive a prioritised service. In addition, to collecting prescriptions, we have shopped for residents, topped up electric keys, dropped prescription requests to doctors' surgery, paid bills, called residents regularly to check on their well-being. In total, we have recorded over 220 requests for help. Many other requests have been completed by volunteers who have returned to help the same resident, week after week. We also know that friends have helped friends and neighbours have helped neighbours throughout this time.

Our small group with a big heart has worked tirelessly since March, often at short notice to pick up emergency prescriptions. We owe them a huge amount. Thank you to everyone who has helped and played a part in keeping our community safe and well. We are stronger now because of it. The volunteers have given their time so kindly and generously. We thank you

Thank you too to Rev Ruth and her helpers from Bromham who have made and donated face masks to our volunteers. If you are a volunteer and would like a face mask, please contact the Clerk.

Moving forward, we will pause the Covid-support group from 1st August in line with government guidance for people who have been shielding. We have not disbanded. We will be here if you need us in a future lockdown.

Thank you with all our hearts.
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Hft support during the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic

The Covid-19 virus is having a deep impact across the UK and the rest of the world. As a charity that provides vital support services for some of the most vulnerable adults in our society, we would like to reassure everyone that our staff teams are working hard to continue to provide a consistent level of services, in line with official guidance issued by government and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

These are unprecedented circumstances. We are mindful of the need to be agile and responsive so that we can protect the safety of both our staff, and the people we support – many of whom not only rely on the services we provide but also find themselves among the group who are most at risk.

Hft has a dedicated Pandemic Response Committee who meet virtually regularly to work through the latest advice from the government,

keep staff updated and to secure the health and wellbeing of both our colleagues and the vulnerable adults in our care.

We are doing all we can to ensure the people we support and their families are given the vital support they need.

Supporting Hft

There are many ways you can support people with learning disabilities through this challenging time.

If you would like to support your local Hft service, please contact the regional office to find out how you might be able to help out. HftWiltshire@hft.org.uk 01380 725455.

Alternatively, please do take a look at the Get involved pages of our website <https://www.hft.org.uk/> for more information on how you can support our charity at this difficult time.

You can also make a donation to help support our work to ensure people with learning disabilities get access to the services they need.

For further information go to www.hft.org.uk/about-us/covid-19/



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ROWDEY COW NEWS



What a lot has happened since we last wrote an article in March! We hope that you have all managed to keep safe and well over the last few difficult months.

On 20th March the government announced that all restaurants and cafes must close their doors to their customers for dining due to the spread of the Coronavirus. We had already started to adapt and from 16th March had been offering takeaways and deliveries for ice cream, hot meals and ready meals. Meanwhile the Spotty Dog had their eagerly anticipated opening day on 21st March just as the country began to go into lockdown.

The Spotty Dog were able to continue the food side of their business providing a fantastic food delivery and safe pick up service.



Unfortunately, at the café, we were not set up to provide the takeaway service in an efficient and profitable way and on 23rd March we made the very difficult decision to close our doors for the foreseeable future. It was a frightening and sad time but fortunately we have started to come back from this.

On 14th May, after the council licenced the sale of ice cream again, we started to sell takeaway ice cream and drinks from our cabinet in the cafe. We set up a one way route through the café with a socially distanced outdoor queue and one family in to choose their flavours at a time. We had no idea how popular this would prove to be and actually made more ice cream in June than we did through the whole of August last year despite most of our other wholesale outlets being shut and being in the midst of lockdown.

The queues were much longer than normal due to only one member of staff being able to serve and only one person or family at a time but the customers did not mind and were just happy to be able to come out in a safe environment and enjoy our ice cream. We are offering customers who are shielding or in isolation and who live within a 3 mile radius an ice cream delivery service. We also take pre-orders for takeaway ice cream tubs that can be collected outside normal opening hours. We hope to set up our ice cream cart on busy afternoons so that should help reduce the queues.

On 4th July, following the government relaxing the lockdown rules further, we opened up our café garden and welcomed back our chef. We are now currently offering takeaway style food in boxes which can be eaten in our garden, or on a picnic rug in the field or be taken home. We have decided against opening the inside of the café at this time as it is safer for everyone to be outside and with the one way route through the café for the ice cream it would be difficult to manage. Therefore we have a food and drinks hatch in the garden where we take orders and it has been working really well so far. Now that our kitchen is open again we are respectfully asking customers only to eat food and drinks on the premises which has been purchased at the café.

Obviously the outdoor only route isn't ideal when it's raining but we feel it is the safest way for both our staff and customers at this time. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to offer indoor options but we are taking things one step at a time. Please keep checking our website and facebook pages for updates as we are adapting and changing as time allows.

The Spotty Dog Shop is now fully open with all the lovely gifts, clothes and artisan food for sale.

A big thank you to everyone who has continued to support us during this difficult time. Thank you to everyone in the NHS and the Carers and also a special mention to the Rowde Academy teachers who I can fully appreciate even more than before after 2 months of home schooling!!

Stay Safe, Sue

ROWDE BOOK CLUB

Due to Coronavirus, meetings are continuing via the Zoom facility online, the date of the next 'physical' meeting will be notified to members when it is known. **Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.**

BOOK REVIEWS

'The Beekeeper of Aleppo'

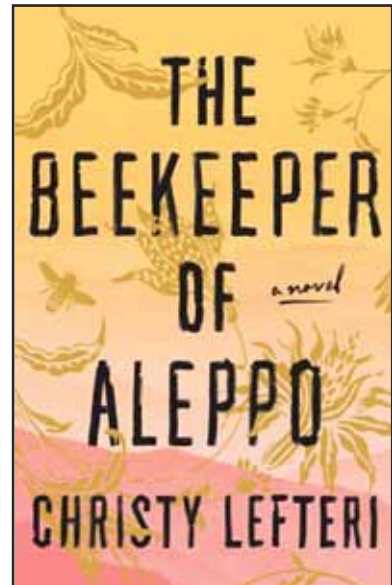
by Christy Lefteri

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape.

As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Above all - and perhaps this is the hardest thing they face - they must journey to find each other again.

Moving, powerful, compassionate and beautifully written this is a lovely, if sad, read.

Rosie Berry



'American Dirt'

by Jeanine Cummins

This engaging novel follows the story of Lydia who, at the beginning of the story, lives in Acapulco, Mexico with her journalist husband and 8 year old son, Luca. Lydia runs a bookstore and lives a relatively comfortable life although in the context of a city where drug cartels increasingly wield power.

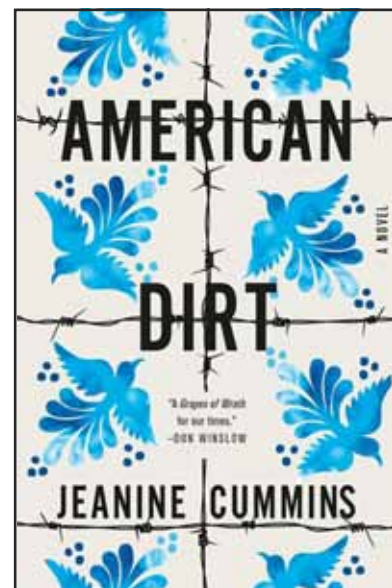
One of Lydia's customers, the erudite and charming Javier, increasingly spends time in her shop and they become friends. Lydia is unaware of his role as leader of the newest drug cartel until her husband exposes him in a newspaper article. After a shocking end to a family party Lydia and Luca have to flee Acapulco. They become migrants, riding 'la bestia' trains that make their way north toward the US.

We meet many of the other migrants and people who help them along the way as the novel follows their frightening journey. So many people are making the journey, having to flee from desperate situations and it isn't always clear what they are running from and uncertain what they may be running to.

This novel caused a lot of discussion when it was published in January 2020. The author, who is not of Mexican origin and not a migrant, was criticised for assuming that she could portray the plight of the migrants with integrity. She undertook detailed research, spending time with the migrants attempting the journey to the north, and anticipated the likely criticism in her preface to the book. Ultimately, she felt that someone should tell the story, particularly in the context of the current US government policy.

This was a gripping and enlightening read.

Suzanne Jacobs



ROWDE BOOK CLUB (continued)

BOOK REVIEWS

'Rules of Civility'

by Amor Towles

A New York Times bestseller, this novel gives an insightful portrayal of a year in the life of its main character, an ambitious working class girl and her rapid rise into New

York society. It was thoroughly enjoyed by two of our book club members who were enthralled by the author's richly crafted prose and conciseness of storytelling, taking their time to digest the book slowly for fear of missing detail.

Others, meanwhile, found it hard to get into and didn't warm to the characters. Whilst one thought it offered a credible grasp of life in New York in 1937, another felt that era was better summed up in "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert.

The consensus was that this author merits his second book being added to our reading list later in the year.

Karen Bright

'The Unlikley Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'

by Rachel Joyce

Harold Fry is the most ordinary of men. He just might be a hero for us all.

When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other.

He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking and, in the process, save someone else's life.

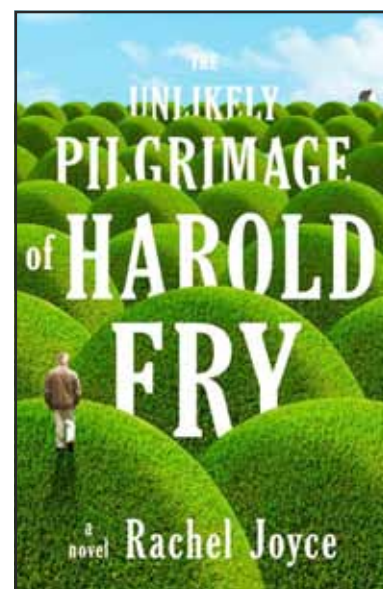
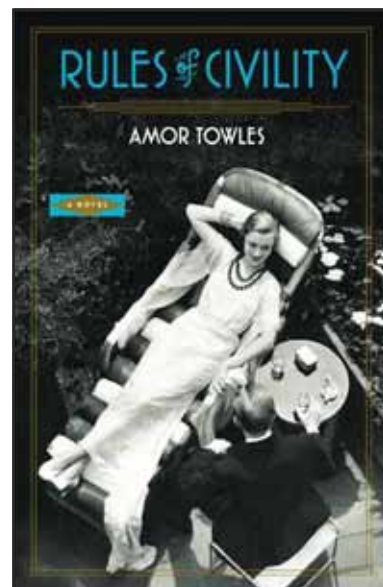
It was agreed that this is a very moving, beautiful and thought-provoking book.

Rosie Berry

LAST WORDS

Book club meetings for June and July have taken place on Zoom and in July this gave us the opportunity to invite along local author Kirsty Wilmott to talk about her first book which was published at the end of 2019 'Watching You Fall'. This will be one of our reads for August so watch this space for the review.

Kirsty's book is available on Amazon (Hardback and Kindle).





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FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column, featuring classic quotes by Joan Rivers:



"I hate housework. You make the beds, you wash the dishes and six months later you have to start all over again."

"The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider it."

"She doesn't understand the concept of Roman numerals. She thought we just fought in world war eleven."

"People say that money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made."

"I knew I was an unwanted child when my bath toys were a toaster and a radio."

"Ginger did everything Fred did, only backwards and in High Heels!"

"It's obvious that women are smarter than men. Think about it - diamonds are a girl's best friend; man's best friend is a dog."

"Look, I could go on and on and on telling you why I hate myself, but it's so self-centered... and I'm not like that. I'm a giver. So I'd rather branch out and start giving it to everyone else."

"I have become my own version of an optimist. If I can't make it through one door, I'll go through another door—or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present."

"I had a blind date with a dentist — and he told me to come back in six months."

"I hate Arizona. It always eight hundred degrees outside and everybody's always saying, "But it's a dry heat!" So's the inside of my microwave."

"I said, "Is there!" I told him there is a Mafia school where they teach them math — if Johnny has ten fingers and they cut off two, how many does he have left?"

"I do a lot of lectures on survival. I always say you can't change what happened, so have a little wallow, feel very sorry for yourself, and then get up and move forward. You can't change what happened."

"Listen. I wish I could tell you it gets better. But, it doesn't get better. You get better."

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

PHOTO FUN

This issue we see what some cats have been doing during lockdown.



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

With the school closing so quickly in March due to Covid-19 we have been very busy ensuring students have been well supported at home.

Online work, packs sent home and lots of links to websites have been just a few things to keep everyone busy. There has been many fun activities set for students to take part in at home; which they have enjoyed sharing via our Facebook page.

These have included – Lego challenge, drama performance, re-create a famous art project, sports games, baking and lots, lots more – even the weekly Head Teacher Award has been shared.



'Blue' for Unicef Day



The 're-create a famous art project'

Birthday wishes to both students and staff have been on Facebook too! Guess the baby photo for staff and student, a 'uniform' day with a some of the new year 7's sending a photo of them in their new uniform, we held a 'Blue' for Unicef Day and celebrated VE Day with picnics at home in the garden!

Students of key workers and those more vulnerable students have been in school; with dedicated staff on site to support, not forgetting the work being done by staff at home to support their classes, including weekly doorstep visits to some of our students at home. Zoom has been a great way to stay in touch for staff and students; one class having Story time each week at 7.00pm.



Art Project

NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL (Cont'd)



July saw us say goodbye in a different way to our year 11's – which they all enjoyed, here they are wearing their leaver's hoodies. We also welcomed the year 7 groups starting in September; the students in school even made a Tik-Tok video of the school grounds to share with them.

The Office of the Schools Adjudicator has given the green light for the schools to amalgamate, meaning on 31st August Larkrise, Rowdeford and St Nicholas will technically close as three separate schools, and on 1st September 2020 a new single school will be created on the three existing sites.



The beginning of a new and exciting stage to create a new school across the 3 sites that supports Wiltshire children and their parents and carers, and will promote inclusion and excellence in teaching and learning.

Teresa Ollerhead

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

The end of the summer term has passed, with a high percentage of children attending our 'bubbles' and something resembling normality returning to proceedings! It has been a very unusual year with the move to Acorn Education Trust, my mid-year appointment as permanent Head Teacher and then the arrival of Covid-19, but the school's improvement work has continued; we have a new curriculum and strong new staff appointments for September. Miss Simpson is joining us to teach Year 5 and Mrs Alford will be teaching Year 2. Although we are not yet past the pandemic and precautions are very much in place for the foreseeable future, we do know that we are a stronger, better school and that the progress required to see Rowde return to its best will continue.

It is very much in our plans to be fully involved in the village community and the Diocese, and unfortunately the current situation has forced a temporary pause upon this; thankfully, Rev. Ruth and Lady Kate Hunloke were able to attend the socially-distanced end-of-year celebrations and speak to the children. Please be reassured that, when it is safe to do so, we will be reaching out and welcoming you back to the school.

For those who I have not yet met, I am a 51-year old husband, Dad of three and passionate educator; I have lived in Wiltshire since finishing university (which was a very long time ago) and have worked around the South of England in schools in difficult circumstances, with specific interests in behaviour, teaching and learning, Special Educational Needs and curriculum-improvement. All of these were highlighted as inadequate in Rowde's March 2019 Ofsted, but crucially – with a strong staff, a supportive Trust and the excellent Academy Council – they are all being addressed. Rowde needs and deserves a first-class school, and we are well on the way to making that a reality once more.

I would like, if I may, to take this opportunity to thank so many of you who have worked with us in the school's journey back to strength. To borrow a popular phrase, we are genuinely 'in it together' and your support and encouragement, and your faith in us to make the necessary changes, has made a difficult year so much easier. I very much look forward to meeting more of you, and sharing our successes with you, from September.

Jon Edy-Berry, Head Teacher

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Your Parish Council

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

Coronavirus

The Covid-19 support group for Rowde, set up with help from W. Cherry, has run since the lockdown began. It has been managed by the Clerk of the Parish Council and Cllr Wills.

We would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the volunteers who have looked after our community during this pandemic. We have completed over 220 requests for help, with prescription collections, food shopping, making contact telephone calls and running other errands. The volunteers have given their time so kindly and generously.

Thank you too to Rev Ruth and her helpers from Bromham who have made and donated face masks to our volunteers. If you are a volunteer and would like a face mask, please contact the Clerk.

Moving forward, the Covid-support group will pause on 1st August in line with government guidance for people who have been shielding.

The play areas in the village have now re-opened. Please note that the equipment is not sanitised. Please bring your own anti-bacterial wipes as appropriate. Please wash your hands before you visit the play areas and as soon as possible afterwards. Please maintain social distancing whilst using the play equipment according to current government guidance.

Wiltshire Council update during the Coronavirus

Cllr Mayes updated the Parish Council meetings in May and June on the response from Wiltshire Council to the Coronavirus outbreak. Wiltshire Council has maintained all key services throughout the pandemic and lockdown: children services, health & care, education, emptying bins. Wiltshire Council staff have been re-deployed, especially from the library service and leisure centres.

There were over 450 voluntary groups formed around the county to help with vulnerable residents. Wiltshire Council, through the Wiltshire Well-being hub, has helped over 14,000 people in the County who are classed as vulnerable, delivering over 1000 food parcels. Wiltshire Council has given out £71 million in grants to over 6000 businesses in Wiltshire.

Unfortunately, Wiltshire Council now has a deficit in their budget of between £20 - £50 million due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Parish Council Meetings – during Coronavirus

In addition, to managing the Covid-19 support group, the Parish Council has continued to work throughout the pandemic.

The Parish Council did not meet as planned on 1st April as it was so close to the start of the Coronavirus lockdown. The Parish Council met online through zoom in May & June 2020. The Parish Council meeting in July was cancelled.

Parish Council meetings will re-commence after the summer break, on Wednesday 9th September. Please check for the location of the meeting, as at the time of print this has not been confirmed.

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 13th May 2020 and 10th June 2020 were:

Parish Councillors

We say goodbye to Stuart Taylor and thank Stuart for his contributions to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council hopes to co-opt new members at the September meeting.

We still need people who are interested in local matters to join our team. If you can spare a couple of hours a month and would like to be involved with shaping your local community's priorities, please contact the Clerk, at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or tel: 01380 501919.

Planning Matters

20/02306/VAR: Rowde Primary School made an application to remove a drainage requirement from their original planning approval after filling in a ditch on school grounds (K/47036). They subsequently withdrew their application. Wiltshire Council has instructed Rowde Primary School to employ a drainage team to investigate the effects of filling the ditch in and to find a remedial solution.

20/02715/FUL: Old Durllett, Durllett Road, Rowde, SN10 1SX, plus listed building consent for above: 20/03294/LBC. Application for Full Planning. Proposal:- Two storey extension to the side of the house, a single storey extension at the rear of the garage, minor internal remodeling works and the renewal of the entrance gates (resubmission of 20/00078/FUL). The Parish Council did not object to the application.

Spotty Dog Farm Shop: Lower Farm, Rowde, has applied for an application to sell alcohol from Sun to Sat. 8am – 6pm. The Parish Council did not object to the application.

Transfer of Assets – Silverlands Play Area

An offer has been made by Wiltshire Council to transfer assets to the Parish Council. These assets include the play area at Silverlands Road, the football area adjacent to it, land off Reed Place, the footpath area from Rowde Court Road to St. Matthew's Church, and the grass verge area at the entrance to Rowde Court Road adjacent to the Wesleyan Chapel.

The Clerk contacted Wiltshire Council to ask if they would cover the solicitor's fees and also whether the Parish Council will still receive £1000 towards the repair of the Silverlands play area as was originally suggested. It is estimated that the legal fees will be between £1,000 - £3,000.

The Common

A group of travellers arrived briefly on the Common. Local residents engaged with them and they moved on quickly.

Highways

The highways area opposite the entrance to the Malthouse Farm development has been widened by the developers. The Parish Council would like this area to be marked for extra parking spaces for the village to use.

A request has been made to the Speedwatch Team to record the speed of tractors going through the village.

The Clerk has ordered an additional grit bin, to be sited on Rowde Court Road, near to the back entrance of St. Matthew's Church.

Update on Conscience Lane resurfacing

Remedial work on Conscience Lane was due to take place from 27th July 2020. Unfortunately, the remedial

works have now been delayed. Alternative dates are being discussed in co-ordination with local farmers to minimise the impact on harvesting operations.

Village Appearance

Graffiti has appeared in the Jubilee Woods and on the large playing field during the lockdown. This has been reported to the Police.

There is an increasing problem with fly-tipping around the village and over-flowing bins. The Parish Council has increased the frequency of the emptying of the bins that it is responsible for. Residents are asked to take as much rubbish home with them as possible, especially during this pandemic time.

Grounds Maintenance

The weed killing programme has taken place on the pavements around the village.

A small section of the Hill has been re-turfed. This is being tended by the grounds' maintenance contractor.

Repairs

Repairs have been carried out to the wet pour in the play area off Tower View. Unfortunately, these repairs were vandalised before they had a chance to settle. They have been repaired again. The igloo climbing frame has also been repainted.

Large Playing Field

The portable toilet arranged by Bishops Cannings Football Team has been removed.

Allotments

Wiltshire Council has requested that no bonfires are lit during the Coronavirus outbreak in consideration of people with respiratory problems. The Parish Council has extended this to cover bonfires and barbeques at the allotments and has notified allotment holders.

It was agreed that the number plaques on the allotments should be replaced. J Dalley will obtain a price for this.

Police Update

Rowde incidents

- An officer stopped a car travelling through Rowde on 23.04.2020 and conducted a drugs test, for which the driver tested positive. The driver was subsequently arrested.
- An officer stopped a car travelling through Rowde on 23.04.2020. It transpired the car had no insurance and the vehicle was seized.

Finance

Monthly invoices for March were as follows:

Admin costs	£1,339.21
New PC laptop	£408.99
Grounds Maintenance	£770.72
Coronavirus leaflets	£70.00
Total:	£2,588.92

Monthly invoices for April 2020 were as follows:

Admin costs	£1,345.13
Grounds Maintenance	£413.32
Insurance & WALC subscription	£1,720.85
Donations to village groups	£1,550
Total:	£5,029.30

Monthly invoices for May 2020 (paid in June) were as follows:

Admin costs (inc. internal audit fee)	£1,512.04
Grounds Maintenance	£896.67
Playground/playing field repairs	£1,252.39
Allotment expenses	£68.49
Total:	£3,729.59

Monthly invoices for June 2020 (paid in July) were as follows:

Admin costs	£1,236.92
Grounds Maintenance	£511.58
Defibrillator – replacement parts	£375.60
Allotment expenses	£229.00
Total:	£2,353.10

Parish Council income for April, May & June 2020

April 2020	Allotment rents	£258.00
24/04/2020	Precept	£18,986.71
09/04/2020	Interest	£0.30
30/04/2020	Interest	£0.86
May 2020	Allotment rent - Green	£104.25
11/05/2020	Interest	£0.31
31/05/2020	Interest	£0.83
June 2020	Allotment rents	£120.13
24/06/2020	HMRC	£2,853.18
09/06/2020	Interest	£0.28
30/06/2020	Interest	£0.91
Total		£22,325.76

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>

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.

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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What is the birthstone for July? ...

Which is the only mammal capable of sustained flight? ...

Who is the Greek god of the Sea? ...

Which French car shares its name with a Spanish born painter and sculptor? ...

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Plus, it wouldn't be Walk the Walk if we didn't create a bit of fun along the way... download our DIY Festival Kit and bring that creative Festival feeling right to your door!

You will find bra bunting of course... amongst others to make, delicious smoothie and lolly recipes to create, fun games to play and more... this is a Virtual Challenge like no other!

Walk the Walk always like to make our Challenges extra special and our Virtual Challenges are no exception... you will get support all the way from Start to crossing the Finish Line with top tips to help achieve your distance... and fundraising ideas to help you reach your goal!

So join the fun and help us make a difference.

<https://walkthewalk.org/challenges/the-virtual-sunwalk>

If you have any questions or need help, just email info@walkthewalk.org or call the Team on 01483 741430... we'd love to hear from you.

Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane August/September 2020



A Message From Revd Ruth

Opening of our Churches for Worship

We are delighted that we are able to open our churches again both for Sunday worship and for private prayer. The dates and times for worship are below:

Sunday 2nd August

10am Holy Communion (CW) Rowde Church

Sunday 9th August

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Rowde Church

10am Holy Communion (CW)
Bromham Church

Sunday 16th August

10am Holy Communion (CW) Rowde Church

Sunday 23rd August

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Bromham Church

10am Holy Communion (CW)
Bromham Church

Sunday 30th August

10am Holy Communion (CW) Rowde Church

For September services please visit:
<http://www.achurchnearyou.com>

Or contact the Benefice administrator:
sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

These are all Benefice communions, open to everyone across the Benefice, and to visitors.

Church will seem very different, but you will understand the reasons why – we all need to reduce the risk of spreading infection by staying at least 2m apart from each other. Only half of the pews will be used, with places where you can sit clearly marked. Standing and talking inside should be avoided although it will be lovely to see each other and worship together. For the moment, singing is not allowed as it carries a risk of spreading small droplets, and we will all take care to use hand sanitizer when we come into the building.

Receiving communion is completely optional. Those who do receive will have the host (wafer) only, as sharing a chalice is not allowed yet. There will be a one-way route round the church so that we can avoid passing too close to each other. The service will be shorter than we are used to, with a new order of service at 10am. If you feel happy wearing a facemask, then please do.

Private Prayer

The churches within our Benefice are also open for private prayer on the following days.

Mondays

St Matthew's Rowde 2pm - 4pm

Tuesdays

St Nicholas Bromham 2pm – 4pm

Wednesdays

Sandy Lane 10am – 12 noon

Thursdays

St Matthew's Rowde 2pm – 4pm

Fridays

St Nicholas Bromham 6pm – 8pm

Saturdays

Sandy Lane 10am – 12 noon

We will continue this weekly pattern for the time being. Churches will look different to before lockdown, with some areas cordoned off. These measures have been put in place to comply with Government and CofE guidelines, and to make our churches as safe as we can. There has been a rigorous risk assessment carried out for all of our Benefice Churches and we are taking care to clean and sanitise thoroughly.

If you have any questions about any of this, please do get in touch. We are also open in a limited way for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Facebook – There is a Thought for the Day on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, written by Revd Heather Smith, Caroline Culley, Fran Hall or Revd Ruth. In order to see this, search for "Churches of Rowde and Bromham" on Facebook, or click on this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/439328832796693/?ref=group_header

Weekly video of worship – we hope to publish recordings of the 10am Sunday service in Church on YouTube, so you will be able to watch it from Sunday evening onwards. The link to this channel is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEaEU1Oqi6iDABPgvyc1LQQ/featured>

You don't need to subscribe to watch the films.

Please check the Church notice board for further information

Or contact the Administrator:

Sarah Bowler 07876142112

sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Open the Book

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

sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

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 850706

ed.myer@btinternet.com

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 will return as soon as possible.

Bell Ringing

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

St Matthews Café

Will be via Zoom until further notice.

Please visit our page on A Church Near You for the latest details <http://www.achurchnearyou.com>

Or contact Caroline carolineculley1@outlook.com or Revd Ruth for more details.

Flower Arranging

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

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Find us at the website:

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Facebook page: Churches of Rowde and Bromham

Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

About once a year, or less frequently if I can get away with it, I buy a new handbag. The last time I did this, I emptied out the old one, and decided which of the contents were rubbish (and frankly I should have thrown out long ago), what was useful but I didn't need every day, and what was essential and valuable to me. Those things made it into the pristine interior of the new bag.

Coming out of lockdown reminds me of my handbag clearouts. Most of our lives and routines have changed completely. Some of those changes were useful for a season, but we don't need any more. Some made us realise what was inessential in our lives anyway, it was just stuff we'd got used to. And some things we yearn for and will definitely be important to us going forwards.

The Bible speaks of God being with us through change. There are visions in the Bible of how life might be, of people living in harmony with each other and with the natural world. These visions were crucial to people going through hard times – we can think of the promise of the land flowing with milk and honey to the people of Israel while they endured life in slavery and wandering in the wilderness (Exodus 3.8). Or of the heavenly city with the tree of life in its centre being a hopeful image for St John imprisoned in exile (Revelation 22).

We know that God is with us through our difficult times. With us in the lament for our losses and hardships, and separation from loved ones. And also with us through the changes, the new habits we are making. God will stay with us, always ready to hear our prayers and to lead us forwards into God's vision of life in all its fulness.

In his love,

Revd Ruth

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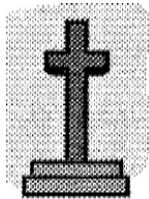
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Alan Watters, Editor

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 October/November issue.

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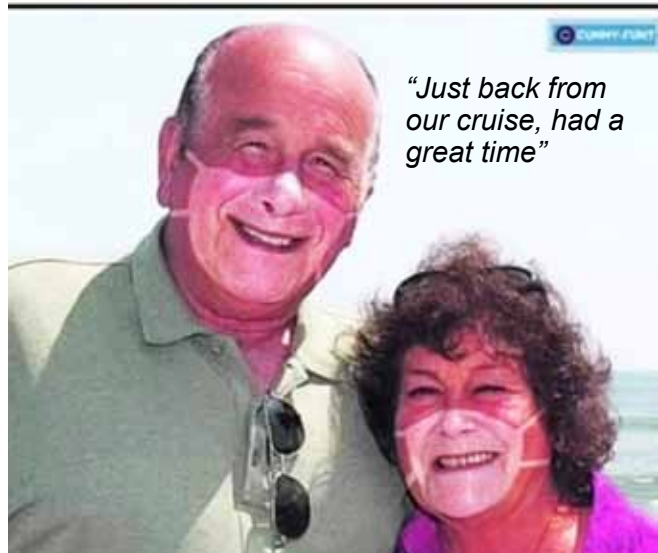
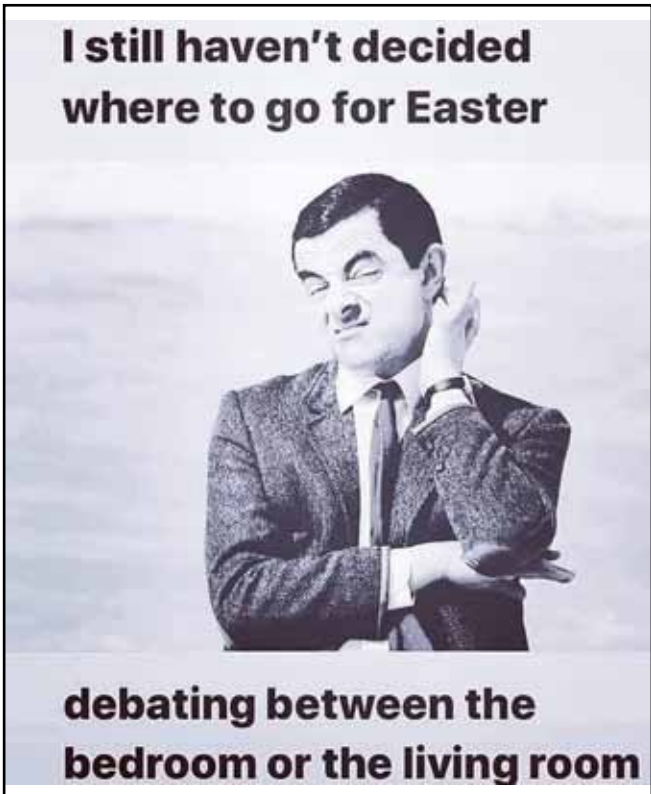


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LOCKDOWN HUMOUR



Memory Walk

This year take on your own Memory Walk. It's your walk, your way.

Follow these steps and, together, let's walk for a world without dementia.

1. Join us on Sunday 20 September, or pick a date which suits you and walk for your loved ones.

2. Tell us about it! Sign up online or over the phone and we'll email you a brilliant free pack to help kick-start your fundraising, with plenty of tips and useful resources.

3. Get ready to master your Memory Walk. Don't forget, t-shirts and other goodies can be bought on the Alzheimer's Society web shop.

4. Fundraise for your walk, using our handy guides for helpful ideas!

<https://www.memorywalk.org.uk/>

Contact us for advice and support

If you are worried about your memory, or that of a relative, please contact Alzheimer's Support. You do not need to wait for a formal diagnosis to access the charity's services and talking things through with someone who understands can make all the difference.

The Trowbridge office at 1 Park House, BA14 8AQ is open every weekday between 10am and 2pm. Staff can also give advice over the phone on 01225 776481 between 9am and 4pm on weekdays and, in some cases, make home visits. Further information can be found at www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

The charity also has an online Dementia Roadmap with advice and support for anyone going through the process of being diagnosed with dementia in Wiltshire. It includes a downloadable symptoms checker for people to use while waiting for a GP or memory clinic appointment. The Wiltshire Dementia Roadmap is at www.dementiaroadmap.org

Alzheimer's Support says referrals to its team of Dementia Advisers dropped by two-thirds during the coronavirus pandemic, with just 66 new cases referred during lockdown instead of the 200 expected. The reduction came as people avoided going to their GPs with non-urgent symptoms, and as memory services scaled back while the NHS focused on fighting Covid-19.



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Local News



ROWDE DURING LOCKDOWN!

We have received lots of photos showing what many of us did during lockdown and I have featured several of them here in colour in the Local News pages and start with some VE Day images taken by Darren Worrow..



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror



Walks along the K...
Photo by Jackie Wil...



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror

My son (5) & I taught



Photo



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror



VE Day, photo by Darren Worror



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to catch up with
the cows

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'CHEERS!'

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ourselves to Tie-Dye



by Charlie Brown



T Shirt and card design by Lily Powell age five



New member of the family!
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new kitten - Salvo
happy fields at Tan Hill

Saying Thank You to all Key Workers

"Stay safe and healthy"
Taras Pavlyk



Socially distanced picnic with friends



Photo by Alan Watters

by Jackie Wiltshire

LOCKDOWN ARTIST IS CHARITY DRIVEN

Rowde artist in lockdown Alan Watters is raising money for NHS Charities Together by donating all takings from sales of his artwork on his website.

Mr Watters said: "I am in 12 weeks isolation and so frustratingly can't do



online post and has led to artists giving away free portraits to front-line workers around the world. Artist Tom Croft offered to paint a key worker's portrait in a post on Instagram. Having completed his painting of A&E nurse Harriet Durkin, he has now introduced 500 artists to their subjects, who work on the front line in the fight against coronavirus.

Alan has been paying his tribute to NHS workers across the UK by painting their portraits for free. Among his portraits, he has created a special piece for the family of Anujkumar Kuttikkottu Pavithran, known as Kumar (image 3), who died on April 27, at the age of just 44 in Boston, England.



my part time support work at Hft in Rowde, so, after using social media to recruit nine new support workers, I thought I could further help by selling my limited edition prints and giving 100 per cent of the proceeds to causes fighting the Coronavirus." The limited edition signed prints, recently reduced to £20, are available on www.alansfineart.com.

Mr Watters has also become part of the Free Portraits for NHS workers scheme which has featured on national TV. The scheme started as an

Dad-of-two Kumar had qualified as a nurse last autumn and continued to care for the sick through the pandemic even though he was diabetic and deemed at high risk himself.

Alan was interviewed by BBC radio and said it was incredibly "emotional" creating Kumar's portrait. Although he had only been a qualified nurse for seven months, Kumar had been a health care support worker at the hospital he worked in for many years. Kumar was clearly

much-loved and his colleagues organised a 'blue-light clap' outside Boston Pilgrim. Unbelievably, Kumar's wife, also a nurse, has just come out of hospital after also suffering from the virus. Alan came to know about Kumar after drawing his colleague, Christina Whicker (image 1), who is also a nurse at Boston Pilgrim Hospital.

Alan has so far created five portraits and is about to start a sixth. His second completed subject was Mandy Vanessa Fox (image 2) who works at Royal Preston Hospital as a healthcare assistant whilst also studying a degree in nursing.

The third portrait Alan did was another one with a heartbreaking story. Amanda Strudwick, a nursing home manager and former nurse, 52, with cancer died alone after catching coronavirus from an elderly dementia patient she helped back into bed in hospital. Amanda had survived lung cancer last year but had pneumonia. She was admitted to hospital and was told that her cancer had come back. She was in the same room as an elderly woman who she contracted the coronavirus from.

Her family said if she had her time again she still would have helped the patient. Amanda is survived by husband Chris, son Callum and daughters Nicole, Tiffany, Sally and Katie.

The fifth portrait is of Andy Ransom (image 5). Andy has worked for the NHS Ambulance Service on frontline duties for over 28 years and will retire in a couple of more years. He has worked throughout the pandemic on frontline ambulances and has done over 20 additional shifts since March to provide cover. The image is a Dads Army parody... sticking two fingers up at COVID. Typical British military humour as Andy served in the Navy and is still a naval reservist.

Alan added: "It takes about three or four days to complete a pet or human portrait so you feel that you've come to know the person even though you've never met them! You come to find out more about them and even build a friendship with themselves and their families through the process."

Alan added "I had taken a break from the portraits and did a colour drawing of a variety of rose called 'My Hero'. I thought, as not everyone likes having their portraits painted, friends or relatives of NHS staff members or other key workers could maybe give a signed print of the 'My Hero' rose as a thank you to their personal hero. I am therefore offering a signed print plus two greetings cards (one of the rose and one of 'Rainbow Bridge' painted by my 5 year old granddaughter Lily - see page 29) for just £10 with all the proceeds going to 'NHS Charities Together'. You can get more info and order on my website <https://alansfineart.com>

Latest News: "Recently a company in Chicago contacted me after seeing my work on Instagram and asked if they can use the 'my hero' rose

drawing on face masks (see image 6) and they will donate to NHS Charities Together. They want to print on cyan coloured material and are sourcing that at the moment. Any money they pay me I will also give to NHS Charities Together.

And finally, so far I have raised just over £1000 for NHS Charities Together but in an effort to get as much as I can for the charity I now have an online shop selling Tee Shirts and Tote Bags featuring my artwork and with all the money I receive from sales of NHS-related items going to the charity. You can see what's on offer by visiting www.alans-fine-art.teemill.com.

STOP PRESS - Some of Alan and granddaughter Lily's NHS artworks have been selected for an exhibition of gigantic images currently touring cities in the UK.

MARRIED 50 YEARS!

On Saturday 20th June, Marianne and Robin Eccles celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a 'Stroll By' – Say 'Hi' event outside the back entrance to their house in Rowde. Guests were asked to pick up a (disposable) glass of bubbly by the back gate of Prospect House any time between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on the day. Visitors were also asked to observe the 'distancing rule' and linger only a short while in order to not gather more than six people at a time.



Marianne and Robin on their wedding day in 1970

OBITUARY

Victor George REED, Formerly of Rowde, Sadly passed away peacefully at the HC One Nursing Home, West Lavington on 16th March 2020, aged 101 years. Victor will be greatly missed by all his family & friends. Funeral service took place at West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington on Monday 6th April 2020. Donations, if desired will be given to The Royal British Legion c/o John Stuart Funeral Directors, Devizes. Tel: 01380 729459

THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

Harvest Time

This is the sticky end of the beekeeping season. Hopefully the swarming season is over (though to quote a well know honey expert Winne the Pooh, "You never can tell with bees"). The main honey harvest is taken - usually at the end of July or early in August. After this the bees are prepared for winter. As I write this in mid- July the bees' colonies are at their largest - concentrating on bringing in the nectar with which to make their honey. The apiaries are literally buzzing all day and all night.

The older foraging bees bring in the nectar from the flowers, they unload and immediately set off again to find more nectar. They are met inside the hive and unloaded by younger 'house' bees who store the nectar in cells in the honey combs, adding enzymes to it which begins the transformation into honey. In the evenings, using their wings, bees fan the nectar directing currents of air around the hive and over the honey combs, reducing the moisture content of the nectar and continuing its change into honey. When the honey is ready virtually all the sucrose in the nectar has been converted to simpler sugars and the moisture content has been reduced to less than 20 percent. The bees then cover the honey with pure beeswax (in a process called capping) to seal the honey and keep it good. It will keep perfectly in the hive for days, weeks or years until needed, usually in the winter and early spring but any time when the bees can't get out to forage.



A frame ready for the bees to fill

A good hive will make honey all through the spring, summer and into autumn but the bulk is eaten as they go along. Surplus honey is stored in good



A box full of honey nearly ready to harvest



Beehives in Rowde

times and eaten in leaner times. A successful colony will store far more honey than they need to survive. They need 25 to 30 lbs for winter and good beekeepers ensure the bees have enough stores to see them through. This means checking they have at least 40 lbs of honey in the hive before winter.



A frame of honey ready to harvest

So how does the beekeeper get some honey without leaving the bees short of stores and also without getting stung to bits?

Most beekeepers divide the hive into two parts, the lower part is for the queen and the young bees, the upper part is for the nectar and honey. The bees don't know this of course and can put honey, and in particular, nectar just about anywhere in the hive but tend to avoid the area used for raising young bees. The two parts are separated by a queen excluder, a mesh that allows the worker bees free passage but is too small to let the large queen through.

The harvest is taken by putting a special board (a clearer board) into the hive, directly under the beekeepers share of honey. This allows the bees to go through one way but not the other. Next day the beekeeper comes back and most if not all the bees have gone down into the main hive allowing the beekeeper to make off with the honey, hopefully before the bees notice. It is not unknown for a novice beekeeper to put the board on upside down. The beekeeper gets a nasty shock when the honey box is absolutely crammed with bees - few of them happy! The honey is taken home and prepared for jarring which I will cover next time

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ROWDE IN LOCKDOWN - AN EXHIBITION

How has your lockdown been?

We are thinking of holding an exhibition at St Matthew's called Rowde in Lockdown, which we hope will tell the story of how the village responded to the virus and the challenges it brought. It will include stories, photos, things people have made and anything else that villagers want to contribute.

We are looking for contributions from all groups, businesses and individuals in the

village. The support everyone has given each other is really worth celebrating!

We aren't yet able to be sure about dates, but an early autumn timescale would work well, virus conditions permitting.

If you'd like to tell your part of the story, in whatever way, please let me know.

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Devizes - Rowde - Bromham - Chippenham

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Faresaver

Mondays to Fridays

					1510				
Devizes, Secondary School Bus Pk (SE-bound)	0755	1033	1233	1433	1513	1610	1735	1815	
Devizes, The Pelican (NW-bound)	0800	1038	1238	1438	1520	1615	1740	1820	
Rowde, Cross Keys (W-bound)	0803	1041	1241	1441	1524	1618	1743	1822	
Rowde, The Coconut (N-bound)	0805	1043	1243	1443	1526	1620	1745	1825	
Bromham, Highfield (W-bound)	0807	1045	1245	1445	1528	1622	1747	1827	
Bromham, nr The Greyhound	0821	1055	1255	1455	1538	1632	1759	1839	
Calne, opp Methodist Church	0822	1056	1256	1456	1539	1633	1800	1840	
Calne, o/s Town Hall									
Calne, The Pipkin (E-bound)	0826	1102	1302	1502	1545	1639	1806	1846	
Derry Hill, opp C of E School	0826	1102	1302	1502	1545	1639	1806	1846	
Derry Hill, nr Lansdowne Arms	0833	1108	1308	1508	1551	1645	1812	1852	
Chippenham, o/s Cemetery	0837	1111	1311	1511	1554	1648	1815	1855	
Chippenham, Alighting (S-bound)									
Chippenham, Railway Station Approach (NW-bound)	0845	1117	1317	1517	1560	1654	1821	1901	
Rowde, Cross Keys (E-bound)									
Rowde, Inside School Bus Park									

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Faresaver

Mondays to Fridays

Chippenham, Railway Station Approach (NW-bound)	0655	—	1117	1317	1600	1640	1730		
Chippenham, Bus Station (Bay B)	0700	0830	0930	1125	1325	1608	1648	1736	
Chippenham, opp Cemetery	0702	0832	0932	1127	1327	1610	1650	1738	
Chippenham, Abbeyfields School (N-bound)									
Derry Hill, opp C of E School	0708	0838	0938	1133	1333	1616	1656	1744	
Derry Hill, Lansdowne Arms (NE-bound)	0709	0839	0939	1134	1334	1617	1657	1745	
Derry Hill, o/s C of E School	0710	0841	0941	1136	1336	1618	1658	1746	
Studley, nr Black Dog									
Calne, The Pipkin (W-bound)									
Calne, o/s Bank House	0715	0846	0946	1141	1341	1623	1703	1751	
Bromham, nr The Greyhound	0727	0859	0959	1155	1355	1637	1717	1803	
Rowde, The Coconut (S-bound)	0730	0902	1002	1158	1358	1640	1720	1806	
Rowde, Cross Keys (E-bound)	0734	0906	1006	1202	1402	1644	1724	1809	
Devizes, Browfort (E-bound)	0740	0911	1011	1206	1406	1648	1728	1813	
Devizes, The Pelican (NW-bound)	0742	0913	1013	1208	1408	1650	1730	1814	
Devizes, Secondary School Bus Pk (SE-bound)	0750								

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Saturdays

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0737	0851	0951	1121	1321	1521	1721		
0742	0857	0957	1127	1327	1527	1727		
0743	0858	0958	1128	1328	1528	1728		
0744	0859	0959	1129	1329	1529	1729		
0749	0904	1004	1134	1334	1534	1734		
0801	0916	1016	1146	1346	1546	1746		
0804	0919	1019	1149	1349	1549	1749		
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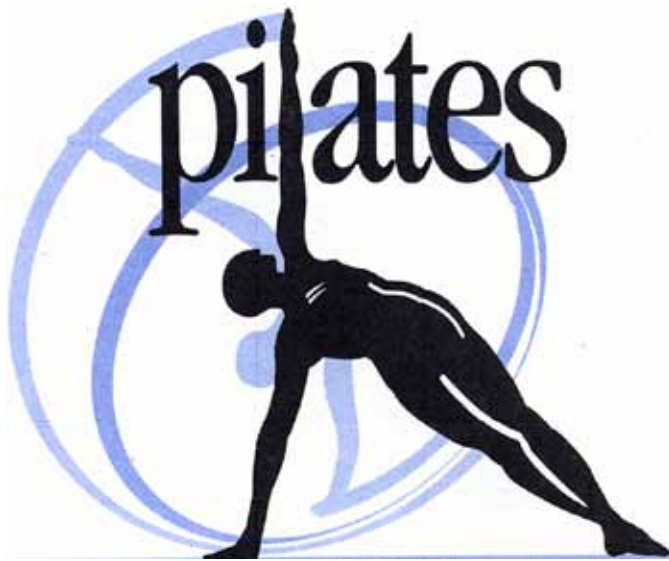
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SHORT STORY

HASTE TO THE WEDDING

Early September 1872-Salisbury Plain. So where is the historical significance with this date? No one gives it a thought today as they hear the guns booming far out on the plains. But the date does have a place in history. Certainly for the county of Wiltshire.

One day during early September 1872, in the quiet and serene village of Lower Everleigh, birds played among fallen leaves and a bridal party laughed and skipped in glorious sunshine as they strolled down the hill towards their cottage en-route from the church. You can imagine the surprised look on their faces when they caught sight of a full brigade of soldiers coming towards them up the hill with officers on horseback in the front. The brigade halted in the village. The men of the 30th Regiment (1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment) in front cheered the wedding party loudly as they passed by, and the men of the party no way disconcerted, waved their hats in acknowledgement of the welcome.

The head of the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade with their band, happened to draw up in front of the cottage into which the happy couple entered. The band immediately struck up 'Haste to The Wedding' and the men of the party came out and danced a jig in front of the cottage. The bride with her own fair hands brought out some beer to the band and wine for the officers in front who heartily drank the health of the happy couple. When at last the order to proceed was given the riflemen marched cheerily away, the village resounding to their strains of 'Haste to The Wedding'.

The happy couple and their guests were completely unaware of what they were witness to as the soldiers left the village. From that day Salisbury Plain would never be the same again, for this was the start of the very first military manoeuvre on the plains. This then, you could say, was the beginning of the destruction of the beautiful plains of Wiltshire. As the military presence gathered momentum over the years and tanks replaced horses, the flora and fauna suffered and the booming of guns shattered the peacefulness of one of the most beautiful areas on the British Isles.

It was on the 3rd September 1872 that the general officers, staff officers and other officers gathered in Salisbury to be appointed umpires for the manoeuvres. Regiments of soldiers were arriving from all over the country, travelling on foot, by train and by sea.

The manoeuvres were going to be fought between two armies, namely the Northern Army and the Southern Army. The appointed regiments that made up the Southern Army gathered in and around Blandford in Dorset.

The regiments to make up the Northern Army came mainly from Aldershot along with the Militia from North Wiltshire. These two armies were face each other over the Wyllye Valley on the lower slopes of the plain. Most of the fighting occurring between the village of Codford and the town of Amesbury.

The brigade that the bridal party had seen were part of the Northern Army from Aldershot. Led by Brigadier-General Stephenson they were marching from the village of Wilton to Rushall so as to make camp for the night. Pewsey and the surrounding countryside was swamped with soldiers at that time as they camped in the fields nearby. The Phoenix Hotel in Pewsey was in full use by the officers who stayed and ate there as they passed through.

The whole manoeuvre was a spectacle of colour and horses. People poured out of Salisbury and neighbouring towns to watch the clash of men in brightly coloured uniforms firing at each other over the River Wyllye, while the guns of the artillery thundered out from Grovely Wood. Battles were fought at Codford, Yarnbrook Castle, Wishford, Witchampton and Amesbury. Foreign officers from all over the world attended, as did members of the Royal families of Europe. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales witnessed the whole scenario along with his brother Prince Arthur.

At the end of the manoeuvres the Northern Army with its formation of famous regiments such as the Life Guards, Royal Horse Artillery and the 13th Hussars, who only eighteen years before led the famous Charge of the Light Brigade, took the honours as they claimed victory over the Southern Army.

A march past at Beacon Hill near Bulford, made a brilliant and satisfactory wind up of the Autumn Manoeuvres which had not in all particulars merited the same description. The weather was splendid, the crowd of spectators were vast and enthusiastic in their praise of the troops. And the flow of the various corps as they defiled before the Royal Commander-in-Chief and the Prince of Wales was described by all press correspondents as leaving nothing to be desired. In the march past 30,000 troops in review order passed the reviewing officer in one hour and forty minutes, a glorious and colourful spectacle not to be seen again on Salisbury Plain until 1898.

After the Great War 1914 -1918 the outlook for Salisbury Plain looked grim. With the full mechanisation of the cavalry regiments in 1920s the plains took on a new look as tanks and armoured cars ploughed their way across the velvety downs.

Harry Angier

Team ExeEndurow rowing around GB

Oliver Dawe-Lane from Rowde, and three friends from University are currently rowing around GB in the GBrowchallenge. Their aim is to become the youngest team to ever row non-stop unsupported around the UK, in order to raise as much money as possible for JustOneOcean and the British Red Cross.



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Our policy is to correct errors of fact as soon as possible and, where appropriate, apologise. If you find an error of concern, please contact the editor (contact details on page 3).

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Alan Watters, Editor

The George & Dragon in Rowde

Tel: 01380 723 053 - Email: gm@thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk

Re-opening Wednesday 5th August!

We would firstly like to thank you all for the overwhelming support we have received throughout this difficult time.

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G&D Menu

We will be re-opening with a exciting new menu including some of our old favourites and new ones which includes a daily BBQ.

QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday 1st September 7pm (see page 20 for details)

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Carers often struggle to find time for themselves; for hobbies and to socialise with others. They may not be able to leave the person they look after on their own at home, or they feel guilty taking time to enjoy themselves. Many have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the closure of day centres and other groups have meant they are caring more than ever, in more difficult circumstances with little or no support.



Research shows that 40% of carers haven't taken a day off from their caring role in over a year. Yet taking regular breaks has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and promote good mental health.

Previous appeals have enabled all sorts of breaks, by providing cinema memberships, climbing sessions, spa days and counselling sessions. It has also been used to pay for respite care.

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for individuals, businesses and local groups to help to raise funds for the appeal or to donate. More information can be found at carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers.

Direct Line: 01380 819606

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LETTERS

THANK YOU SPOTTY!

I would love to say a huge thank you to the Spotty Dog and The Happy Food Company for delivering food and treats to me during lockdown, when I was shielding. The quality of the food from both companies was fantastic and they were delivered with a smile. I would also like to thank all my family and friends who kept me sane at my lowest points. During these extraordinary times, I felt blessed to be in such a friendly village, a village that pulled together during this difficult time.

Geraldine White

THANK YOU JAMES!

The Village Hall Committee would like to express their thanks to James Collett for kindly 'stepping in' and mowing the grass area around the Hall in the absence of our regular mower Rob who has been hospitalised with a serious back injury. We are pleased to say he is back home now and all wish him a speedy recovery.

Thank you again James we are pleased we could call on you to 'help out'.

B.Barrett, Chairman

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Dear Alan

I just popped in to the G&D and they have volunteered to hold a quiz night on Tuesday 1st September at 7pm, to help raise money for the two charities my son is supporting as he rows around GB, I attach a flyer. The charities are JustOneOcean - in support of cleaner oceans and The British Red Cross for their response to Covid-19.

We wondered if you would be able to put this in this months magazine.

Quiz night Tuesday 1st September 7pm in the G&D, £10 per person, 8 tables of 4 people, to include a baguette supper, and there will be a raffle.

Best regards

Louise Dawe-Lane

(see also pages 20 and 40)

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU

I'd like to give a big thank you to Lisa Wills and all her family that has looked after myself and Keith through Lockdown, through illness we have not been able to go out so Lisa and all her family have done our shopping and picked up our prescription, nothing has been to much bother for them, they deserve a really big thank you and to all the other volunteers that have help the village, Well done!

Sylvia French

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SPECIAL THANKS



Thank you to Maureen and Jane for the flowers and Laura Taylor for the basket of fruit Maureen has just delivered. Thank you to all our neighbours and friends for the lovely messages after the loss of our beautiful beloved Petra.

Maggie Cerretelli

'WATCHING YOU FALL'



Just arrived - copies of 'Watching You Fall' by local author Kirsty A Wilmott for our village book club. Kirsty joined our zoom meeting last week to tell us about her life as a writer and experiences getting this book published. It's an easy read 'who dun it' set on the Lizard Peninsula. There will be sequels and I think it would make a great TV series.

Ann Swan

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU

Can you say a big thank you to Rebekah Jefferies who, as well as working and homeschooling her children, has also coordinated all the volunteers to make sure that everyone who needed support received it.

Lisa Wills

MORE THANKS

We would like to say a very big thank you to Julie Baker for getting prescriptions for us while shielding.

Ann and Alan

MEMORY WALK

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a short press release which I hope you can find space for.

As a charity which supports people with dementia, we are keen to stress that we can be contacted for support and advice without a formal diagnosis, particularly at a time when people may be avoiding visiting their GP with non-urgent symptoms.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind regards, Joanna Pazucha

Communications Coordinator

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(see also poster on page 25)

VE DAY IN ROWDE

With Alan in isolation, John Dalley, for some reason or another, assigned me to wander the village and take some snaps of the village's VE celebrations for the magazine, back in May. With lockdown in full force it was a shame the planned gathering couldn't go ahead. Yet villagers (can I call us Rowdies?) made the most of it, and the whole sunny afternoon was akin to wandering the campsite of a secluded festival, without the mud.

It was, inconveniently, time to note the absence of charge on my camera and fail to locate my missing charger. The consequence, my phone would have to do. I bow my head, they weren't to know; photography isn't my forte, but with television shows now being created via wobbly phone camera, I figured what the heck, I'll publish them on Devizine, and here too.

The day captured the essence of neighbourly spirit despite the gloom of lockdown. From sun lounger to kitchen chair, and tea and cake to Pimms, it was wonderful to saunter the village and see everyone celebrating in their own separate ways. I paused for a chat and to study an old gramophone on display by a family on the High Street, observed a lot of chalk artwork from children, and adults

who might just have had a few too many. Then I returned home to find our own street's celebrations, probably the most hedonistic of all!

The highlight of these sporadic mini-parties, was meeting local legend Wayne Cherry, who stood at the top of the Brittox for 100 hours during last Remembrance. Wayne raised £1,272 standing outside his home for NHS charities, but not without support from family, friends and neighbours; making the best possible contribution to the day. Okay, I elucidate, they supplied me with cake!

Darren Worrow

(see some of Darren's photos in the local news pages)

GIVE BREAKS TO CARERS

Good afternoon,

I'm emailing with information on a new appeal being run by Carer Support Wiltshire to raise funds to give unpaid carers a break. Carers have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic and many are caring more hours than ever before as day centres and other respite care are currently not available. It would be fantastic if you are able to mention the appeal in your publication.

If you require anything further from me, please do let me know.

Best wishes, Kath

(see also poster on page 46)

LOCKDOWN EXHIBITION!

Hello Alan

It's nice to meet someone who knows such far flung places! I hope to put together an exhibition in the church called 'The Village in Lockdown'. I really want to get everyone involved and for it to be a village thing rather than a 'church' thing. Obviously I'd struggle to get it all organised on my own, so I need some help! It would be great to recruit a couple of people from the village to plan and then make a list of as many groups/people who could contribute as we can think of, publicise etc.

I had in mind stories, pictures, things people have made and anything else that tells the story of the last few months in Rowde.

I've been Associate Priest for Rowde and Bromham for just about a year and I live in Bromham so, while I know people connected with church, my contacts in the wider village aren't so good. I'd like to change that.

Let me know what you think.

Many thanks, Heather

If you would like to help Heather set up this worthy project please contact her by email heathersmithsergeant@aol.co.uk or by telephone 07702 113544. Thanks, Ed

(see also page 33)

LETTERS (cont'd)

KIND CONSIDERATION RECEIVED

Dear Rowde,

Thank you again for the kind consideration I have received while trying to get Dixie the foal used to traffic. Perfect village to raise a foal! And it's great that people continue to come to visit with their children who get to experience gentle kind horses to pat. Win win! x



Cath Shaw

...AND FROM THE MAGAZINE TEAM

We are sorry that Coronavirus restrictions meant that we couldn't produce a magazine for June and July but the health and safety of everyone in the village had to be our priority. As far as I know this is the first time in the magazine's history (and certainly the first time during my nearly 15 years here) that an issue has had to be missed but we are back in full production now and hope that we can continue well into the future.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people in the village who have helped others in the village in whatever way during this terrible pandemic.

And finally, the magazine team, on behalf of all the readers of the Rowde Village News, would like to give a huge thank-you to all the 20+ volunteers in the village who go out in all weathers to personally deliver your magazine to your door.

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

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (Medium 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.

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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The job involves:

- 1. Taking receipt of the magazines from the printers.**
- 2. Sorting them out into around 20+ bundles from a list of addresses.**
- 3. Dropping off these bundles to the 20+ volunteer 'deliverers' we have in the parish.**
- 4. Keeping the address list up to date.**
- 5. Attending Magazine team meetings approximately four times a year.**

If you can spare just two or three hours every two months please contact:

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VILLAGE DIARY

Parish Council Meetings

(All Wednesdays - venues to be confirmed)

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

9th SEPTEMBER 2020 7.30pm

14th OCTOBER 2020 7.30pm

11th NOVEMBER 2020 7.30pm

9th DECEMBER 2020 7.30pm

Other Events

5th August

The G&D Reopens (see page 44)

8th to 15th August

Walk the Walk (see page 17)

1st September

Charity Quiz Night (see page 20)

1st September

Amalgamation of Larkrise, St Nicholas and Rowdeford schools (see page 13)

15th September

Closing date of Colouring Competition (see page 22)

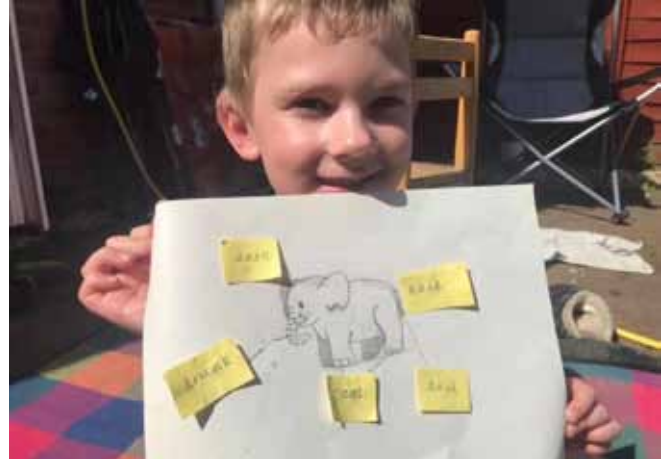
20th September

Memory Walk (see page 25)

ROWDE DURING LOCKDOWN - More of your photos



Virtual Takeaways, photo by Geraldine Clisby-White



*Survived Home School! And started a new job.
Photo by Carrie Coles*



Day trip around Avebury areas, photo by Charlie Reed



My son and I taught ourselves how to tie dye



Daily exercise on the footpaths, photo by Sally Stevens



*....and my son did his own t shirts, he's 5!
Photos by Charlie Brown*

