

Rowde Village News



April/May 2023



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in front of your homes, it could make all the difference.

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Editorial

Welcome to this bumper edition of the Rowde Village News.

There are all the usual excellent reports and articles from the village's schools, clubs, societies and other organisations of course but there are also many additional interesting items covered in this issue.

There's the latest information on the proposed Sands Lane development on pages 28 to 30.

What you need to know about the up-and-coming Best kept village competition is on pages 2 & 27.

The King's Coronation events are featured on pages 31, 36, back cover and inside back cover.

There was a visit by a Mobile Farm to Furlong Close and all the residents had a wonderful time seeing and petting the animals - see the photos on page 31.

And support workers are urgently needed at Furlong Close. Please see page 8 for details if you are interested in helping (I work part time there myself and find it soooo rewarding).

There are condolences and tributes to Barrie Barret on pages 24 & 42. Village historian Barrie will be hugely missed.

If you are interested in art and would also like to help the victims of the recent earthquake disaster, then see page 16 for details.

And finally, if you are concerned about the recent closure of the Cross Keys, please see Wadworth's latest statement on page 30.

Mind how you go, 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

The stunning sunset image on the front cover was photographed by the editor looking west from the bridge on Marsh Lane and is typical of the wonderful sunset and sunrise images we have seen recently.

The back cover and inside back cover have been dedicated to information about our Coronation fete which will be held on the 7th of May. I hope to see you all there!

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People



It was lovely to see our members again after quite a long Christmas and New Year break. Brian celebrated his 90th birthday in late January and we all enjoyed a piece of his delicious birthday cake. Nick, too, was pleased by a cake - Serena made one of his favourite puddings, Pineapple Upside

Down Cake - delicious with ice cream!!

We were glad to get back to our gentle exercise sessions, puzzles and bingo, and also enjoyed singing along to songs from the shows with Sian and Rob.

On Saturday April 15th we will be holding a coffee morning in the Clubhouse to raise funds for Monday Club. Please come along and support us.



Why not come along and join us?

To find out more about Monday Club, please contact Carol - 01380 850925 or Caroline - 07557 983940.

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

At their February meeting held in the Village Hall members of the Ladies Club enjoyed Pancakes with various 'toppings'. This was followed by anyone who has 'Green Fingers' passing on any helpful Gardening tips they had acquired. These included putting egg shells around Hostas to stop slugs and snails from eating the plants and spraying Runner Beans with soapy water to stop Black Fly.

The Raffle winner was Mrs. Joyce Swift.

At the next meeting on March 14th, members painted hard boiled Eggs with either paint, crayons, felt tip pens or coloured pencils. The afternoon was very quiet with everyone concentrating on their theme to paint which ranged from faces to scenes! The winner was Mrs. Di Buckland

The Raffle winner was Mrs. Heather Jones.

At the meeting on 11th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, members will be making a decoration for the Coronation. The subject for the 9th May meeting is to be decided.

Di Buckland

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

If you have been in the Village Hall lately you may have seen how much lighter and how nice and warm it is. This is due to the fact that we have had a new Combi boiler plus several new radiators installed which now provides hot water and a pleasant cosy feeling. We have also had the ceiling lights in the big room replaced with new LED light panels.

As you will appreciate the upkeep of the Hall is very time consuming and as we have now sadly lost our long standing Chairman, Barrie Barrett who was so supportive and a 'wealth of knowledge' to the Hall we are now down to four members on the Management Committee all of which are not 'Spring Chicken' we desperately need more help. Are you willing to become a Committee member or can spare some time to help with the many odd jobs which need doing to keep the Hall in a clean, warm and well maintained building for all to use?

If you are interested please contact either B. Cross 723854, M. Burbidge 722497 or D. Buckland 723049 or 722186 for further details.

Di Buckland

THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

FOR THE CITY

As I write this, in the middle of March, we are trembling on the brink of spring. Snowdrops and crocuses are going over, daffodils (no good for bees) blackthorn (good for bees) and willow (very good for bees) are in full swing. And little patches of colour are appearing all over the garden. Soon, the hedgerows will follow. The bees are gathering pollen and nectar when they can on the warmer days and the population of the colony has reached its low point and is starting to grow. The honey stored last autumn is being eaten and in some hives, is running low. Too early to disturb the bees and look in the hive, the attentive beekeeper checks their hive by hefting. We lift each side of the hive in turn and check it isn't too light. If it feels light then a block of fondant (just like the icing on penny buns) is put above the bees and they can take what they need from that.

The honey bees you see flying in your garden are the older bees (if we can say three weeks is older!) and they forage for what the colony needs. Honeybees forage for four things. Most people have heard of the first three, few have heard of the fourth. The four are: Pollen, nectar, water and propolis.

From flowers they search out pollen and nectar (mainly pollen at this time of year). Pollen is used as the protein source of the colony, allowing the larvae to grow. Nectar is the energy source, keeping the workers going and the surplus being stored as honey. Water is used to dilute the honey when the bees need to eat it (around 50/50) and is used in cooling the hive in hot weather.

Propolis is the strange one. The word propolis is from the Greek and means 'For the City'. The bees use it to seal cracks and gaps in the hive, reducing drafts and weather penetration. The bees gather resins and gums from buds of trees (poplars are



Note how the bees have reduced the entrance with propolis

popular!) and resin from conifers. What is not clear is what happens next, whether the gums are mixed with bees wax, which seems likely or are processed in some other way before being used. What is certain is that it is mighty sticky. The bees that gather it carry it back on their hind legs in the same fashion as pollen, but have to be helped – sometimes by a team, to off load the gluey burden. The job of gathering it is usually carried out by the very oldest bees and may be the last task they perform.



Honeybee with propolis instead of pollen - often looks reddy brown and shiny

Honeybees have simpler and less efficient immune systems than humans, and as they live socially take great care to be hygienic to reduce infections. Propolis is part of the hygiene plan as it has natural antiseptic properties and is used to give many parts of the inside of the hive a very light coating.

These antiseptic properties have attracted humans and propolis is used in a wide range of natural remedies helping sore throats and also used for various skin conditions, with rather more claim to effectiveness than the royal jelly discussed last issue! It has also been used in glues (I said it was sticky) and notably was a component of the varnish of Stradivarius violins.

As a final seasonal note – if you are planning to plant for pollinators this spring, I would remind you of two basic rules of thumb: single flowers rather than doubles; and native species not exotics.

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One of many natural remedies containing propolis

ROWDEY COW NEWS



We are currently preparing for the Easter Holidays! We look forward to Jefferson's Mini Fair joining us for the whole of the Easter Holidays with the eggciting news that they will be making an Easter Egg Trail too! We have some arts and crafts fun here in the Rowdey Function barn with Rachel Hamblin on 4th April. We are recruiting students for the school holidays and have had a huge response so far.

We have some police training days for the young police officers in the Rowdey Function Barn so if it looks like we are under siege, don't panic, it is all just training drills!

Ice Cream season is just beginning and we have just delivered our first delivery of the year to Bowood Gardens. Mothering Sunday was last weekend which was the busiest one we have ever had and everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed Mark's delicious roasts. His roasts are becoming more and more popular each week so we would recommend reserving a table to avoid disappointment.



Hopefully the weather will be improving although it is currently blowing a gale outside! When the weather does brighten up the animals will be back outside in their fields but in the meantime you are still welcome to visit them in the barn on the left as you drive in by the blackboard.



As the clocks change giving us longer days, our opening hours are back to the Summer hours of 9am to 5pm.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sue

ROWDE BOOK CLUB

Meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month. Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.

BOOK REVIEWS

'The Girl Upstairs' **by Georgina Lees**

This novel is described as an 'absolutely gripping psychological thriller, with a jaw-dropping twist'.

We all had high hopes but were all disappointed! We agreed that it was a quick and easy read but not particularly thrilling.

The main character is grieving the loss of someone close to her and becomes obsessed by the disappearance of the neighbour who lives in the rented flat above. There are a few twists and turns in the story and maybe the main character's actions are the result of her delicate emotional state but we all found the plot unbelievable. The average score out of 10 was 5.

Suzanne Jacobs

'The Warden' **by Anthony Trollope**

The Warden is a novel by English author, Anthony Trollope, published in 1855 and is the first book in the Chronicles of Barsetshire series.

The story centres on Mr Septimus Harding, a well-loved and kindly clergyman of great person integrity, who resides in the Cathedral city of Barchester.

He is also the Warden of Hiram's Hospital, an alms-house for a dozen aged "bedesmen" (poor local workers). Land for their upkeep was bequeathed in 1434 and the estates have increased in value. The Warden receives £800 a year to take care of the bedesmen and Septimus carries out his duties responsibly and is generous to the men giving them more than was stipulated in the bequest. Remember £800 in 1855 was a huge sum of money.

Mr John Bold, a zealous young reformer is convinced that the hospital funds are being unfairly allocated and the Warden's income is excessive for his minimal duties. He wishes to expose what he regards as an abuse of privilege, despite his friendship with Septimus and his love for the Warden's younger daughter.

He embarks on his campaign in a spirit of public duty and starts a lawsuit. He enlists the support of an influential newspaper, "The Jupiter" and an editorial falsely portrays Septimus as selfish and derelict in his conduct as Warden. Public opinion turns against Septimus and even the bedesmen, bar one, faithful Mr Bunce, sign a petition against the Warden in the hope of profiting from the bequest. Septimus is placed in the centre of a controversy and struggles to form an opinion on the matter. His claim to the income is genuine and supported by the Church,

Although he has done no wrong, Septimus concludes that he cannot in good conscience continue to accept the generous remuneration and resigns as Warden. The position is to remain vacant, so the greedy bedesmen lose everything.

John Bold regrets the injustice suffered by Septimus. He withdraws his lawsuit and soon after marries Eleanor, his daughter!

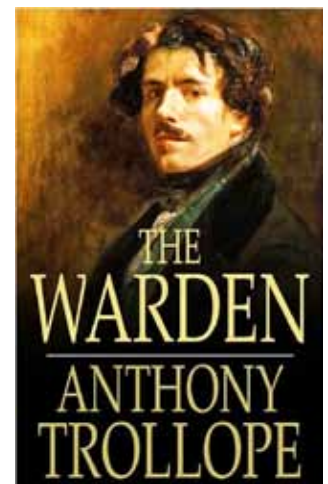
Trollope successfully shows the impact of newspapers/media in forming public opinion and how the media can distort facts to create controversy. How relevant that is today!

I found Trollope's Victorian writing style took some getting used to. Gentle, slow moving but very well written with good descriptive passages and some humorous sneers at newspaper men, politicians, lawyers and clergymen.

Some Book Club members loved the novel, others found it difficult to finish. The miniscule print in our editions didn't help.

I personally enjoyed it. Certainly not an easy read, but a very worthwhile one.

Jacqui Hylands-White



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NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

It feels like spring is upon us and, as we approach our busy summer term, there is a lovely, positive feeling at Rowde. We are very proud of our school and our children – site improvements continue with some new playground equipment and we continue to be determined to make the school the best it can be for our pupils.

Art in Year 1

In Birch class, the children have been doing an Art unit based on sculpture and have learnt a lot about Joan Miro – using his artwork as inspiration for their own. We think their final designs are amazing and can really see elements of his style in their pieces of art.



of experiences. This term, we've had children use their Science laboratories and art facilities - including their photo dark room! It gives our pupils even more opportunities to learn new skills.



World Book Day

For World Book Day this year, we dressed up as our favourite characters and became real authors for the day. Each class collaborated to make their own book which have since been sent to publishers and parents, as well as members of our community, can order the books for only £4.99. Of course, we've purchased one for each class because the children were so excited about their writing and illustrations being in a real, published book!



Canal and River Trust safety



Stay Away From the Edge

Being so close to the canal, we feel it is an important part of our safeguarding curriculum to teach the children how to be safe by water. We ran had different assemblies, dependent on year group, and we're grateful to the volunteers who came to visit – and demonstrate – how to be safe by the canal.

We are looking forward to the Kings Coronation celebrations in the village – come and say hi! Life at Rowde is very busy but always focused on our Christian ethos and vision – to enable children to learn, grow and love. As always, every day at Rowde is an open day. If you would like to see us in action, or think you could support in anyway, please get in touch: head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk

Alice Simpson, Acting Head Teacher

Trips and events at Dauntseys

We are lucky to have great connections with Dauntseys; we use their facilities for our swimming lessons and get to take part in a range

THE BEREAVEMENT HELP POINT



The Bereavement Help Point, Devizes is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting. All sessions are free of charge and there's no need to book, just come along.

Where:

The Bear Hotel
2-3 The Market Place, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1HS

When:

First and third Tuesday of the month
10.30am - 12.30pm

For a full list of locations or to find out more visit: dorothyhouse.org.uk

Or phone: **Dorothy House 0345 0310 555 / Carer Support Wiltshire 0800 181 4118**

St Matthew's Church, Rowde Musicians wanted!

We have a lovely piano, organ and electric keyboard at St Matthew's, but nobody to play them! Could you be that person?

We are looking for people to people to act as accompanists for church services (usually on Sunday mornings) and choir practices (currently on Friday evenings) at St Matthew's Church. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment. Could you come along and play for us perhaps once a month?

If you'd like to learn more, please contact:

Nicola Brown (choir leader) on 01380
722406

or at nicola_brown@talk21.com

Job Vacancy Monday Club Organiser

With the current Organiser leaving in the summer, there is a vacancy for Monday Club Organiser

Hours: Mondays 9-2 plus 2 hours admin a week. Remuneration in line with National Living Wage.

The Organiser is responsible for providing a varied and enjoyable weekly programme for the older people of Bromham and Rowde. The Organiser is responsible for a team of volunteer helpers. She/he will enjoy working with older people and liaising with family members as necessary.

For an application form and more information please email carolineculley1@outlook.com

Closing Date: 31 March

NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



Willmott Dixon came to school to help with some tree planting, which is part of the planned grounds work that ties into the new building, opening next academic year. Students enjoyed taking the chance to dig holes, get muddy and make an ecological difference by planting 100s of new shrubs and trees.



World Book Day was a fantastic day in school where staff and students alike dressed up in



a character from their favourite book. Students attended a Dance Festival at Bath Forum and their performance was remarkable.

Teresa Ollerhead





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Your Parish Council

Please visit the rowdevillage.org website, the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page and the village noticeboards for a full set of minutes and confirmation of forthcoming Parish Council meetings.

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 met on 8th February; 16th February for an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting; and 8th March 2023.

Looking forward to... the Coronation!

On Sunday 7th May 2023, there will be a Village fete style celebration in the afternoon to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. Please contact: Barbara Zaccarelli if you would like to be involved with planning the fete: barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com

Planning

Land West of Sand's Lane

There was an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th February 2023, 6.30pm, at Rowde Primary Academy School to discuss the notice of planning application: PL/2023/00386: Land West of Sand's Lane, Rowde, SN10 2QW: Outline planning application for up to 50 dwellings, new community building and associated car park, public open space and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved for future consideration except for access.

The meeting was attended by ten Parish Councillors, Cllr Laura Mayes, and 129 local residents. The Parish Council listened to representatives from residents and voted on the application. The Parish Council voted unanimously to object to the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is too large. It would increase the number of houses in the village by 10%
2. The site fails to meet 6 out of 8 of the criteria for Rural Exception Sites, according to the Planning Core Policy 44, of Wiltshire Core Strategy, Jan 2015.
3. There is a lack of village infrastructure to support such a development, for example there is no shop, doctors' surgery, no bicycle lanes, and a limited bus service.
4. Access to the site is not suitable. The proposed access road already services 90 dwellings. Another 50 dwellings would completely overload it. The site is adjacent to a playing field which has two football pitches and all of the traffic that they bring in.
5. Highways issues: access onto Marsh Lane is not suitable as there is already a bottle neck for cars at this junction.
6. There is a lack of adequate services already in the village, e.g., low water pressure, regular power cuts.
7. There is a lack of employment opportunities in the village. The village would become a dormitory village.
8. Flooding on the site: surface water
9. Construction on this site would cause damage to ecology and wildlife.
10. Historical archaeology: recently identified ridge and farrow cultivation.
11. The site is outside of the permitted settlement boundary.

Dunkirk Hill Farm

Notice of planning application: PL/2022/08902, Plot 7, Dunkirk Hill Farm, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2BD: Consultation – Retrospective permission for erection of a metal shed.

This site is not in the parish of Rowde, although it can be seen from Rowde. The Parish Council wished to record their view as 'no comment'.

New Road Name

The new Wiltshire Council development adjacent to Reed Place will be named Haymeadow Way.

Highways

Speeding

The Parish Council has purchased a Speed Indicator Device. The post and sockets have been installed by Wiltshire Council. Volunteers are needed to move the Speed Indicator Device on a regular basis. Volunteers must attend an online course with Wiltshire on how to move the SID safely before it is installed.

Drainage on Devizes Road: Wiltshire Council arranged for a vector to jet the drain on the Devizes Road, and also a CCTV inspection of the drain.

Playing fields & play areas

Silverlands Play Area

Three quotations have been obtained for the refurbishment of the Play Area at Silverlands Road. A preferred option has been chosen, which includes repairs to the existing equipment and wet pour surfacing and the installation of three new play items. The Parish Council agreed to install the largest climbing frame out of three options.

Thank you to Tom Humphreys for reinforcing the bottom of the swing frame.

Large Playing field update

Work will be carried out to fill the potholes on Sands Lane. A pedestrian gate for access to the large playing field will be installed shortly.

Partnerships

R Hopkins from the Budo Club spoke at the Parish Council meeting in February. The Budo Club needs a new venue and would like to discuss whether there could be a collaboration to build something on the sports field which could have dual use. The Budo Club is a martial arts club that has been in Devizes for 66 years. It is an inclusive club, which also caters for everyone, including visually impaired people; people with additional needs; everyone is welcome.

Village Appearance

The Big Help Out Day: Monday 8th May 2023.

The Big Help Out is a campaign to showcase how volunteering benefits both communities and the people who take part. It is a national day of volunteering. The Parish Council has suggested that the village could use the day and the month of May to get ready for the Best Kept Village Competition. It was suggested that residents may like to weed and tidy the pavement area in front of their houses during the month of May.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council has entered the village into the Best Kept Village competition again! The message to residents is if you can do some weeding outside of your house, it would help the village's overall appearance.

The Hill: It has been agreed to put a new planter on the Hill which can be planted with seasonal flowers to highlight this area of the village.

Potholes

Residents are urged to report faults in the road or other Wiltshire Council issues through the My Wilts App. The App has recently been improved and updated. It is the most efficient way of reporting problems for members of the public and Council officers.

Footpaths

A local resident is leading a footpath audit for the village to help improve accessibility. If you are out walking and spot a problem with a footpath, for example if signage is not clear or the pathway is overgrown, please can you report it to us. If you could take the "whats3words" code – it would be really helpful for us to find the exact location (link below to download the app).

<https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>

Also (if possible), please can you include a photo with the description of work needed? It would be very helpful when deciding what tools are needed before the group set out.

Thank you for your help in making our footpaths accessible.

Finance Update

Payments were approved for January 2023 invoices (total: £3,020.72)

Admin costs: £1,733.53

Ground's maintenance: £684.45

Allotments: £102.74

Contribution to Wiltshire Council for SID infrastructure: £500

Payments were approved for February 2023 invoices (total: £6,102.91)

Admin costs: £2,104.75

Ground's maintenance: £872.17

Speed Indicator Device: £2,807.99

Events: £318.00

Note: the next Parish Council meetings will be on:

19th April 2023, 7.30pm, 10th May 2023, 7.30pm

All meetings in the Village Hall unless otherwise notified.

Stay Connected!

Website: Thank you to A Humphreys for managing the village website.

Facebook page: Check out the Parish Council's Facebook page for news and events.

Contacts: The Parish Clerk can be contacted at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 01380 501919 in office hours. The Chairman, Mr P Brown, can be contacted at p208brown@btinternet.com, 07554 311726.

My Wiltshire App

- The more reports that are logged through 'My Wiltshire', the higher the priority the issue will be given.
- 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:

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 on page 41 of the magazine.

We invite all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time at the meeting.

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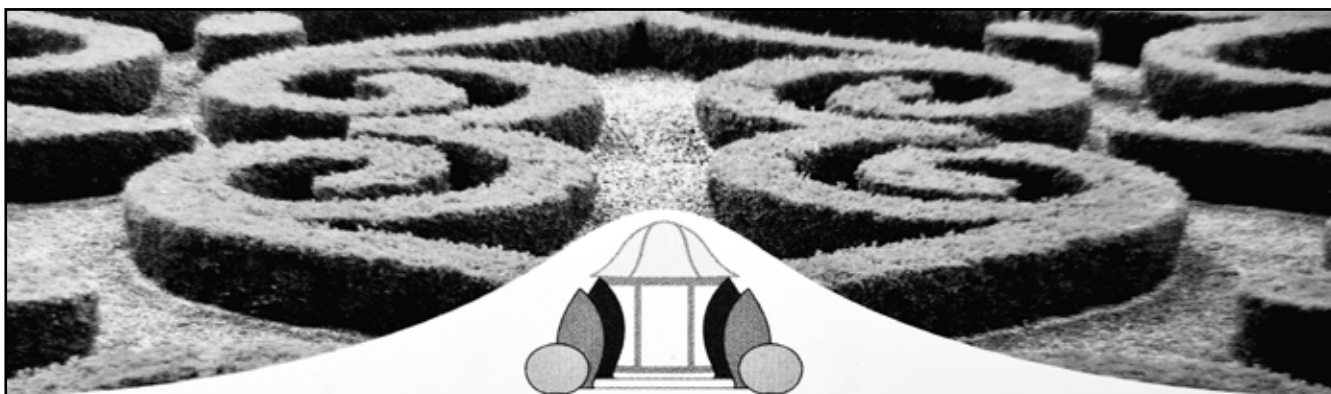
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Date/Time	Service
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April 9 8am 10am	Easter Day Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Holy Communion, Bromham
10am April 16	Morning Worship, Rowde Easter 2
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May 14 8am	Easter 6 Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane
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Saturday 8 April – Arranging for Easter

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FUN COLUMN

This issue we have a few Easter themed jokes:

- Q. Why do we paint Easter eggs?
A. *Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!*
- Q. Why did the Easter egg hide?
A. *Because he was a little chicken*
- Q. How did the Easter Bunny rate his favourite restaurant?
A. *He said it was eggs-cellent!*
- Q. How does the Easter Bunny travel?
A. *By hare plane!*
- Q. How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?
A. *Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?*
- Q. What did one coloured Easter egg say to the other?
A. *Heard any good yolks lately?*
- Q. What kind of beans grow in the Easter Bunny's garden?
A. *Jelly beans!*
- Q. How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?
A. *Lots of eggs-ercise!*
- Q. What kind of jewellery does Easter Bunny wear?
A. *14 carrot gold*
- Q. Where does the Easter bunny get his eggs?
A. *From an egg plant*
- Q. How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?
A. *With a hare brush!*
- Q. What do you call an Easter egg from outer space?
A. *An "Egg-stra terrestrial".*
- Q. Why does Peter Cottontail hop down the bunny trail?
A. *Because he is too young to drive!*
- Q. What do you call a rabbit that tells good jokes?
A. *A funny bunny!*
- Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?
A. *Because it might crack up!*
- Q. What did the rabbits do after their wedding?
A. *They went on a bunnymoon!*
- Q. What do you call a forgetful rabbit?
A. *A hare-brain!*
- Q. What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?
A. *They lived hoppily ever after!*

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have a few amusing Easter images



ORIGINAL PET and PEOPLE PORTRAITS



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MEMORIES OF BARRIE BARRETT

by Chris Wheeler



I had the privilege of giving the Eulogy in Barrie's funeral on 28th February.

I have known Barrie since I was a young boy and I can even remember the time when his bungalow in Marsh Lane was being built. I used to watch the building work progressing when I was on my way to the village school.

I got to know him and Jean well and was especially interested in Barrie's knowledge of local history. He knew so much!

I went to his slide shows in the Village Hall and was very impressed with his great knowledge of local history. I certainly learnt a lot from Barrie and I'm sure that many other people did too. He spent so much time researching the information he found out about. He was so dedicated to this.

I worked with others, alongside Barrie for Southern Electricity for a few years and he was always a very

competent electrician. We mainly worked together in the Devizes area. This was a long time ago in 1965.

I can remember his table tennis skills and the way I could never win a game against him, as he could deliver such a spin that there was no chance of returning the ball!

Barrie was a real village character who was so proactive in lots of ways when his health was good.

He will be missed by many.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD



A huge well done to Wayne Cherry for receiving this award, we are so very proud of everything he's done. It's very well deserved and thank you Kevin Toft for nominating him.



THANKS ALL ROUND AFTER CHRISTENING



I'd like to say a thank you to Heather, Nicola and Maureen for all they did to help in the arranging of the christening of our son, we wanted to use our family vicar from Devon who commented on how welcoming everyone was, his wife who played the organ for us remarked on how well kept the organ was and again how friendly they were.

Another big thank you to everyone at the George and Dragon who allowed us to (very noisily!!) take over for the weekend. You made everything very stress-free and the food was amazing as always! Everyone went home very well fed and we've since had lots

of requests to come and stay, I have a sneaky suspicion more for another visit to the G&D than to see us.

Thank you all, nothing was too much trouble for you and we had a wonderful weekend. **The Mogfords**

AID FOR UKRAINE

If you have been following the story about Rowde's link to Aid for Ukraine, here is the latest update I have received since the last issue of the Rowde Village News:



Dear donors,

This is Nadia with Anastasia, her baby, moments after being reunited with family in Spain, far away from the war in Ukraine. This is what safety and support looks like.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness during the last 11 months; without this, none of what we have achieved together would have been possible. I have one further request to make of you and it isn't to donate again (although if you do, we will be delighted). Please pass on this address to everyone you know and ask them if they can donate.

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In addition to the aid we have been delivering, we are asked by Ukrainian emergency services for a wide range of equipment to help them to help injured and trapped civilians. Some of it is expensive: a generator can cost several hundred

pounds but a tourniquet can be bought for less than £8.00; a pack of 3 haemostatic dressings (to help stop bleeding quickly) cost £11.00; a twin pack of lanterns so people have light in cellars and bomb shelters can cost as little as £10.00; packs of 100 AA batteries under £24.00. Please enter the link below into your browser for further details:

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We return to Ukraine in the next two weeks with another load of aid. Please help us to continue this work. As long as you keep donating, we'll keep delivering.

Thank you

David Gaston

Editor's Note: It would be enormously helpful if enough money could be raised to buy a minibus which can carry both aid and people. £8,353 has been raised so far of the £10,000 goal. If you would like to help, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/davids-drive-transport-and-aid-for-ukraine> to make a donation, thank you.

REPRESENTING TEAM UK IN LAS VEGAS



Sometimes what seems like a failure can actually turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

Last year some 8 months after my above knee amputation I attended 2 lots of trials for this years Invictus Games to be held in Dusseldorf, Germany.

On the 8th February I received a phone call with the news that unfortunately I had not been selected for Team UK.

To be honest I was not expecting to get selected but the experience was definitely worth it.

I had however been selected to represent Team UK at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada on the 20th February for 2 weeks. That gives me a year to get some training in. Not really Stacey came back the reply, 20th February this year, We are going in 11 days. Ha, Yeah right, this is a wind up. It wasn't.

20th February 31 competitors and 9 fantastic staff from the UK jumped on a Plane at Heathrow Airport and off to Vegas.



The games were the trials for the US Airforce team selection for the Warrior games. A team from the US Army and Georgia (Country not state).

The girls started off with powerlifting and all medalled in their weight categories. Great Start.

Team UK took medals in pretty much every event which included Archery, Track and Field Cycling, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby, sit down Volleyball and Swimming. 31 competitors, 68 medals, Great result.

I managed a Bronze and Silver in the pool so to say it was emotional is a huge understatement. It was the experience of a lifetime that I will never forget.

Thank you Royal British Legion. It's the publics kind donations that allow injured veterans to go and prove they still have what it takes and to serve their country just that one more time.

**Thank you all,
Stacey Cresswell**



BEST KEPT VILLAGE



Once again Rowde has entered the BEST KEPT VILLAGE competition and I am writing to encourage all residents to take part in this event. The judging takes place in May which this year coincides with the Coronation of Charles III, for which I am sure you would like the village to look its best. I am not asking much, however if each household could spend 30 minutes per month clearing and tidying the front of their home, including the pavement and kerb it would make a big difference. With over 500 homes in Rowde this would be 250 hours per month given over to giving our village a good chance to be judged the best kept. If each home continued to give 30 minutes a month it would be over 3000 hours per year and Rowde would look good all year round. Go on, I challenge you!



Philip Brown
Chairman, Rowde Parish Council

(The photographs are from when we won in 2010, so come on folks, we can do it again! Ed)

CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT AT ST MATTHEW'S

The new Craft, Coffee and Chat group meets every Friday afternoon, 2pm to 4pm, at St Matthew's church in Rowde. People are encouraged to bring their own crafts along, and these have included (so far!) knitting, various types of needlework, rug making, felting, beading, sketching, colouring and repair work on a model aeroplane.



We also have jigsaw on the go, so if you don't have a craft to bring, or don't want to spend the whole session on it, you are welcome to join in with that. There is plenty of chat alongside the crafting; and tea, coffee and cake on offer (for a donation).





We are still a small group, so there is plenty of room for more, and everyone is welcome.

MAN DIES AT CAEN HILL LOCKS

On 30th January police confirmed that a man had died at the Caen Hill Locks, sparking a large emergency service response.



All three emergency services were in attendance from around 7.15am, and police closed off the area to pedestrians after an incident near Caen Hill car park.

A spokesperson said: "We attended an incident at about 7.15am today near Caen Hill car park following reports of a deceased man at the site. The area was closed off for some time to allow emergency services to attend. This is being treated as a non-suspicious sudden death and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time."

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service confirmed that a crew from Devizes was also in attendance alongside a water rescue team from Stratton.

A spokesperson added: "A crew from Devizes and a water rescue team from Stratton were called to Caen Hill locks, Devizes, at 7.20am this morning to assist the police."

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT SANDS LANE – WHEN, HOW AND WHERE WE ARE NOW . . .



In early August 2022 Walsingham Planning on behalf of the applicant submitted a request to Wiltshire Council for pre-application advice regarding a proposed development of up to 80 dwellings on land west of Sands Lane in Rowde. Simultaneously a consultation leaflet was delivered by post to approximately 207 households and businesses in the local area and on the 24th of August an informal meeting between the applicant and Rowde Parish Council (RPC) representatives was held.



This was followed by a wider public consultation which took place at Rowde Village Hall on September 6th. It is worth noting that this meeting was the first opportunity for objections to be made and it would appear that all but a few attendees voiced their opposition to the proposal.

The objections were noted by Walsingham and with the advice of Wiltshire Council to hand, the proposal was reduced to 50 dwellings, a plot for a new community building was added in and a community orchard and walking routes were contemplated.

All this was only to seek 'outline' planning permission, i.e., if granted, to increase the value of the land in order to sell on to a developer at the highest price.

Rowde as a community was swift to respond and many voiced their concerns at the monthly RPC meetings, but as was pointed out by the Chair, Philip Brown, no comments could be made or the application discussed until an actual application was submitted.

Meanwhile opposition grew. A core number of residents set up regular meetings to canvas opinions and to plan a campaign to inform as many residents as possible of the implications of the application. A Facebook site (Say No to development at Sands Lane, Rowde) was launched and has so far attracted 145 members.

The application and its weighty supporting documentation duly landed in January 2023.

A leaflet 'Say No to Sands Lane Development' was created and circulated to residents.



Objectors were given 4 weeks to submit comments to the Wiltshire Council's planning officer and in order to understand the mood of the village and its RPC representatives a meeting was held on February the 16th at Rowde Primary Academy. 131 residents plus the Parish Councillors attended and it was determined at the meeting that all attendees objected to the proposal. Philip Brown then made an impassioned statement against the proposal which was unanimously supported by all councillors.

Objections were voiced along the following lines . . . National housing requirement: Wiltshire has already built enough houses to exceed its agreed

Government quota, and the Wiltshire East region, which includes Rowde Parish, is in surplus.

Affordable housing: Rowde is already meeting its responsibilities by building small, controlled, sustainable developments within the village.

Size: The proposed development is too large in proportion to the existing village size, increasing it by approximately 10%.

Position: The proposed development is outside of the existing village boundary and would be a huge bulge on the West side of the village.

Environment: The site borders open countryside and is used for grazing and silage/hay cutting. This method of cultivation enhances and protects local wildlife, all of which will disappear if building goes ahead and, as construction itself is one of the leading contributors to pollution and climate change there will be significant environmental damage.

Heritage and archaeology: The site is noted for its medieval ridge and furrow cultivation and as I write, archaeological surveys are being undertaken to discover what might be hidden beneath the surface.





Services: Our local services of water, electricity and drainage are already under pressure and often fluctuate with the village suffering intermittent power cuts. Flooding on Cock Road west of the village has been an ongoing problem.

Right of Way and exercise: This is a well-used walking field with a right of way, there are also paths across the field and around it, permission was given by Mrs Brown to use these paths. People walk their dogs here from all areas of the village and during lockdown it was a great source of relaxation, peace and exercise, in the allocated time we had to exercise once a day.

School children: The site is not favourable for access to the school, which is sited on the other side of the village, we no longer have a lollipop lady on Marsh Lane and as we know this road is very busy and speeding is a common occurrence from traffic coming into the village from the dual carriage way, especially in the morning.

Essentially the proposal boils down to this – the land is Grade 2 agricultural with a high-water table and has no significant monetary value to the owner/applicant.

If outline planning permission is granted, then the value of the land soars into numbers that would make your eyes water.

We await the Wiltshire Council planning meeting in April with some trepidation as these decisions are often weighted in favour of the developer, but we know that any development of land west of the village is a mistake.

We want resident-led development, not developer led! The village decides what gets built and where!

One last thing if you have not objected yet you can still do so via the email developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk please quote PL/2023/00386. Site Address - Land West of Sand's Lane, Rowde, SN10 2QW

David and Geraldine White

STATEMENT ON CROSS KEYS CLOSURE



I have received this statement from the owners: The previous tenant has now left the business and we are looking at all the options available to us about how to get this pub back open.

Sarah Berry, Head of Marketing, Wadworth

Traffic: The proposed development will substantially increase local traffic. 50 new houses will give rise to up to 100 new vehicle journeys daily. The main access would be Rowde Court Road, but as we know most people will proceed down Sands Lane and Cock Road to avoid traffic on Marsh Lane.

Construction: Access for construction traffic would be via Marsh Lane and Rowde Court Road, which will be a pollution issue and will cause chaos for drivers and pedestrians.

Community building: The proposed serviced community plot, NOT building and not necessary. Rowde already has facilities at the village hall, the primary school and at Furlong Close.

WINNER AT ROWDE RIFLE CLUB

Members of the club recently competed for the Roy Buckland Memorial Shield.



Pictured are Di Buckland and the winner Matthew Plumb. During the evening £44 was raised. This will be donated to the Friends of Royal United Hospital in Bath.

ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY

On 7th March the Village Hall hosted a free evaluation day for Lawrences Wessex auction salesrooms.



They offered to value jewellery, watches, vintage fashion, silver, ceramics, paintings, medals, gold, antiques and collectibles and the visitors who came along on the day benefitted from finding out how much their 'treasures' were worth.

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MOBILE FARM VISITS FURLONG CLOSE

The residents of Furlong Close were given a surprise visit from Chloe's Animal Farm recently and they and the staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting and interacting with the animals.



CORONATION EVENTS IN ROWDE

On Saturday 6th May there will be a Village Party in the evening and on Sunday 7th May there will be a Village Fete in the afternoon. If you would like to help with the planning, please get in touch with Josh W (0777 6158771) for the party and Barbara Z (726316) for the fete (barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com). There will be more details later on Facebook. See the back cover and inside back cover for all the details of the fete.



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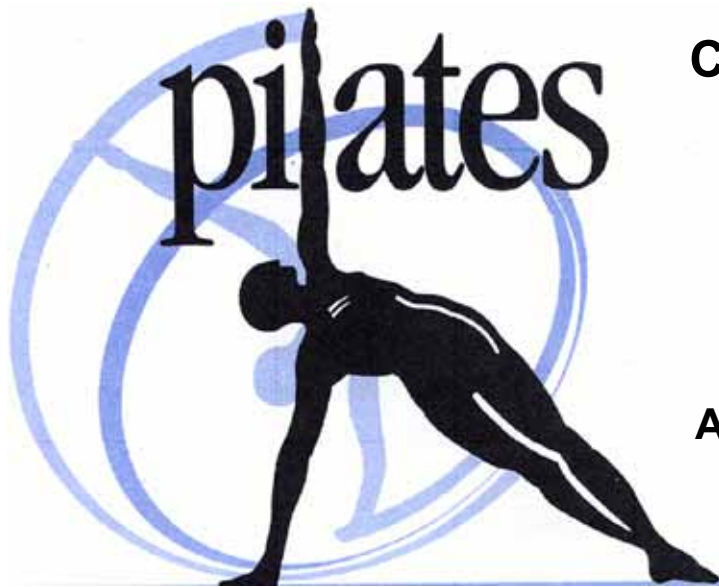
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Alan Watters, Editor

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YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

Wiltshire PCC joins forces to fight for tougher rules on fly-tipping

Wiltshire PCC Philip Wilkinson has added his voice to his fellow south west Police and Crime Commissioners to lobby for further action against fly-tipping. The five PCCs from Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Devon and Cornwall have agreed that more needs to be done to tackle the growing menace of fly-tipping across the countryside.



Mr Wilkinson said fly-tipping is another form of anti-social behaviour which communities across Wiltshire have grown tired of and added that more needed to be done to ensure the deterrent.

The group has lobbied the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Therese Coffey MP, to propose tougher penalties for fly tippers.

Their recommendations include:

Increasing the maximum fixed penalty notices for small scale fly-tipping to £1000

Changing the maximum fine of £50,000 to become a minimum fine to be imposed on repeat, large scale offenders

A greater use of powers to impound and destroy vehicles involved in fly-tipping

Introducing a national waste crime offenders list for individuals and companies

Supporting and funding the creation of a national analysis resource to enable the police to effectively collect and analyse data on fly-tipping in rural areas and to tackle organised criminal gangs profiting from fly-tipping in the countryside

According to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), a total of 55,162 fly-tipping incidents were recorded across the South West in 2020/21, up from 50,506 during the previous 12 months. The cost of fly-tipping on private land is around £150 million a year, and the cost to clear fly-tipping for local authorities in England is nearly £50 million.

Mr Wilkinson said: "Fly-tipping has a detrimental effect on the environment it's something we need to crack down on in Wiltshire. It's not only destroying our beautiful countryside, but also costing our already stretched local authorities millions of pounds. We believe it's time to put the cost onto the criminals, not the taxpayers. With the current cost of living crisis this change has never been so crucial. The government has the goal to eradicate waste crime by 2043. If this target is going to be met, then there needs to be greater coordination across the country and tougher penalties to deter criminals. My fellow PCCs and I look forward to hearing back from the secretary of state on this extremely important matter."

Wiltshire Buildings Record, a charity that has a growing and very detailed database of the county's vernacular buildings – and which is based at Chippenham's History Centre – is seeking new members.

For further details please go to

www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk/membership/

Organisations such as local history groups are charged £25 per annum, whilst individuals pay £14.

Please help us identify and study historic buildings throughout the county.



LAURA MAYES

YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR ROWDE



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Email: Laura.Mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07855 819343

Facebook: Laura Mayes – for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway

A Rubbish Update!

Wiltshire Council are running a campaign to help increase our recycling rates. It is important we don't contaminate the rubbish being collected so we are asking residents to help as follows:

- Only put recyclables into blue bins – all too often bags of general waste and nappies find their way into the blue bins
- Flexible or soft plastics, such as bread bags, packaging film and carrier bags cannot be recycled through the blue-bin scheme – people should place these in their black bins or alternatively take to a local supermarket for recycling – Morrison's in Devizes do this
- Scrap metals – large biscuit tins can be recycled, but large car parts cannot!

Wiltshire Council has recently introduced a kerbside battery collection service. People can now leave most small household batteries for recycling including D, C, AA, AAA, 9V and button-type batteries. These should be placed on top of blue-lidded bins in a sealed, transparent plastic bag ready for collection.

I know Rowde residents are keen to help reduce rubbish going to landfill so please follow the guidelines to increase recycling and we can all do our bit for the environment.

I attended the public meeting about the proposed development at Sand's Lane. It was good to hear people's views and understand the strength of feeling. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about this application – your input has been very useful. I will keep you posted as the application goes through the planning process.

Finally, if there are any Council issues you need help with then please contact me at laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Monday 8th Open for Lunch as usual (closed in evening)

Sunday Night Quiz at The G&D

8pm (bar open 7.30pm) Starting Sunday 16th April then every 2nd week

Congratulations to the G&D Cribbage Team

They came 3rd in this years Devizes Crib League!!

Don't forget Crib practice Every Monday 6.30pm

We now have 24 players signed up for our practice nights with about 12-14 people regularly showing up! Its a fun evening and great way to meet other Rowde Villagers!

Are you new to the Village?

Please come and introduce yourself and say hello

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As always we look forward to seeing you at the pub!

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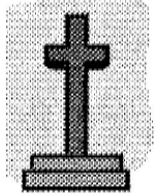
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LETTERS

SORELY MISSED



To all my friends in Rowde.

Through this Newsletter I would like to say a 'big thank you' to everyone who has helped and supported me and Barrie over the last six months while he was ill and in hospital. Sadly he passed away in January after being in Briggs Lodge Devizes for only five days.

Although his funeral and cremation was a sad occasion it was so 'heart warming' to see so many people in Church, the Crematorium and at the Wake afterwards in the Village Hall. (Barrie's second home)! My sincere thanks to all who made this a fitting tribute to a well liked and local historian who will be sorely missed.

Thanking you,

Di. Buckland and Barrie's 'little shadow' Ruby.

L'ELISIR D'AMORE (Elixir of Love)

I would be most grateful if you would kindly include the following in the next edition of your parish magazine:

Sadly, White Horse Opera's main production L'elisir d'amore by Donizetti had to be curtailed last October due to illness BUT for those who missed our fabulous, hilarious show, fear not we are performing scene excerpts in our Elixir Concert at Devizes Town Hall on 21st April at 7.30pm. Tickets just £10 are available now at Devizes Books and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

Don't miss out on the fun this time!

I really appreciate your help

Best wishes

Barbara

(see poster on page 43 opposite)

CHARITY CAR BOOT SALE

Dear readers,

I'm pleased to confirm that we will be holding our car boot sale again this year. It is on Saturday 13th May. Booking a pitch is now 'open' and still costs £25 if booked before 6th May. After that the fee is £50. As usual we will have food and coffee and tea available.

I am delighted to say that, subject to any diary changes, Marc Allum (of Antiques Roadshow fame) will be back.

If you would like a pitch, please email us on carboot@devizescruk.org and add your name, address, contact e-mail and telephone number to the e-mail. You will be sent our bank details for your payment. And if you don't want a pitch, we'd still love to see you on the day, so please come along and buy.

Sue Tovey

Devizes Fundraising Committee of Cancer Research UK

RECYCLING - LET'S SORT IT!

Dear Readers

Recycling – let's sort it: help us to increase recycling and reduce contamination

We're asking for your help to recycle more by ensuring you only put the correct things into your blue-lidded bin, or blue recycling bag.

We've seen an increase in items that can't be recycled being put in blue-lidded bins and blue bags as part of our kerbside scheme, so please double check what you can and can't recycle at home.

We've found all sorts of things in blue-lidded bins – including nappies, knives, car parts, tools and much more. Nappies can go into your general waste bin, while knives, car parts and tools should be taken to your nearest household recycling centre.

But perhaps the most common wrong item that people put into their blue-lidded bin is plastic bags – this includes carrier bags, bin bags and plastic film such as fruit bags or the film on top of meat or ready meal trays.

Please put your recycling loose into your blue-lidded bin – not in a carrier bag or bin liner – and place any plastic bags, bin bags or plastic film in your general waste bin. We send the general waste we collect at the kerbside to waste treatment facilities where it is used to help produce energy.

Thank you for helping us to recycle more!

Find out what can and can't be recycled: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Kind regards

Waste Management Services



VOLUNTEERING!



Would you like to learn new skills, or use your existing ones, helping others? Are you looking for a way to contribute positively to your community and to meet new people? If so, have you considered volunteering?

Carer Support Wiltshire are a local charity who support unpaid carers in the county. Someone is an unpaid carer if they support someone who is unwell, has a disability or is elderly. Many people support family members and they do so because they want the best for the person they care for. But caring for someone can be very difficult, emotionally, and physically, and can leave the person caring feeling worn out and isolated.

Carer Support Wiltshire are currently looking for volunteers to fill vacancies that directly support people who are caring for someone. If you would like to find out more, or if you have a skill you feel could be put to use, they'd love to hear from you.

Vacancies in your area

Here to Talk Telephone Befriender

The Here to Talk service provides low level emotional support to carers across Wiltshire. You will be a friendly voice at the end of the phone, a listening ear and someone who will provide reassurance during challenging times. Successful applicants will have excellent listening skills and be empathetic and non-judgemental. You will be able to commit to a minimum of half an hour every two weeks. Full training is provided.

Bereavement Help Point Facilitator

We are looking for a facilitator for our bereavement help point in Devizes. You would need to be able to commit to a minimum of two hours every fortnight to help run a fortnightly bereavement group, which supports unpaid carers who are recently bereaved. You will welcome, support and listen to people who attend. The ideal people for this role will have an understanding of grief and be compassionate and empathetic. Training will be provided.

Carer Cafe Facilitator

We are looking for volunteers to help run our carer cafe in Pewsey. You will need to be able to commit to a minimum of two hours per month. The aim of this role is to create a safe and supportive group environment for unpaid carers at a local venue, providing them with a much-needed break from their caring responsibilities. Training will be provided.

For more information on volunteering for Carer Support Wiltshire, email volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or phone 01380 908158.

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Sudoku (medium this month)

		7	1			8		
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Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (difficult this month)

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

		4			
		6			2
6			1	5	
	3	2	5		
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Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

2	6	1	3	5	4
4	5	3	2	6	1
5	1	4	6	3	2
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01380 722406

Church Wardens - vacant

Doctor

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

Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

Footpaths

Please contact Rowde Parish Council

Garage

Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

Hospitals

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

Ladies Club

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

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council
Tel: 0300 4560100
Devizes Town Council 722160

Neighbourhood Police Team

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

Parish Council

Chair - **Philip Brown**
Tel: **07554 311726**
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries
Tel: 01380 501919

Playing Fields

For playing field bookings please contact the Parish Council Clerk on 01380 501919
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

Pubs/Restaurants

Cross Keys, Tel: 078366506000
George & Dragon, Tel: 723053
Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

Rifle Club

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

Roads/Pavements

'My Wiltshire App or 03004560100

Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788
Alan Watters, Tel: 07886870053

Rowde Village News

Alan Watters, Tel: 01380 724788 or 07886870053 watters.alan@gmail.com

Rowde Village Hall

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

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

High Street, Rowde SN10 2ND
Head teacher 723991

Silverwood School

Head Teacher
Tel: 850309

Agincare at Furlong Close

Tel: 721309

St Matthew's Flower Guild

Liz Ibbetson, Tel: 720630
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Anniversaries

TAXI

R H Reeves 725072
J Dalley 07592 063789

Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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

Veterinary Surgeries

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

Website

www.rowdevillage.org
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com
or contact Mandy Humphreys by email at loireuncorked@me.com

Youth Club

Josh Wills
rpc.joshwills@gmail.com

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I have a Facebook page where you can see reviews and updates of your dogs on their walks.
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INFORMATION ABOUT OUR VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 7th May 12.30 to 5.30pm

RAFFLE

Following the success of the Raffle at last year's Jubilee celebrations there will be one on May 7th which we hope will help to cover the costs of the acts and activities planned for Rowde residents in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Items for the Raffle will be assembled at 1 Coach House Mews, Rowde, SN10 2QR during the month of April. Coach House Mews is behind Rowde Hall, the large house that faces The Cross Keys. Should there be no answer at No.1 please leave your item(s) in the carport facing it.

If anyone has a large, soft, cuddly toy in good condition (such as the rabbit donated last year) we could run the "My Name Is" competition again which also raised a substantial amount.

Thank you in advance for your support, **Rosie Berry**



BRIC A BRAC

This is new for us this year. Items for the Bric a Brac stall can be taken to Helen Pengelly, 6 St Matthew's Close (off Rowde Court Road)



PLANTS can be donated for sale on the day

THE PROGRAMME

The Children's Royal Fancy Dress Competition will be judged at 1.00 pm

Chris Ashburn the singer from Bristol is coming back again this year by popular demand.

People like us, a band of 3 musicians will entertain us with contemporary music.

Chippenham Town Morris Men will bring us traditional English folk dance

Arthur Plumb the juggler and unicyclist last year had us all holding our breath, juggling on a high unicycle with fire

In addition to entertaining. Arthur will teach us some circus skills. This is for all ages.

Free Circus Workshop all afternoon, to learn how to spin plates, hula hoop, poi, juggle, stand on stilts and control a diabalo.

REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

Barbecue, and Ice cream provided by our wonderful Rowdey Cow to cool us down

Alcohol and soft drinks

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served by the ladies of St Matthew's Church

Popcorn and donuts from Jefferson Amusements (Of course, you may bring your own picnic, if you would like to)

The Buzz about Bees will be with us again this year, with interesting information about bees and pollinators. A visiting Pony to meet and greet. A Face Painter to brighten us all up.

New this year! Jefferson Amusements. They will provide:

The Cup and Saucer Ride and Hook a Duck, as well as some refreshments.

Other games include, Splat the Rat, Spin the wheel, Table Skittles and Tombola

Tom Humphreys will be on hand to provide First Aid if needed. Remember last year he tended a number of wounded teddies.

Please bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. You will need cash for food, games and stalls. (There will be a few chairs and hopefully straw bales provided)



Remember also to bring sun screen, sun hats and drinking water to protect from the beautiful sunny weather! It's your presence and participation that will help to make the day successful for our lovely villagers.

Please contact Barbara Zaccarelli if you would like to bring a table with crafts etc (726 316) or with ideas or questions about the day. Also if you would like to volunteer your time to help as there is plenty to do.

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**RAFFLE
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