

Rowde Village News

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August/September 2021



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Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Rowde Village News. I hope you are all coping with the recent changeable weather and that you are enjoying being able to visit family and friends now that the majority of Covid restrictions have been relaxed. I think we need to remain cautious though as a lot of people have yet to be vaccinated.

This is again a very full issue and there are some really interesting articles. Two significant milestones in the village are also reported; there's Gordon Underwood's 80 years as a chorister and local historian Barrie Barrett's 90th birthday. You can read about them both on pages 24 and 25.

We have reports from both schools on pages 12 & 13 and also from the Rowdey Cow on page 6 and from the Rowde Book Club on page 7.

There are some interesting lockdown love stories on page 8 and another excellent instalment from David Brown on page 9 all about bees. All well worth reading.

Read about significant developments in the 'Save Furlong Close' campaign on pages 27 to 29 and do support John Dalley in his 4000 miles 'Ground' Trip which is reported on page 29. He is doing it in aid of two very worthy causes.

Also we have a double helping of bee-related articles on pages 9, 26 & 27.

And we welcome back what we hope will be a regular feature about life on the allotments (see page 33), thanks to new contributor Sally Green.

Finally, thank you everyone who displayed the 'Save Furlong Close' posters you received with your last issue of the magazine. Seeing them in your windows around the village is very impressive indeed (see back cover)!

Meantime, mind how you go, keep staying safe and we will see you next time,

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.

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The photograph on the front cover was taken recently by Alan Watters and shows the entrance to Rowde on Marsh Lane. Hopefully it will remind some drivers that this is where the 30 miles an hour restriction starts and ends and not as soon as they pass the entrance to Springfield Road!

The images on the back cover show the amazing support Furlong Close has in the village!

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

HIWAY CLUB

(for the hearing impaired)

The Club will start again as soon as possible.

Di Buckland (Secretary) 723049

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

It is hoped that the Village Hall will reopen again soon.

Barrie Barrett, Chairman 722186

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

We are delighted that Monday Club is now up and running. We had our first week in the Social Centre and started off the second week in the Social Centre. We were so pleased that we had carried out fire practices over many years, so we could safely evacuate the building. We were a bit shaken but everyone was fine. We had the club in Bromham church for 6 weeks, which was a lovely space to use. From 2nd August our new home will be the lounge at Angell House. Thank you to those at Aster for making this possible. Thank you too to Serena Dalby who is now cooking our lunches. The meals are really delicious and a highlight of the day for our members. Once we have settled in to Angell House we hope to be open to new members again.

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ROWDEY COW NEWS



As I write this we are in scorching 28 degrees heat and it's 8 o'clock at night! The ponies do not enjoy the excessively hot weather so are coming into the barn during the day this week. Although it's hard to work in this heat at least it's good for ice cream sales! We have had a very busy week with all this lovely sunshine but unfortunately it looks set to break back to rain for when the schools break up!



It has been a sad time for the farm with the end of the dairy due to TB – please see the notice from the farm in the next column explaining the details.

Although it is supposed to be freedom day today we have not made many changes at the cafe. We will continue to wear our masks to help make our more vulnerable customers feel safe but our customers have the choice whether or not they would like to wear a mask in the cafe. The only other change we have made is that we are starting to sell alcohol again so if you fancy a glass of wine, lager, cider or G&T while sitting in the sun then you can enjoy this in the garden. The outdoor food hatch and spaced out tables will remain the same throughout the Summer.

We have moved our additional ice cream cart to the canopy in the garden which really helps to keep the ice cream queues down in busier periods. We will continue with this during the Summer holidays. We are really looking forward to selling our ice cream at the amazing Fullatone Festival at the Bank Holiday Weekend.



This week has been an incredibly sad and difficult week for everyone involved with the farm. The dairy first started with my Grandad in 1955 with a dozen cattle and then he and my Dad and all of the staff over the years built up 2 herds totalling over 400 beautiful pedigree Holstein cattle. Unfortunately we have been fighting a losing battle against TB with the devastating news this year that over half the herd would have to go to slaughter. The hard work and devotion to the animals on this farm has culminated in devastation and disruption to the cows and to the lives of the staff and their families who have worked so hard to care for the cattle. We meticulously followed the vets and professionals guidance in trying to get the herd free of TB. This is affecting farmers nationwide and we are one of many to be impacted by this. Being hugely disheartened and upset we have decided not to build back the herd and the remaining healthy milking cows have moved to another local herd. The remaining youngstock here on the farm are all TB free and will be kept here a while longer before moving to another farm. So we have just made our last ever mix of ice cream using our own cows milk. We are very fortunate in being able to purchase our milk from the Padfield's dairy in the neighbouring village of Seend in the future so at least the ice cream making and cafe can continue.



We are also looking forward to launching our new menu in the Summer holidays. We are proud to announce that we have won the Taste of the West Gold Award for Hospitality for the 9th year running this year.



We would like to thank everyone for their continued support since we reopened and we hope to see you soon!

Sue x

ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The book for July was chosen. 'The Penguin Lessons' by Tom Michell. Other recommendations were: 'An American Marriage' by Tayari Jones, 'The Girl With The Louding Voice' by Abi Daré and 'Three Women' by Lisa Taddeo. The next meeting will be on 25th August. Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.

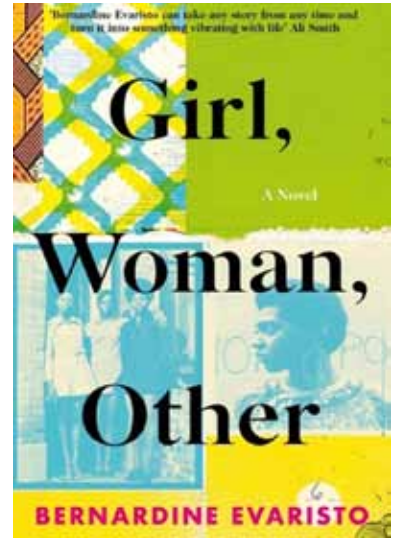
BOOK REVIEW

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo

This is Evaristo's eighth novel and follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters, most of them black British women, moving through the world in diverse decades. Each chapter is devoted to one of the characters in which they tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers. Within each chapter, their lives often overlap through generations and social classes.

Not everyone had read the book but the consensus was that it was a difficult read, mainly due to a lack of punctuation which, at times, suggested that the prose should be interpreted to feel more like poetry. On the whole, members agreed that it had needed commitment of time but, nevertheless, had been a worthwhile read.

Delia Merison



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LOCKDOWN LOVE STORIES

THE SECOND DATE: UPDATE

It's currently July 2021, a whole year since "The second date". Here in the UK we have just lifted all restrictions and life is slowly returning to normal. A new normal. In the past year my pandemic love has blossomed. At first I tried to keep track of each date, what we did, where we went, but inevitably I lost count. You asked me to move in with you, and I said yes! I think my lockdown love is the one. Here's to forgetting what number date we're on, and starting our new life together as a perfect pandemic pair.

NEAR MISSES

One year since your near fatal accident. We weren't really on speaking terms when it happened but it confirmed to me that I wanted you in my life.

Our reconnection nine years after graduation felt serendipitous, but it was short-lived and ended suddenly just before lockdown one.

I tried to fight for you, then tried to give you the space you asked for. But after your accident I knew I didn't want to lose you forever.

So I'm trying to keep in touch with you, trying to be your friend, still holding onto the hope that one day we'll finally have our chance.

AFTER THOUGHTS

After a year of dating men who treated me like an afterthought, who used my body and cared very little about my brain, who pushed the boundaries to see how far my naïve hope and yearning for love would get them, I'd had enough. Two texts of rejection in one night from lovers that I thought were different from all the rest led me to delete the apps, the numbers, the Instagram followers, and take a break. This break may have only lasted a month, but when I redownloaded Hinge something told me that you'd be different, and I was right. You never once made me doubt you, our relationship grew easily, with no worries or dramas, and you showed me what honest, true, raw, unfiltered love looks like. Nearly a year on we are happier than ever, planning our future together, and the wounds of my past experiences are almost healed. I am so glad that I didn't let the words and actions of a few bad apples spoil my hope, because if I'd let them, I'd never have found you.

FREEDOM DAY!

I miss her so much.

Forever known as the HAPPY, friendly, lovable girly girl! Where did she go?

Almost two years in a midst of a pandemic, leaving her dream job, starting a business and pedestalling self-centred men. Listening to words rather than actions and over explaining herself for every small matter.

Now freedom day is here and I reflect as a shell of my former self...

So next month I've booked a one way ticket to Europe, to find the glitter, the sunshine and the zest to MY LIFE again. I am taking control now for my 29 year old self to live a life of confidence and joy to say goodbye to depression, living in four walls and narcissistic men.

I'm choosing me this time, I'm scared, I am anxious, my feelings are raw but believe me, if I can do this then you can too x

"One life and there's no return and no deposit"

FRIENDS TO LOVERS TO 'FRIENDS'

You were an easy love a love that made me feel safe and not insecure about anything. I've never experienced this before. You made me laugh till belly aches and smile till my cheeks hurt kinda love... I guess you don't feel the same way as you didn't fight for me when I ended it. I miss you and wish I could tell you but I can't so for now I will do small talk and act like I'm happy and loving this single life when in fact I just want to be wrapped up in your arms. I guess this was right person wrong time.

FOR EVER

In the first lockdown he split with the girl he had been with for 3 years. He felt like he had no one as his parents were his sisters childcare bubble. Locked in his flat 23 hours a day. Alone. He logged on to tinder just to see if it is as bad as his friends had said and that's where he met me. Our first date was the 4th August at a local pub. I knew from the minute I saw him step out of his car he would be my forever. Fast forward to now and we are now living together with our puppy, reptiles and my 14 year old daughter. He's an incredible step dad and they have an amazing relationship. We recently suffered a miscarriage but plan on trying again. Hopefully some day we will be blessed with a baby and if not we've got each other..... forever.

MY BEING

Death isn't just the endless days stretching ahead of you in which you know you'll never see their face again. Never hear their voice and their laugh. Never see them smile or frown. Never hear the inflections in their voice which memory fades by the day. Death is also in the relationships left behind. Navigating new dynamics and the endless adapting to the new normal. Slamming doors and fraught conversations as people struggle to find their way. Death has shown me great love, friends who have astounded me with their kindness, and unwavering support. Friends who have anchored me in this strange place I have found myself in. Death has also shown the darker side of some, but this is something I won't dwell on. People say time will be the great healer. I don't know this, all I know is I miss you with every fibre of my being.

THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

Looking at the bees

This time I thought I would go through what I do when I look at a hive of bees. I find this the most rewarding part of beekeeping. It is a fascinating privilege to look into the world of these industrious creatures.

Although it is a joy, I should not disturb the bees without a reason. I inspect the bees weekly in late Spring and Summer; much less in Autumn and early Spring. I make sure they have enough room: room for them to live in, room for them to store honey and room for the queen to lay eggs. I make sure there is enough food- they need enough food in the hive in case it rains for a fortnight. A big colony of bees in the height of summer will easily eat a pound of honey in a day. I check they are not planning to swarm; and make sure they haven't got any ailments.

So how do you go about looking at the bees? The first job is to get dressed up in the bee suit, this is designed to stop the bees getting in and has a veil which allows me to see but stops the bees literally getting in my face. Welly boots and thin nitrile gloves complete the ensemble. The gloves don't stop a sting but the bees don't seem to see them as bare flesh! The thinness of the gloves lets me tell if I have accidentally put my finger on a bee and so I avoid squashing it or getting stung. Bees' tempers vary according to their character, the weather (never inspect before a thunder storm - ask me how I know!) and how skilful/dumsy the beekeeper is. Then I light the smoker. Various fuels are used but something that smoulders is the idea. The smoker allows me to put a puff of smoke into the hive. This usually calms the bees and allows me to look without too much drama.

Try to move smoothly and calmly; don't bang the hive or the stand it sits on - the bees are very sensitive to vibration. Don't move quickly or jerkily - the bees react to rapid movements. The roof is removed and the inner cover and there are the bees. In the hive frames are arranged and the bees use these to make their nest, raise the young bees and store honey. A frame is lifted out and checked. Is it honey or brood (young bees - eggs, larvae and pupae)? The brood is what I am interested in. This is the new generation of bees and is the driving force of the colony. Is the colony growing? Is there more brood than there was last time I looked? If the brood is healthy, the larvae

should be pearly white and glistening in the bottom of their cells. The young workers will be bustling around feeding the larvae. The tiniest larvae are fed royal jelly; the older larvae are fed pollen for protein and nectar for energy. After a few days the larvae are covered over with a capping. I check these look OK. They should be dry, slightly domed and a nice biscuit colour. In the corner of the brood frames there will often be honey stored and pollen is also stored near the larvae for convenience - is there enough to last for a week or two? Are there eggs? These are tiny but it is important to see them as if they are present then it proves that the queen was in the hive in the last three days and I don't need to see her. It is nice to see the queen but some queens like to hide in the corners or on the floor of the hive and are rarely seen. Seeing eggs tell me all is well with her.

The frames are put back in the hive, the roof replaced and the bees are left in peace for another week. I write up my notes detailing what I have seen and anything that needs to be done. On to the next hive or home to rehydrate!

David Brown, Rowde Hall Cottage

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This is how bees make comb left to their own devices



A frame of comb - Young bees developing in the middle - a bit of honey in the top corners



The author demonstrating the correct use of smoke



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Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



What a busy summer term we have had! We celebrated the year 11 student's successes with our annual Prize Giving and a leavers' party in the sunshine was a great way to mark the end of their time at Silverwood – Rowde.



Two classes received a Climate hero Blue Peter badge for the amazing work on the importance of saving our environment.

Sports Day was a fun-filled day and the last week has been full of fun as it has been Activities week, which included Rocket launching, Archery and a visit from ZooLab.



We have planted a beautiful Oak tree to remember our colleague Jim Nipress who sadly passed away earlier this year.

A Message from Sean McKeown our Executive Headteacher

"I can hardly believe that I have completed a full academic year at Silverwood School, and what an exciting year it has been!

You will be aware that Silverwood School is an amalgamation of three special schools; Larkrise in Trowbridge, St Nicholas in Chippenham and of course Rowdeford. From day one, I was struck by the incredible commitment, dedication and passion of all the staff and completely overwhelmed by our amazing children and young people.

I am sure the wider community and our staff realise the complexities of bringing our three schools together. However, I firmly believe that we should be proud of our many achievements this year. Our work has been focussed on ensuring that we listen to each other about how we shape our school. Our key decisions have involved gathering the views of parents, carers, staff and pupils. For example, together we chose our name, uniform colour, logo, and our vision: Building Community, Inspiring Learning.

We have also been working closely with Wiltshire Council, architects and building contractors to help design the new build which will be completed in June 2023. It maybe that some of you have attended the build co-production workshops, these sessions have taken the views of many individuals including our pupils and this work will continue next year. Behind the scenes, staff have been working tirelessly to implement a first class curriculum, ensuring we provide the best possible quality of education, in a safe and happy environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rowde community, first of all for such a warm welcome and secondly for the outstanding support you provide to the pupils at Silverwood."

Teresa Ollerhead



NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

Memories from Rowde CofE Academy

We felt that the final article from this academic year should be jointly written by the teachers as we have so many fond memories to share.

I can't believe that it's the end of another year, through all the ups and downs that the ongoing virus has brought and changes to what we normally do in school. Looking back on this year, precious memories have included the joy that my little reception class has brought me especially in the way I'm followed round like the 'old' mother hen and rejoining Willow class to see how much it has come on in the last few months.

Today, I was fortunate enough to spend the morning with the Year 6 children which meant that it was move up day for all the classes. They were my first complete year in a reception class at Rowde and as we reminisced about our time together, there were almost tears from both sides.

I look forward to the next class with the same enthusiasm as always and keep fingers crossed that we can enjoy all the activities including the Christmas Nativity. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer holidays. Love Mrs Bq

In the last two terms, Ash class has been busy weeding the spiritual garden and clearing the vegetable patch. We have planted radishes, courgettes, and spring onions and the children have loved looking after them. In the last few weeks, we have been rewarded by harvesting our first rainbow radishes which the children were brave enough to try. They are eagerly awaiting their next crop! Mrs Alford (Year 2 Teacher)

In year 3 we have been studying all things Stone Age. Today we finally managed to break out of school for the day and get over to Stonehenge. It was a great day, and I was really proud of how much information they have taken in over the term. They were able to tell the volunteers there, about the types of stones used, where they got them from and how Stonehenge was constructed. Well done Year 3! Mr Dyson (Y3 Teacher)

I could write a whole book about my memories of Rowde-I've been at Rowde that long! Reflecting back there is so much to remember, dressing up, sports day and tournaments, carnivals and trips.

However, as I move on to pastures new, my last memory of Rowde, old building or new- will be love, friendship and fun all in abundance. Kate Dummett (Year 4 Teacher)

What stands out to me this year, as the most magical memory, was welcoming the children back to school after our closure on the 8th of March. My class were ecstatic to be back, excited to see each other and full of enthusiasm for their learning. We started reading the book Floodland (by Marcus Sedgewick) together, and they were just hooked from the first page... A buzz for learning like no other! We are so proud of their resilience and accomplishments in what's been a very challenging year. Miss Simpson (Year 5 Teacher)

Camp Capers: There are so many wonderful aspects to our village primary school in Rowde, and one of the highlights for me was during last weekend, when our amazing Year 6s camped on the school field. This was their 2-night residential trip, after a very challenging couple of years, navigating a pandemic and still managing to have lots of shenanigans along the way! We were so impressed at their tent-building skills, using problem-solving as they went along. Led by our talented, experienced scout leaders, the children cooked sausages on self-built fire pits, consumed barbecue food, built sweet treat pic 'n mixes, took long hikes, told ghost stories, bonded with friends and suffered a collapsed tent in the night. Fantastic memories have been made to end their time at Rowde, and I wish them well on their life journeys - Mrs Mia Morris [Year 6 Teacher]

A Year like no other: When this academic year started, many of us felt, perhaps a little too optimistically, that we wouldn't still be living under Covid restrictions as it came to an end. How wrong we were! Even so, the children have finished the year impressively, be it the summer results (which are very encouraging), the wet and wild camp of last weekend, or Year 3's trip to Stonehenge. I feel similarly old right now! But the sun is out, and there's a great summer to look forward to. In the next academic year, you can expect to hear from our Year 6 Community Ambassadors, as we re-connect with the community and begin to welcome villagers to our school once more. It's been too long, and we can't wait. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the summer. **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

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

A full set of minutes is available on the village website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the minutes, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings

Since the last edition of the Rowde Village News, the Parish Council has met on 9th June & 14th July 2021 in person and on zoom.

Rowde Parish Council would like to thank Mr Edy-Berry, Headteacher of Rowde Primary Academy School, and the Acorn Trust, for hosting the Parish Council meetings without charge in the school hall. We thank them too for all of their help in setting up the technology for the meeting and for supplying tea, coffee and biscuits! Thank you.

Parish Council Membership

Welcome...

Rowde Parish Council welcomes Chris Greenwood through co-option.

The Parish Council currently has a full complement of Parish Councillors.

Update on Hft – Cllr Mayes

Hft has withdrawn its notice for closure. A new tender process has been started with new information. Wiltshire Council has opened the tender process out nationally. The outcome is expected to be known by mid – late August. Hft will continue to provide care for its residents until a new care provider has been commissioned.

- Cllr L Mayes met with residents/families on 10th July 2021.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mayes for sharing the information. The next update expected will be whether a care provider has come forward.

Silverwood School

Planning applications have been submitted now for the proposed development at Silverwood School (Rowde Campus). Please see below for details.

Wiltshire Council understand residents' concern about possible traffic issues and are working on a traffic plan to alleviate the issues.

- PL/2021/06293: Silverwood School, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2QQ: to renew the planning permission for 3 double mobile classrooms, mobile numbers 670(94), 676(94) and 794(02). Deadline: 3/8/21

The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

- PL/2021/06782 Silverwood School, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2QQ: Proposed development of Silverwood School, extending the existing Rowde Campus (formerly Rowdeford School) to provide a high quality SEND school campus for 350 students including the construction of a new two storey education building with new Hydrotherapy Pool, teaching classrooms and Main Hall, the development of existing buildings, new all-weather sports pitch, new playing fields, on-site parking, landscaping, ecological enhancements and associated works. Deadline: 05/08/2021.

The Parish Council supports the proposed building part of the application.

They are concerned, however, about the traffic management to and from the location. The Parish Council acknowledges that there are plans to submit a Traffic

Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce speed on that stretch of the road. There is a request for construction traffic not to access the site at the start and finish of the school day.

The Parish Council requested input into the Traffic Management Plan (TMP), and it is proposed that the Parish Council meets with representatives from Wiltshire Council before the application deadline.

- PL/2021/06837 Listed Building Consent: Silverwood School, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire. SN10 2QQ: Proposed works to create new science classroom and prep room, life skills classroom, hygiene facilities, office accommodation, Enterprise Zone, accessible entrance and accessible WC. Internal and external alterations and repairs to existing Grade II Listed Rowdeford House. Temporary removal and subsequent replacement of Grade II Listed Gate pier at the north of the site to facilitate construction vehicle movements. Deadline: 05/08/21

The Parish Council supported the application.

Allotments

Burning

At the Parish Council meeting in June, there was a request by Parish Councillors with allotments to remove the green waste bin. The facility had been misused and was regularly filled with inappropriate waste material, which left the bin too heavy to empty and often incurring an additional emptying charge.

- A Parish Councillor queried whether the green waste bin being removed would mean that bonfires would be re-introduced at the allotments. It was noted that in the allotment agreement it says that tenants should not be a nuisance to other allotment holders, and some consider bonfires to be a nuisance.

At the July Parish Council meeting, there was a proposal to reintroduce burning, through controlled methods. It was reported that there is now an unmanageable amount of green waste on the site. This is due partly to vacant plots being cleared, the removal of the green waste bin and the ban on burning. The Parish Council discussed and voted to permit controlled burning by allotment holders on the allotment site. The proposal is for controlled burning to be permitted on Mondays and Fridays, after 7pm, and after 3pm on the same days in wintertime. Six out of eleven Councillors voted in favour, four Councillors were against, one abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

- Cllr Green has revised the allotment tenancy agreement. The new agreement will include a requirement for allotment plot holders to tend a minimum of 75% of their plot.

Maintenance work on the Oak Tree

Work has been carried out on the oak tree to take the weight off some of the limbs and to help balance the tree after a limb was broken in a storm in January 2020. The tree surgeon has reported no signs of decay at the top when they had finished reducing the limbs. The decay at the base of the tree is recorded in the Picus report. The Tree Officer at Wiltshire Council was satisfied with the work that had been done.

Village Appearance

Grounds Maintenance

- The Parish Council was asked to consider tasks that our grounds worker at Hft could carry out on our behalf.
- A complaint was made about the overgrown grass verge along the pavement from Conscience

Cottages to Dunkirk Hill (A342). It was agreed to ask the Parish Steward to cut this back.

- A request was made to remove the signage for the village shop (on the signpost) at the junction of the High Street with Marsh Lane.

- There is a posting for the village shop on Canal & River Trust signs through the village. The Clerk will notify the Canal & River Trust and ask for these signs to be taken down. There is also a reference to the shop on the Roundel on the Marsh Lane Bridge.

- Grass adjacent to Furlong Close, and the grassed area in front of Rowde Primary School were cut free of charge, with thanks to the Parish Council's grounds contractor, idverde.

- A question was asked about when the planted tyres on Marsh Lane, near Furlong close, will be removed. The Parish Council accepted an offer from C Greenwood to deal with the tyres.

- A question was asked about the maintenance of the planters on the High Street at the entrance to Manor Farm Lane. It has been confirmed that the planters have been repaired, weeded and recently replanted.

Best Kept Village Competition

Rowde came fourth (out of four) in the first round of the Best Kept Village competition. The Village was commended for its play areas and allotments. It was noted that there were some areas of the village that were in need of attention.

Playing Areas

Vandalism

Repairs have been carried out to the small playing field and the large playing field. Unfortunately, the day the Parish Council received the invoice to pay for this work, we received notice that the newly installed wetpour surfacing under the toddlers' picnic bench had been vandalised. In addition, the new basketball nets that had been installed have been completely destroyed and look like they were never even there.

The Parish Council has also replaced a litter bin which was destroyed in the large playing field.

Further damage

The wooden fence at the field entrance to Tower View has collapsed. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the fence to be repaired/replaced.

Silverlands Play Area - refurbishment

The Parish Council has applied for an asset transfer of the Silverlands Play area. There is money available at Wiltshire Council to upgrade the play facilities at Silverlands.

The Parish Council is looking for views from the local community, families and young people to gauge their views on what they would like to see in this area. If you have any suggestions, please contact Cllr Lisa Wills, 01380 730078, or by email at rpc.lisa.youth@gmail.com.

Sport Field – changing facilities

It is necessary to have changing facilities and toilets on site in order for the playing field to accommodate adult football teams.

It was proposed that the Parish Council will look at providing containers which could be used as changing rooms (1 x 40ft, or 2 x 20ft).

Neighbourliness & Community Events

Celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration in 2022.

It is planned that a committee will be formed to work on plans to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

It was agreed to reallocate the funds that were designated for the VE day celebration to be used for this celebration.

Request for a memorial plaque on the bench on the Hill

This Parish Council agreed to a memorial plaque for a local resident who has recently passed away to be added to the bench.

Footpaths & Highways Safety

Discussion on speed safety signs outside of Schools on A342, Rowde.

There was a discussion on the possible cost of speed warning signs with flashing lights to warn drivers of their speed when approaching the two schools in the village. The preference was for a sign with a smiley face which tells the driver when they are driving safely.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask CATG for an estimated cost of these signs. It was asked if the Clerk could ask for potential costs of white gates at the entrances to the village too.

- A complaint has been received about cars parking on the grass verge at the entrance to Springfield Road.

- A Parish Councillor was concerned about a man speeding on a motorbike around Springfield Road, with no helmet and no number plate.

- It was noted that there are currently no funds at Wiltshire Council to replace the white lining on the High Street.

Caen Hill Scheme

A scheme has been developed to improve road safety on Caen Hill to include traffic lights. There is currently no budget allocated for this work.

Cllr Mayes proposed that Rowde Parish Council works together with the neighbouring parishes who are also affected by Caen Hill.

Footpaths

- Are you interested in forming a group to look at and repair some of the footpaths around the village? It has been noted that our footpaths are being used much more since the start of the pandemic and there are minor issues that need to be attended to. If you are interested and able to help, please contact the Clerk.

Planning

Planning Applications for consideration

- PL/2021/05111 Application Type: Full planning permission Proposal: Proposed Multi-Purpose Agricultural Building Site Address: West End Farm, Rowde, SN10 2QH. Deadline: 19th July 2021.

The new building is intended to store equipment, which in turn will create more space for hay. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council supports the application.

- PL/2021/05499 The Firs, The Locks, Devizes, SN10 1QR: Erection of single storey side extension and detached double garage with associated external works. Deadline: 28th July 2021. The Council thought the proposed development was in keeping with the property and would not affect anyone. The Council had no objections to the application.

- PL/2021/04056 Mulberry Lodge House, Close Lane, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2QQ: Consultation - Alterations and conversion of existing coach house and stables to residential use (renewal of 17/06898/FUL)

The Parish Council discussed the issue raised by Highways about the visibility splay from the entrance being restricted. It was noted that the current entrance point has been improved hugely from its previous location on the bend opposite West End Farm. It is

considered that there will be limited additional usage caused by the renovation of the Coach House and that this should not negatively impact on the traffic joining the A342.

It was recommended that the Parish Council fully supports the application.

Neighbourhood Planning

P Bryant, P Brown & the Clerk continue to attend meetings with Devizes Town Council and Bishops Cannings Parish Council to work on the new Neighbourhood Plan.

It has been agreed that all three Councils will hold a 'visioning' event to review the previous strategic aims of the original Devizes plan to find out what residents' vision is for the area for the next ten years. The Devizes event will be held on Wed 28th July, at 6pm in the Shambles. It is intended that the event will be rolled out to Rowde Parish and also Bishops Cannings after that.

There is an ongoing call for land to be included as potential sites for development.

If you have land or know of land that could be developed, please contact the Clerk, or Cllr Pat Bryant. 01380 698567 or by email at: rpcpatbryant@outlook.com

Reed Place

Wiltshire Council reports that the detail of the plan to build Council houses on land off Reed Place has been changed marginally with the layout remaining basically the same. The Parish Council noted that they would like to see the changes that have been made.

A planning application submission is due shortly.

When permission has been granted, it is hoped that completion will be within approximately 5-6 months of full planning. It is noted however, that this is a pilot scheme so this estimate could change.

Wider view

New Constituency boundaries

The Boundary Commission has proposed that Rowde & Roundway will join the Chippenham parliamentary constituency. Rowde would sit geographically at the very bottom of the constituency and has always closely associated itself with Devizes and the Devizes Constituency.

It was requested that the Parish Council expresses their objection to the proposal and a copy sent to MP Danny Kruger

National Grid

The National Grid submitted a written update on their progress. Surveys began in April 2021. This survey work is now completed, and National Grid will provide an update on the outcome in September.

The National Grid has received one complaint about traffic movement.

The team hope to stage some information events in September – a mixture of online and in person events.

National Grid is aiming to start construction in 2023 with the hope that Rowde will be pylon free by 2024.

It was suggested that the construction vehicles use the site of the redundant farm at Roundway Village.

Finance Update

Monthly invoices for May & June 2021 were as follows:

May invoices (total: £1,887.86)

- Admin costs: £1,441.08
- Allotments: £266.03
- Ground's maintenance: £180.75

June invoices (total: £5,640.00)

- Admin costs: £1,275.34
- Waste collections & new bins: £565.07
- Ground's maintenance: £1,459.59
- Oak tree work: £2,340.00

Parish Council income for May & June 2021

26/05/2021	Football Pitch hire	£100.00
26/05/2021	Pitch hire (keep fit)	£56.00
04/05/2021	Allotment rent	£20.00
04/05/2021	Allotment rent	£10.00
04/05/2021	Allotment rent	£40.00
04/05/2021	Allotment rent	£20.00
09/05/2021	Interest	£0.06
31/05/2021	Interest	£0.27
26/05/2021	Pitch hire (keep fit)	£24.00
09/06/2021	Interest	£0.06
30/06/2021	Interest	£0.32
Total		£270.71

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: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

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:

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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 Parish Council meetings.

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

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Date/Time	Service
Aug 1 8am 10am	Trinity 9 Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
Aug 8 8am 10am	Trinity 10 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Holy Communion, Rowde
Aug 15 10am	Trinity 11 <i>Morning Worship, Bromham. to be confirmed</i>
Aug 22 8am 10am 11.15am	Trinity 12 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Holy Communion, Rowde <i>Informal Worship, Zoom</i>
Aug 29 10am 11.15am	Trinity 13 Holy Communion, Bromham <i>Informal Worship, Zoom</i>
Sep 5 8am 10am	Trinity 14 Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
Sep 12 8am 10am	Trinity 15 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Holy Communion, Rowde
Sep 19 8am 10am 11.15am	Trinity 16 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> <i>Informal Worship, Zoom</i>
Sep 26 8am 10am 11.15am	Trinity 17 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Holy Communion, Rowde <i>Informal Worship, Zoom</i>

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or check the Church notice board for further information

Or contact the Administrator:

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Private Prayer

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

Mondays & Thursdays, St Matthew's Rowde 2pm - 4pm

Monday to Friday, St Nicholas Bromham 10am - 4pm
 Saturdays, St Nicholas Bromham 10am – 12 noon
 Every day, Sandy Lane 10am – 4pm

Events

Regular Activities

Coffee and Chat on Tuesdays – 10:45 to 11:30

We're meeting for coffee and chat on Tuesdays in St Matthews.

Occasional videos of Bible reading and prayers –
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Churches of Rowde and Bromham

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEaEU1Oqi6iDABPgvy1LQQ>

Open the Book

For more information, contact Fran Hall: 07989758412 or Sarah Bowler: 07876142112 sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Growing in Faith - Prayer

For more information please contact Caroline Culley carolineculley1@outlook.com

Mothers' Union

Please contact Carole Myer for details: 01380 850706 or ed.myer@btinternet.com

Church Cleaning

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

Choir

Choir Leader: Vacant

Choir Practise Junior and Adults will return as soon as possible.

Bell Ringing

For further information please contact the Tower Captain: Richard Heath rich.p.heath@gmail.com/ or 01380 722379

Flower Arranging

Flower Guild Rota

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8 & 15 August - Jane Sartin

22 & 29 August - Rosie Berry

5 & 12 September - Jill Myerscough

19 & 26 September - Jayne Andrews-Wheeler

3 & 10 October - Liz Ibbetson

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A Message from Revd Ruth

The Olympic games starts next week in Tokyo, although by the time you're reading this, any number of changes may have taken place! Yesterday I heard an interview with rower Helen Glover, who is competing in the women's pairs. Last year, when the Olympics should have happened, she was on maternity leave, and so wouldn't have been able to take part. But with the delay, and a lot of hard work in her training regime, Helen is now able to go to Tokyo to represent Team GB.

Rowing is an endurance sport, and the only sport I have personal knowledge of competing in, although not at Olympic standard! It's about stamina, as well as sprint fitness, as the training regimes are long and arduous, and often involve early morning sessions on the water in all weathers. There are ups and downs – it can feel wonderfully good when the boat is running smoothly, everyone's oars are cutting into the water at the same moment and you have the lead in a race. But the opposite is also true, when it's going badly, it can be very dispiriting, and you have to dig deep and stick to your plan to win through.

The Bible has a lot to say about suffering and endurance. St Paul says it's character forming:

We gladly suffer because we know that suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love. - Romans 5:3-5

In this season, just when we might have hope that we're coming out of Covid, I hear every day of people who are suffering with it, and some quite badly. This pandemic is much more like an endurance race than a sprint to the finish. We can see that it's been character forming, whenever we hear of people going out of their way to help others – showing that we are a loving, caring community.

If you need support, and especially if you would like prayer for yourself or for someone you love, please do get in touch. As a church, we are in this for the long haul, and hope very much that soon we will all be able to gather as a village to reflect on this time, mourn those we've lost and look forward to brighter times ahead.

In his love, Revd Ruth

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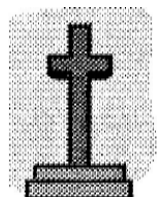
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Alan Watters, Editor

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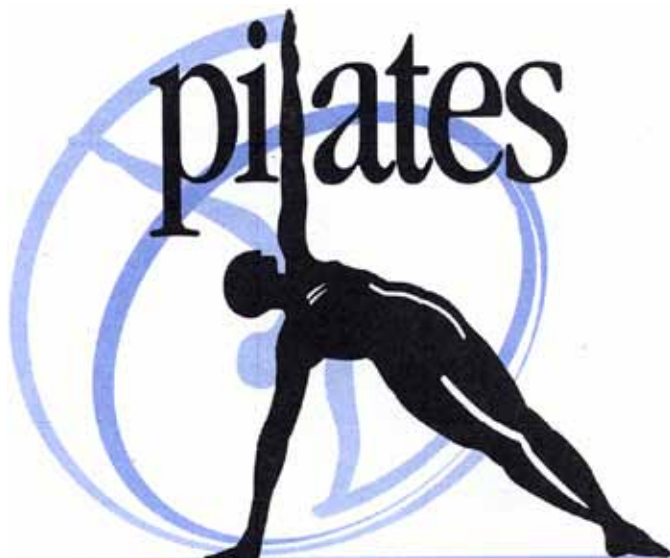
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Good News - Classes running in Summer

Use the chance to come for a taster session now!

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FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column, these are the best clean jokes ever told (apparently):

If you want to find out who loves you more, stick your wife and dog in the boot of your car for an hour. When you open the boot, who is happy to see you?

What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.

My grandfather died peacefully in his sleep, unlike the screaming passengers in his car.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away and you'll have their shoes.

How did the hipster burn his mouth? He ate the pizza before it was cool.

What did the Buddhist ask the hot dog vendor?
"Make me one with everything."

A golf ball is a golf ball no matter how you putt it.

Insect puns bug me.

My leaf blower doesn't work. It sucks.

What do you call an alligator in a vest?
An investigator.

What do you call sad coffee? Despresso.

Why did banana go to doctor? It wasn't peeling well.

What kind of jokes do you make in the shower?
Clean jokes.

What did the duck say when he bought lipstick? Put it on my bill.

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

What never asks questions but receives a lot of answers? The telephone.

Why did the robber take a bath? Because he wanted to make a clean getaway.

Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?" Student: "My father's checkbook."

Do you have any jokes to tell? Send them in!

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have some funny shaped vegetables



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

The Arts Society North Wiltshire

In spite of the pandemic our lectures have continued as planned. Members can access lectures on line via Zoom.

We have even arranged an extra lecture!

Forthcoming Lectures:

Wednesday 1st September
Modern Masterpieces, Market Trends and New Collectors

Wednesday 6th October
Tapestry: The Ultimate Wall Decoration

Wednesday 3rd November
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Please visit our web site for more details : <http://tasnorthwilts.org.uk>

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Local News



80 YEARS AS A CHORISTER!



On Sunday 11th July, chorister, Gordon Underwood celebrated his 80th year in the choir at St Matthew's Church, Rowde. Gordon chose the hymns for the service, including "One More Step Along the Way I Go", which was a great favourite of his late wife, Peggy.

When he joined the choir in 1941, Gordon recalls things were very different! "There were 6 men and 14 boys. It was war time, so the men were mostly farmers and they came in the evenings." In a time when there was far less entertainment available, the choir kept the boys occupied: "We had Sunday School at 10 o'clock in the morning; morning service at 11 o'clock; and evensong at half past six. In the afternoon we used to go to the chapel!"

Gordon remembers other advantages!: "We used to get paid for being in the choir. As long as you attended every service, you were paid 3 shillings a quarter. You were deducted a

penny if you missed." Exemplary behaviour was expected: "The men sat behind the boys; if you so much as moved your head you had one round the ear! The hymn book was the old Ancient and Modern; the psalm books were used a lot more and we used the Book of Common Prayer. Communion services were only about once a month."

And what about other changes? Easter: "In those days, the Good Friday service lasted for 3 hours, so we did it in shifts. No good trying to get us boys to stay in for 3 hours! On Easter Sunday we had said Communion at 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock; then the choir sang at the 11 o'clock service and Evensong. We used to get up for that and then have the rest of the day free. Every Ascension Day, we went to church, had a service and then had the rest of the day off – we always looked forward to that! I remember when we had Rogation Sunday, we used to go through the churchyard and come out by the chapel in Marsh Lane, stop at 2 or 3 places, come down Marsh Lane and back in to the church again. We'd stop in 4 or 5 places and bless the crops."

"At Harvest Festival, the church was packed out. All the farmers came for the Harvest service. There were more seats in those days, too. The





font was in a different place, and there were seats where the small chapel is.”

“At Christmas time, the choir used to go carol singing in the village for about 10 days; we went all around the boundaries of the village and raised quite a bit of money for the choir. There was Christmas Holy Communion at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock and an 11 o'clock service as well.”

“We used to wear black cassocks and white surpluses. A woman used to take them home and wash them every 3 months or so.”

“In those days, everybody in the village knew one another and everybody would come to the village fete – which was always on a Wednesday because that was half day!”

90 NOT OUT!

Local historian **Barrie Barrett** celebrated his 90th Birthday in June with a small group of friends from the village and of course, his 'soul mate' and constant companion **Ruby** (pictured with him below).



Barrie was born in Devizes but moved to Rowde when he was about six months old to live in Rose Cottage in Marsh Lane. His father was employed by the Bartholomew family in Rowde Court as a chauffeur/ handyman and Barrie attended the local schools, firstly in the 'little school' near the George and Dragon and then to the old school in Marsh Lane. Barrie contracted Polio at the age of eleven and was told he would not walk again but after spending many months in hospital he proved them all wrong but it did affect his legs and 'put paid' to his ambition of being a 'master builder' following in his grandfather's footsteps. Barrie did however still do his National Service working as a wireless officer.

Fortunately Barrie managed to get an apprenticeship with the Wessex Electric Company (forerunners of the now Scottish and Southern Electric) firstly in Devizes, then Trowbridge and ending at Melksham where he became a Foreman Installation Inspector. Due to the constant use of the Wireless in his Army days Barrie lost most of his hearing but was lucky to be fitted with a Cochlea Implant which certainly improved his quality of life.

Barrie met and married local girl Jean (nee House), daughter of the local baker and they moved into Barrie's current home in the bungalow he built next to his parents house in Marsh Lane.

As well as being a keen gardener managing his large garden, Barrie spent many happy hours researching local history and also natural history and enjoyed taking groups along the Kennet and Avon Canal explaining the history of the building of the canal. This, due to health problems, he cannot now do.

Barrie has also been a Parish Councillor and very involved with the Village Hall over many years as Treasurer and now Chairman. Also in the Hlway Group, set up for people with hearing problems.

Sadly Jean passed away eight years ago but Barrie is fortunate in having good friends to help him and of course 'little shadow Ruby'!

Diana Buckland



SAVE THE BEES – PLANT FOR POLLINATORS

Writing this in 'Bee Needs Week' (18-25 July), I'm surrounded by the sound of bees buzzing around the lavender that grows either side of my garden path, however, I'm told that many of the 270 bee species that inhabit the UK are in serious decline due to monocultural agriculture, the indiscriminate use of pesticides by gardeners and loss of habitat due to urbanisation, but here they are prolific and this is due to the fact that we have planted a bee friendly garden and provided a habitat sympathetic to their needs.



As individuals we can all help to halt the decline in our bee population and ensure that our bees lead a happy, pollinating and productive life by providing food, and the easiest way to do that is to plant the plants that they love to feed on.

Single open, daisy like flowers which provide a landing and feeding platform for bees, and butterflies, are top of the list, tubular flowers are next, but double flowers, which may look

attractive to us are a nightmare for bees, they'll simply give up on you and go elsewhere.

So here's a list of plants which are bee friendly and which flower throughout the months during which bees are most active, March to October.

March – Primrose, Bergenia (Elephants Ears), Daffodil, Pulmonaria

April – Bluebell, Crocus, Forget-me-not, Wallflower

May – Tulips, Lupin, Hardy Geraniums, Stachys (Lambs Ears)

June – Oxe-eye-daisy, Foxglove, Roses (single flower)

July – Lavender, Penstemon, Nepeta, Nasturtium

August – Hollyhock, Teasel, Sunflower, Persicaria

September – Helenium, Buddleia, Sedum, Dahlia (single flower)

October – Ivy – yes ivy . . .

This is an indicative, not a definitive list and if your favourite bee friendly plant isn't included, no problem, just add a few of the above and you'll be guaranteed extra visitors.





If you are lucky enough to have blossom trees such as cherry, crab apple, hawthorn and plum then you will be aware of the hum that they create during spring but many others also attract bees, willow, horse chestnut, maple, and lime are key 'honey' trees.

For those of you who choose not to garden or cannot garden, all is not lost. Bees see plants as food not weeds, so if you have an overgrown lawn full of daisies, clover and dandelions you will still be encouraging wildlife, arguably more so than those of us who rigorously mow and tend, and that overgrown ivy on the wall provides a vital top up of food to enable bees to survive the winter.

Take your cue from nature, look for clues as to what plants bees love when you're out walking, hear the hum from wildflower meadows and maybe create a meadow of your own in your garden, or in a pot or a window box – if you plant it they will come.

For more information search online – plants for pollinators.

And for further reading try:

Dave Goulson – Gardening for Bumblebees

Jean Vernon – The Secret Lives of Garden Bees

Geraldine Clisby-White

FURLONG CLOSE - UPDATE

By way of update on the campaign to save Furlong Close; I am afraid that there is good news and there is bad news.

The good news is that the campaign to save Furlong Close won a very significant legal victory in June, which saw Hft withdraw its decision to close Furlong Close and put the future of site firmly in the hands of Wiltshire Council.

The bad news is that the Council has not so far taken up the challenge of working with the families to find a long-term solution to save Furlong Close, so that the residents and their families remain concerned and frightened about the future.

The victory came in June, in the legal proceedings which had been brought on behalf of one of the residents of Furlong Close to ask the High Court to set aside the decision by Hft to close the site. The proceedings alleged that Hft had breached the residents' human rights by taking a decision to close Furlong Close without consulting them or their families and without properly taking into account the devastating impact which closure would have on the lives of the residents (for some of whom the trauma would be life-shortening). Hft had defended the proceedings but, in June, capitulated by agreeing to orders by the Court in which it formally:

- Withdrew its decision to close Furlong Close; and
- Committed to continuing to provide care and support to the residents at Furlong Close for as long as Wiltshire Council continued to commission that care.

This is good as far as it goes, but it casts the onus squarely on Wiltshire Council to commit to continuing to commission care and support for the residents at Furlong Close for the long term and remove the terrible uncertainty which has been hanging over the heads of the vulnerable residents and their families since last October.

Sad to say, the Council has not yet done this. Instead, it has launched a tender to try and identify an alternative care provider at Furlong Close, to replace Hft. This would be fine except that the tender is to take over the site for just two years, under lease from Hft, with no commitment whatsoever beyond two years. This would simply leave the residents and their elderly parents on a fearful, two-year path to the edge of a cliff.

In other words, this is not a solution but a stop-gap measure and, to date, the Council has done nothing to work with the families to try and identify a longer-term solution;

for example, like that which was floated by Simon Jacobs, the then Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care before the election (i.e. the Council acquiring Furlong Close from Hft as a long-term strategic asset and allowing the aging residents to remain there for as long as it continued to meet their special needs). Unless the Council takes up this challenge and works with the families to find a real solution to save Furlong Close, then I am afraid that the fight goes on and we may all end up back in Court before the end of the year. In the meanwhile, the uncertainty of the situation continues to take its toll on the mental well-being both of the residents and their parents and siblings.

I will continue to keep you posted and I am grateful for the opportunity, on behalf of the families, to warmly thank the people of Rowde for their continuing support and to also express our undying gratitude to the staff at Furlong Close, who have been providing our vulnerable relatives with outstanding care and support through this very difficult time.

Very best wishes,

Mark Steele

THE BIG CLEAN UP!



“Some of the local family members of the “Families & Friends of Furlong Close” support group, gave up their weekend as a goodwill gesture, to tidy the raised beds area of “Sow & Grow” at Furlong Close, in the hope that the facility can be started again.



Before

The area had been very neglected since Hft announced closure of day services at the start of COVID lockdown in March 2020. In October 2020 Hft announced their proposal to close the whole site and that day services would not be reopening. Recent success in the High Court, resulting in Hft withdrawing



During



During

it's original closure decision and that they will continue providing care and support at Furlong Close for as long as Wiltshire Council continues to commission them, now gives them the opportunity to reopen day services and the "sow & grow" facility.



After

At the start on Saturday morning, very high undergrowth made it impossible to identify the raised beds at all. Thanks to all the hard work from the volunteers over the weekend; by the end of the work on Sunday, the raised beds area is now ready to be used again for the benefit of the service users. Hopefully Hft and Wiltshire Council will now work together to make this happen".



...and a well deserved cuppa for all the volunteers!

4000 MILES 'GROUND' TRIP FOR CHARITY



Hi all, I will be riding 4000 miles visiting all 92 football league stadium also along the way I will be dropping in to all Premier rugby union and all 18 first class cricket teams.. my chosen charities being the wonderful Dorothy House and our fantastic NHS.

It's 10 years since I last did all 92 football league clubs. I am doing this to bring awareness for the two charities. I have started the journey already with a little trip to Bristol. I will be heading to Birmingham on Friday 30th July, down to Plymouth via Taunton and Exeter on Sunday then it is the south coast on the 3rd of August and London on the Wednesday. Friday 5th I'm on my way across to Essex and a stop in Norwich. Saturday sees me up to Lincoln, Hull and maybe a stop to watch Swindon at Scunthorpe then to Sheffield for the night. Sunday it's Yorkshire, up to Newcastle across to Carlisle and in to Annan then up to Glasgow by Monday evening. Tuesday hopefully Lossiemouth with Edinburgh the target for Wednesday evening, dropping down the east coast in to Dundee and Perth.

Thursday back in England with only barrow and Morecambe. Friday is Blackpool, Preston, Blackburn, Greater Manchester, Liverpool and down to Crewe. Saturday is Stoke, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton then probably home. Leaving just a round trip for the 16th of August up to Gloucestershire then Worcestershire across to Swansea, Cardiff and Newport. Then in to Bristol Rovers, Gloucestershire cricket, Bath Rugby and a finish from where I started at Dorothy House.

I am doing this in memory of my partner Delia who was so cruelly taken from us at the age of 55 on the 14th of July so please give as little or as much as you can. You can sponsor me at Virgin Money Giving. Just look me up on their website.

Thank you all, John Dalley

JOSEPHINE MATTHEW EULOGY

Josephine Marian Ekin was born on the 9th October 1925, to Roger and Phyllis Ekin, in Rawalpindi, India. Her birthplace is stated in the record as Christchurch, but was probably Murree, in the hills of Kashmir, in what is now Pakistan.

The family moved back to London in March 1926 to stay with Phyllis' parents, when Jo was still a baby, and some seven months later moved to Richmond, where they rented a house while her father was on military leave from India. They moved to Camberley, and then Kent. Jo went to school in Dorking, and she, sister Liz and brother Tom mostly spent the summer holidays with their grandparents while her parents were in India. She then boarded at Buckswood Grange in Crawley, moving to a day school when her parents were back on leave, and then boarded again.

As the second world war progressed, this next school moved wholesale to Worcestershire away from the more dangerous bombing. Holidays were spent with her aunt in Dursley Gloucestershire. By the time she was 18, Jo had been to no fewer than seven schools, through being a wartime forces child. In her last years at school, Jo particularly benefitted from the cookery course, and joined the Wrens on leaving at the age of 18. With them she trained and served in Hampshire, Glasgow, Aberdeenshire and Middlesex. Like many young women of her generation, wartime provided opportunities for travel and responsibility.

After the war, Jo moved to London to secretarial college, and various jobs in the city. She lived near her grandmother Mabel, and shared a flat with Jean Heneage. It was at a party in 1949 with Jean that Jo was introduced to David Matthew. But almost immediately Jo left for Canada, travelling and working. On her return some two years later, the couple met again, and never looked back. They were married in Kensington in November 1951.

Moving to Ramsbury, David and Jo made their home and brought up Michael and Anthony. They had a long and happy marriage. After David died in 1989, Jo was well supported by her sons and other family and friends. She moved to Rowde in 1997.

Jo was a devout worshipper at St Matthew's church, and a much loved member of the community. She had the sort of determination that can sometimes appear as stubbornness, but which is also known as backbone! She had a light touch with words, and was always loving. Michael and Anthony describe how she would sometimes question their youthful assertions with an airiness that didn't close down the

conversation, but would often lead them to think further about their position on a subject.

Jo kept articles and clippings of all sorts. One of these illustrates not just her faith, but also this interest in asking pertinent questions! This is from the Church Times in 2011. A child had written to the Archbishop of Canterbury – "To God, how did you get invented? from Lulu xx".

Rowan Williams answered that God would probably reply that He wasn't invented, but that over time lots of people had ideas about Him, some sensible, and some not so sensible.

We rather think that Jo is, right now, asking God some pertinent questions!

Jo loved living here, and it was only her increasing frailty that persuaded her eventually to move to Brendoncare in Froxfield in August last year. She will be much missed.

STOP THIEVES!!



If anyone saw two tall young males (20s?) with masks running very fast carrying two large bags and heading west along New Park St, Devizes on 15th July just after 1pm and being chased by an old man (me!) shouting "Stop Thief!" please contact Devizes police on 101 if you can identify them or saw where they went. They had just blatantly, in broad daylight, stolen a huge amount of goods from Boots pharmacy. Unfortunately one of them slipped through my fingers whilst exiting the shop and although I ran after them I couldn't catch up as sadly my marathon running days are long gone!

When I got home later in the afternoon I looked in the mirror and discovered a small bruise on my nose but I suppose it could have been a lot worse.

Update: After an appeal for witnesses on local social media someone added that they saw the two men meet up with a third man near the Majestic Wine shop then all three ran on out of sight.

Alan Watters

CARER CAFES BACK IN VENUES

It's been 15 months since the doors were forced to close on Carer Support Wiltshire's face-to-face carer cafes and support groups. The charity are now delighted to be able to welcome back carers for a cuppa, slice of cake and a chat at venues across Wiltshire.

Carer Support Wiltshire runs the cafes to give those people who care for someone the opportunity to meet with others who are in a similar situation to their own. Being a carer can be an isolating experience and carers may spend a lot of time at home if the person they care for has a disability or illness that makes it difficult for them to go out.

You must book your place in advance as numbers will be restricted to give everyone the space they require. Call 0800 181 4118 to book, or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk.

You can view all events taking place over the summer on the Carer Support Wiltshire website.

Online catch-ups are continuing for those who prefer to continue meeting up online and details can be found on the website. There is also a cafe especially for parent carers to meet together.

Lansdowne Strand Hotel, Calne – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am-12

Angel Hotel, Chippenham – 3rd Monday of the month, 10:30am-12

Methuen Arms, Corsham – 3rd Thursday of the month, 10:30am-12

Bear Hotel, Devizes – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:30am-12

Palmer Gardens, Trowbridge – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2-3:30pm

Parent carers café – 3rd Wednesday of the month, phone for venues/times

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CALLS FOR HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS TO BE HELD TO ACCOUNT IN WILTSHIRE

Just ten people remain at the Hedges Houses housing complex in West Lavington as the housing association behind the decision to close it down scopes out planning opportunities for the site.

Dominic Muns, councillor for the Lavingtons, said he hoped Wiltshire Council can be encouraged to hold housing associations to account and make a change in policy, to ensure people are guaranteed a proper future in their homes.

“The residents of Hedges House have been left in an awful situation,” he said. **“It’s similar to what has happened at Furlong Close.** People have assumed they would be able to spend their entire lives here, only to have the rug pulled out beneath them. This goes beyond Hedges House, it’s happening all over. What I do hope is that there is soon some sort of proper look at policy and the relationships local authorities have with housing associations.”

He hopes that it will encourage local authorities to examine their relations with housing associations, and agreements and promises made from the initial arrangements.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL BEGINS WILDFLOWER TRIALS ACROSS THE COUNTY



The warm and wet weather has given Wiltshire Council the perfect conditions to make changes to its grass cutting policy and begin its wildflower trials.

On rural stretches, the council has begun cutting visibility splays on junctions and bends. The remaining verges will be left, untouched, until September to allow for wildflowers to grow. A new “cut and collect” scheme is currently being piloted on the A350 to encourage wildflower growth.

A spokesman for the council said: “Collecting the grass means less nutrients go back into the soil, and this creates conditions that encourage the growth of wildflowers.”

IMAGINE BEING BORN IN 1900

When you are 14 years old World War I begins and ends when you are 18, with 22 million dead.

Shortly after there is a world pandemic flu called “Spanish”, killing 50 million people.

If one of the lucky ones, you get out alive and free and you are 20 years old.

Then at the age of 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange causing inflation, unemployment and hunger.

Nazis come to power when you are 33.

You are 39 when world war 2 begins and it ends when you are 45. During the Holocaust (Shoah) 6 million Jews die. There will be a total of more than 60 million dead.

When you are 52 the Korean war begins.

When you are 64 the Vietnam war begins and ends when you are 75.



A baby born in 1985 believes his grandparents have no idea how hard life is even though they survived several wars and disasters.

A boy born in 1995 and 25 years old today believes it is the end of the world when his Amazon package takes more than three days to arrive or if he doesn’t exceed 15 likes for his posted photo on Facebook or Instagram...

In 2021, many of us live in comfort, have access to various sources of entertainment at home and often have more than needed.

But people complain about everything.

Yet they have electricity, phone, food, hot water and a roof over their heads.

There was a time when none of this existed.

But humanity survived much more serious circumstances and never lost the joy of life.

So maybe it’s time for us all to be less selfish, stop whining and together, do whatever is necessary to beat this current pandemic.

LIFE ON THE ALLOTMENTS

Hello to all in Rowde. Let me start with a quick introduction. I'm Sally and I am the new allotment manager at the allotments here in the village. I've lived in Rowde for ten years and have a fiancé, 3 sons and an African Grey parrot that you might have seen in my window when passing! I joined the Parish Council a few months ago and took on the role of looking after the allotments as I myself got bitten by the grow your own bug during lockdown of last year!

Let me start by saying that growing your own fruit, vegetables and flowers is hugely rewarding. However, it is also completely devastating and soul-destroying when it all goes wrong! We took on our allotment in February of last year with absolutely no idea what we were doing..... luckily neither did the couple who took on the plot next to ours and we have since become great friends and shared our successes and commiserations regularly ever since!



Courgettes with their huge plants in the background

The allotments are looking absolutely beautiful at the moment. The sweet peas and sweet Williams are having a bumper year and the colours are breathtaking. Sunflowers are just starting to make an appearance and I had no idea that dahlias come in so many colours and varieties! A new favourite flower of mine is the humble borage herb. I didn't even know what borage was until I took on my allotment and now I absolutely love it! Not only do the bees go crazy for the vibrant blue star shaped flowers but the whole plant is edible and the flowers look amazing in a glass of Pimms which is a bonus in my book!



Dahlias

Unfortunately, the wet and cold start to the summer has delayed a lot of crops and I estimate we are about a month behind where we were this time last year. However, I've seen a lot of strawberries and raspberries being harvested on plots by some very delighted children! We have just picked our first courgettes; yellow, dark and light green. I planted far too many after losing my first plants so I think I will have to get creative with the hundreds of courgettes I will be harvesting in the coming weeks!

We have welcomed several young families to the allotments in the last few months and they are doing amazingly well with their new plots. It's so lovely to see children digging and planting and enjoying exploring nature in a world where screens and virtual worlds are becoming so prevalent. Last week we disturbed a toad whilst clearing a plot and the daughter of one of the new plot holders took him, gave him a name (Joe) and found him a new home on her plot out of harm's way.

Other wildlife that we see regularly at the allotments in addition to the usual pigeons and crows is rabbits, deer, frogs, slow worms, mice, hedgehogs and woodpeckers! We have a lot of weird and wonderful mini beasts helping pollinate and control the aphids. We have plans to erect some bug hotels under the oak tree in the next few weeks to offer shelter to our little friends that are so instrumental in the success of our crops.

A few weeks ago, we had tree surgeons come to take some of the canopy off the oak tree in the allotments to make it safe. The tree is under a preservation order so this had to be done with a lot of careful planning and care. We are delighted with the results. This month we are looking at adding an extra water trough down at the far end of the allotments so the tenants at that end don't have so far to walk with their heavy watering cans.



Work taking place on the oak tree

Next month we have a really exciting project to finalise that a few of us have been working hard on but more about that in the next magazine!

Lastly, there is a vacant half plot at the allotment ready immediately. Experience of growing your own is not essential but enthusiasm and spare time is. If you feel you have the time to dedicate to an allotment and the resilience to keep smiling when you discover a rabbit has eaten all of your award-winning lettuces then give me a call! You can reach me on 07824832424 or sallygreenrpc@yahoo.com.

Sally Green

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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

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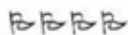
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The G&D Autumn Events

Covid update...

We have been extremely careful with the Covid restrictions and will continue to be very mindful during the the next couple of months. Table bookings are continuing to be very busy and we now ask that drinkers call ahead to reserve a table (sorry but still no bar service). Thank you for your continued support, we really appreciate it.

Here's to a lovely (& safe) Autumn

Silver Surfer Monday Special returns!

Are you over 50? Our very popular Silver Surfer 50% discount off the total bill is back! Valid lunch & dinner Monday's in August. Only 4 tables per each service Bookings only – Sorry NO walkins!

Bank Holiday Quiz Night & BBQ

Sunday 29th August from 5pm

Come and join us for a BBQ from 5pm followed by great fun quiz hosted by our Quiz Master Ben at 6.30pm...

£10pp for quiz, burger or hot dog & salads.

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(All Wednesdays 7.30pm - venues to be confirmed)

No meeting in August,

8th September, 13th October,

10th November, 8th December

Other Events

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RIGHTS OF WAY

We have until 1 January 2026 to safeguard the footpaths and bridleways we love by lodging them with our local councils on the Definitive Map of Rights of Way.

Wiltshire Ramblers are there to help:

<https://www.wiltsswindonramblers.org.uk/index.php/about/news/496-2026-don-t-lose-your-way>

You can see an up-to-date copy of Wiltshire Council's Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way on their website, in the Recreation section. There is information about how to make an application to the council to add a "lost way" to the Definitive Map, and lots more about access to the countryside.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way>

Sarah Lambrith

NOTES ON NATURE

On 28 July, we celebrated World Nature Conservation Day and reflected on the amazing successes supporters of the RSPB have helped achieve.

From saving the lives of 22,000 seabirds in Namibia and bringing vultures back from the brink of extinction in Asia, to turning the tide for rare roseate terns in the UK, we've had a huge impact for nature across the globe – and it simply wouldn't have been possible without you. Thank you so much.

When it comes to protecting nature closer to home, you'd be forgiven for thinking that you need acres of space and lots of time on your hands to really make a difference. But that couldn't be further from the truth.

Why not have a look at the top tips on the RSPB website (www.rspb.org.uk) and find out just how easy it could be to make your outdoor space a better place? Even simple things like putting out a bird bath can be a lifesaver for garden wildlife on hot, dry days like we've had across the UK recently. And watching a family of starlings enthusiastically splashing about is great entertainment too!



A few handy hints:

Grow nature-friendly climbers on fences and walls. As well as looking good, they will also provide food and shelter for wildlife.

A shed can be a great place for a nest box on or to grow climbers up.

Think about planting wildlife-friendly flowers among your vegetables. The insects you attract may well eat the bugs that plague your veg!

Could you reserve a strip of your lawn for wildflowers? This can make for a very pretty summer display and help wildlife too.

Jamie Wyver

CARER CAFES BACK IN VENUES

Hi there,

I'd really appreciate if you're able to give any coverage to our carer cafes, which are back in venues after being closed for the last 15 months. They are spaces for unpaid carers to meet regularly and enjoy a hot drink and slice of cake on us.

Please let me know if you require any further information. Many thanks,

Kath Brice

(see page 31)

80 YEARS AS A CHORISTER!

At St Matthew's on Sunday 11th July we celebrated Gordon Underwood's 80 years' service as a chorister. I don't know whether this is a record, but it certainly is a fantastic achievement! Gordon chose the hymns for the service and we celebrated with socially distanced tea and cake. (see page 24)

Nicola Brown

FAKE DOOR TO DOOR SELLERS

Devizes Community Police Team intercepted a Nottingham Knocker recently in the Potterne area, following a call from a concerned resident.

Nottingham Knockers go door to door, selling household items at a usually inflated price.

They show fake ID and will tell you that they are trying to get their life back together. Whilst this may be true, the practice of selling on the doorstep is illegal (Peddling without a license).

Often, the person will make note of vulnerable addresses, such as elderly residents, and pass these addresses on to unlicensed traders, with the resident possibly becoming a target which could result in them parting with a lot of money for usually sub-standard work.

There is a good chance they will continue to be in the area this week and, if you receive a visit from them, we advise you to politely decline to buy anything from them, close

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the door and call us on 101, giving a brief description and direction of travel. They won't have a vehicle with them as they are dropped off and collected later by a leader.

There is more information on Nottingham Knockers on the internet.

The male intercepted recently was told to leave the area and will be reported for the above offence.

Please make any elderly or vulnerable friends, neighbours or relatives aware of this advice.

Kath Symes

PLEASE TAKE THIS TO HEART!

A recent letter from a doctor with lifelong experience in the care of the disabled eloquently captured the tragedy that can happen when vulnerable residents are forcibly moved out of their long term homes. She thus describes a similar mass break up of a community of learning disabled adults which she witnessed as a young doctor and says:

"... some fared well in small group houses in urban settings. But I am haunted by those - most notably the more disabled individuals - that did not. I saw patients who had been weaned off all medication being put back on major tranquillisers because they had started to self-harm. I saw some who had had the freedom to walk around the campus at will and go into the shop, into music sessions and other joint activities become withdrawn and depressed in their new restricted circumstances. I saw others go off their feet because the regular physio and movement sessions that had been provided ... were no longer available to them in the community, and there were insufficient staff to spend time walking with them."

This is precisely what we are fighting to save our vulnerable residents from suffering.

Further, as the doctor concludes based on her own long experience in the care of the disabled:

"Care in a small community setting is the preferred choice for many people with learning disabilities, but it is not right for all."

And:

The closure of places like Furlong Close under the rubric that it is "an outdated model of care", "... is a striking example of what happens when well-meaning and rather paternalistic policies are put before the needs of individuals."

Please, Wiltshire Council, take this to heart and act to maintain Furlong Close for its current residents and for other adults with learning disabilities in Wiltshire who will NEED such care in the future.

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

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (easy 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.

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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trustees@rowdefordcharity.org.uk
www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk

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hayleymitchell@thecreationstation.co.uk

Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:
Sarah Bowler 07876142112

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Doctor

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

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Hospitals

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

Ladies Club

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Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council
Tel: 0300 4560100
Devizes Town Council 722160

Neighbourhood Police Team

Jo Newbury Rural Beat Manager
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Council Clerk on 01380 501919
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George & Dragon, Tel: 723053
Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

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Laurence Plumb, Tel: 728174

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