

Rowde Village News



April/May 2024



EASTER

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Editorial

Welcome to another bumper edition of your Rowde Village News.

This issue 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 and events covered.

And there are some major events coming up in the village so find out all about the Easter Egg hunt on the opposite page and the Summer Festival on the back cover.

There's an excellent poem on page 12 by Rowde's Alan Pengelly and the first of a new feature, the thoughtful writings of Zoe Rucker, on page 29.

I have also continued my review of local cafes by recently popping in to the Black Dog Coffee Co, in Devizes and really enjoyed the experience. Read about it on page 20.

Updates: You will find the latest developments in the Mind Tree Cafe project on page 24 and the National Grid's plans to transform our most beautiful protected landscape locally on pages 26 and 27.

Finally, on pages 30 and 31, I have reproduced a wonderful article which has just been published in 'Waterfront', the members magazine of the Canal & River Trust. It tells of how the late Barrie Barrett of Rowde has helped ensure the continued upkeep of the Jubilee Wood.

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 front cover shot of daffodils was taken recently by the editor at the entrance to Rowde Court and is looking west opposite the entrance to Furlong Close.

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People
Monday Club has had a busy couple of months. Keith gave us a fantastic, illustrated talk about converting his garden to Prairie planting and we enjoyed Georgie coming along to lead a movement to music session – we're looking forward to her second visit next Monday.



We've also had a Bromham wordsearch, a Famous Couples quiz and a Guess Who? morning based on old photos. Brian wanted more singing and suggested several songs which we add to our programme whenever we can – its great when members suggest things they'd like to do during the morning. Raffles, bingo and Move it Monday have also happened so all in all, lots happening!!

We're always looking for new members so why not come along and join us. For more information contact:

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ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club met in the Village Hall on February 6th and after a Beetle Drive (not the best drawings) everyone enjoyed Scotch Pancakes.

The winner of the Beetle Drive was Mrs. D. Buckland and the Boobie prize went to Mrs. C. Morris.

Raffle winner was Mrs. J. Swift.

The next meeting was on March 5th, again in the Village Hall. Members under the instruction of Mrs. C. Morris assembled and decorated small boxes in which we put Easter Eggs.

Raffle winner was: Mrs. R. Stevens.

The next meetings will be held on April 9th and May 14th. Programmes to be announced.

Tribute to Daphne



Sadly the Ladies Club has lost another member in the passing of our friend Daphne Ellis a stalwart member for many years.

Daphne lived in Rowde for most of her life before moving to Chantry Court in Devizes after losing her husband Ron, but she still supported the Ladies Club and the Village Hall Committee helping out at all the money raising events. She will be specially remembered for doing the lovely floral decorations for the Ploughman's Lunches.

When the Tuesday Afternoon Club (Over 60's) were desperately looking for someone to take over as leader Daphne stepped in and continued running the club until sadly numbers dwindled and the club shut.

We will all miss you Daphne.

Di Buckland

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 Hound of the Baskervilles' **by Arthur Conan Doyle**

The Hound of the Baskervilles is a detective novel written in around 1901, a classic in the detective genre.

It follows the story of the Baskerville family's superstition that there is a demonic hound that stalks and murders them.

Agreeing to take the case, Holmes however, announces that he is too busy in London to accompany Mortimer and Sir Henry to Devonshire to get to the bottom of the case and he sends Dr. Watson to be his eyes and ears, insisting that he reports back regularly.

Once in Devonshire, Watson discovers a state of emergency, with armed guards on the watch for an escaped convict roaming the moors. He meets the Baskerville neighbours and potential suspects, Mr & Mrs Barrymore, Mr Jack Stapleton and his sister Beryl.

Watson keeps Holmes informed and Holmes eventually arrives in Devon for the final show down....

We felt as a group that the characterisation of the characters was very good, some felt Watson was a bit of a feminist character and acted toward Holmes as a good wife might. The description of the moors and of Baskerville Hall certainly gave the book a very eerie feel. Some of us enjoyed the old fashioned English language. We also wondered if written today it would have been such a big success. Certainly a book of its time.

Jill Myerscough

'A Man called Ove' **by Fredrik Backman**

This debut novel written by Swedish author Fredrick Backman (2014) is about a very grumpy but quietly heroic man called Ove. He is a stickler for rules. A man with a rigid routine who loves order. He is labelled as bitter and cranky but his backstory reveals the loss and sadness which have shaped his character.

A heart condition has forced Ove, a 59 year old widower into early retirement. Now a lonely recluse, he lacks purpose and is overwhelmed by grief for his beloved late wife, Ove finds himself contemplating suicide. Ove's string of suicide attempts is thwarted by a series of comically mundane interruptions which inadvertently bring him into contact with neighbours and he would generally avoid.

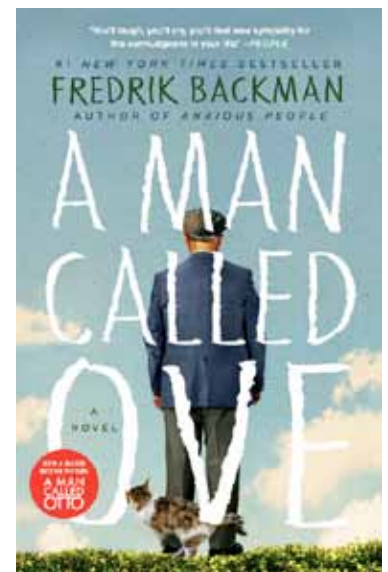
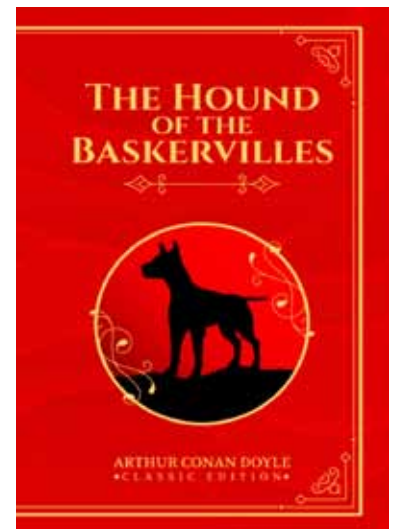
Despite the inherently melancholic undertone, the book is interspersed with moments of unexpected hilarity combining humour with heartfelt storytelling. The text is by turns both very funny and immensely sad with unexpected twists.

The arrival of a lively young family next door sets off a series of events which unravel Ove's tough façade and gradually reveal a more compassionate side. Their interaction with him infuses warmth, humour and unexpected friendship into his life demonstrating the transformative power of human connection. When asked for help by the neighbours, he lends a ladder and fixes their problems albeit muttering under his breath, His skills as a handy man and car mechanic are evident. He takes an interest in affairs and rallies support to help an old rival who has developed dementia. Ove is made to feel valued and useful which changes his outlook on life. An annoying stray cat which adopts him serves as a comic relief and is also symbolic of Ove's transformation from bitter recluse to a well-loved figure in the community.

The book is a memorable read. All Book Club Members with one exception loved it giving it an average score of 8.5/10 (the lone dissenter found some parts to be too predictable and repetitive but did admit that she had read less than half of the book).

This book was adapted into a very successful film in 2022 starring Tom Hanks but the name Ove was changed to Otto for the American market.

Jacqui Hylands-White



ROWDEY COW NEWS



What a wet Spring we have had here this year. Our ice cream kiosk has flooded and a lot of the animals are still tucked away in the barn as they don't like the wet fields. We are all keeping our fingers crossed the weather will improve in time for the Easter Holidays which are rapidly approaching!

In preparation for Easter Alexa is busy creating our Easter Trail which is free of charge on site to keep the children occupied while parents can enjoy a coffee and some food! Hopefully it will have dried up enough by then for the children to play outside.

We are also selling Easter Egg Hunt Sheets for Rowde School from the café which you can enjoy a hop around the village from 29th March until 14th April.

Karen and her ice cream team are busy creating their Easter flavours and there is a lot of cream egg chopping behind the scenes! Kerri and the kitchen team are getting ready for the Easter Holidays and preparing their Easter menus including a lovely Easter Sunday Menu.

On a sadder note we have said goodbye to our Manager Hannah who is starting an exciting new venture after working here for the last 3 years and provided a lovely atmosphere and fantastic customer service and will be very much missed by all of us and our customers. We will, however, be welcoming Rhys to head up our team after the Easter Holidays who has a wealth of knowledge in hospitality and we are really excited for you to meet him!



Our Function Barn has been very busy over February and March with lots of meetings and catered functions – this weekend we are catering for over 70 Afternoon Teas with two different events.

Our Sunday Roasts have remained really popular and we would encourage people to book in advance to guarantee a table. We now have an online booking system so you can book at any time.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and hope to see you soon!

Sue





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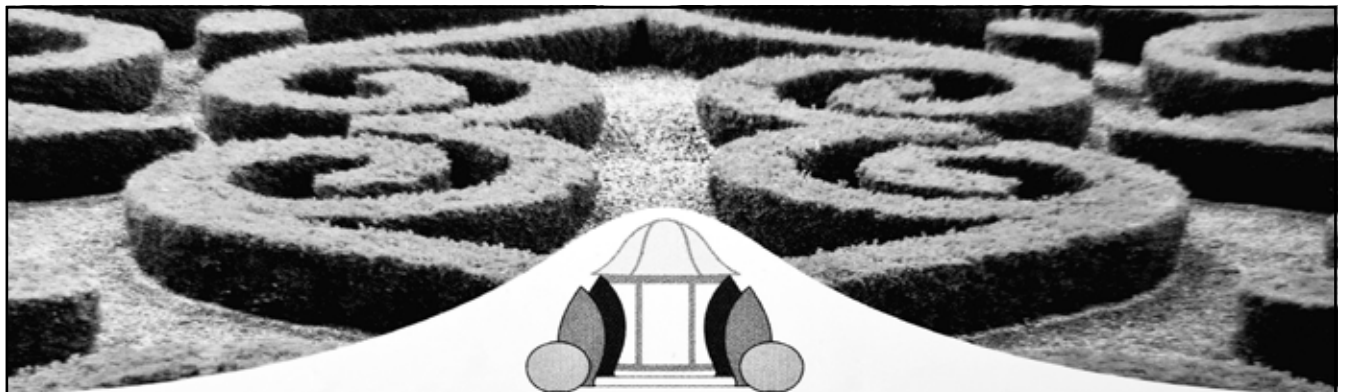
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NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



Our value for this term is Perseverance

We were really pleased to be able to invite the new team of Local Authority family School Support Workers to come and have a day at Silverwood school and meet our amazing children.

The team spent time at all three campuses and spent time in lessons. They were amazed at the individual and bespoke offered to all children and could see the children flourishing



in the love, care and education they received. The team commented on how confident and communicative the children were and could see how children progress throughout their time at the School.

World Book Day was a massive success, everyone enjoyed dressing up in their favourite characters. I don't know who enjoyed themselves more - staff or pupils!

Teresa Ollerhead



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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 C of E Primary Academy. We are very proud of our school and our children – site improvements continue and we continue to be determined to make the school the best it can be for our pupils. On Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February, we had our long-awaited Ofsted Inspection, following the last Inspection in 2019. The report is yet to be published, but please keep an eye out on social media and the school website – it shouldn't be long now and we're excited to share the result and report with the community.

This term, we've been writing our Personal Development policy which aims to bring together all the different things we do to develop the children's character – the skills and attributes they need to move onto their next stage of education and be prepared for life in modern Britain. Whilst this includes our extra-curricular offer, it is so much more than that! You can read all about it on the website but, in this term, we've had a number of trips and our Student Council have taken action which are both important parts of Personal Development at Rowde.



As Ash class learnt all about Brunel and inventors this term, they enjoyed a fascinating trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon. They were able to learn more about the Great Western Railway and Brunel himself, as well as developing their understanding of the Victorian Era and engineering. The children loved the interactive exhibitions and being able to be so 'hands on' with the train carriages!

Year 5 trip to Winchester Planetarium



Year 1 and 2 trip to STEAM Museum



Cedar class had an incredible intergalactic trip to the Winchester Science Centre and planetarium.

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future

They threw themselves into many experiences to enrich their Space topic, including making two types of slime and testing its elasticity. They floated around the centre experimenting with Space games, testing the limits of gravity and travelled to the edge of our galaxy and beyond in the planetarium.

Student-led lunch time clubs



Our student council were really keen to offer some lunchtime clubs and we've started them this term. We have a dance, football and computing club, all run by children in Key Stage 2. Though they are supervised by an adult, we've felt pretty redundant and they've been a huge success!

National Science Week



Since I wrote to you last, we've had two further open mornings: one on writing and one on Science. We used our Science open morning to launch National Science



Week at Rowde – a great way to start. Children in Reception to Year 2 took part in the challenge: Who can melt their ice cube the quickest? They learnt all about thermal insulators! Children in Year 3 to Year 6 had a go at creating a timing device. Using water, sand or a marble run, they had to try and get their device to go for exactly 1 minute. It was a great week to discuss being a Scientist and use our experiments and observations to learn more about the world around us!



Community library

It's important for you to know that we have a community library book shelf which is accessible to anyone during school hours – please feel, as a member of the village, that you can use it too! You're welcome to borrow a book, swap or take one to read at home – just pop in to Reception and then you can access the community room without needing to enter the school.

Life at Rowde is very busy but always focused on our Christian ethos and vision – to enable children to learn, grow and love. You can always read about what we've been up to through our updates on X (formally known as Twitter!) - @RowdePrimary. Our weekly newsletters are also uploaded onto the website: <https://www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk/24/newsletters>

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: alice.simpson@rowde.wilts.sch.uk

Alice Simpson, Head Teacher

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Nature's Fury

a poem by Rowde's Alan Pengelly



There's a north easterly
That fairly bites the flesh
With a promise of early snow
Gulls wheel and turn
In ragged flight
Fishing boats heave and roll with the flow

In the quayside tavern
Old sailors keep vigil by candle light
Raise a glass and pray to Neptune
For those out on the sea tonight

Like some Banshee
From the depths of Hell
You could hear the wind's howling wail
As it screamed, ripped,
Lashed and tore
At every mast and sail

Old sailors in the quayside watched
As it hit like a wrecking ball
Some say the bar room clock struck thirteen
As waves breached the harbour wall

By first light
Of dawning day
Heavy mist had rolled in from the sea
And frozen rain
Hung on battered boats
Now dashed against the quay

The quayside tavern now empty
Old sailors with heavy heads
Had got down on their knees and prayed
Restless and sleepless in their beds

There'll be no fishing today me boys
Nature's fury has had its say
No hunting the herring shoals me boys
Aye, there'll be no fishing today



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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.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by email: rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or on: 07752 724096

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council met on 7th February 2024 and 13th March 2024.

Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled through co-option. If you can spare an evening a month and are interested in what happens in your village and you want to hear about it first, join the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Standards Hearing Sub-Committee Complaint Hearing

The decision from Standards Hearing Sub-Committee Complaint Hearing v. Cllr J Daley was shared with the Parish Council at the meeting on 13th March 2024.

The minutes from the above hearing can be found on the Parish Council website (rowdevillage.org) or on application to the Parish Clerk.

Fete!

Save the date: Saturday 1st June 2024, 12pm – 5pm, in the small playing field next to St Matthew's Church. A five-piece band has been booked and a juggler. The Parish Council kindly ask for the parking spaces in front of the field gate to be kept free on Saturday 1st June so that the entertainers and stall holders can easily access the field. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

If you would like to help plan for the events and get involved with this happy village event, please contact Barbara Zaccarelli (barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com, tel: 01380 726316).

The Mind Tree Café – Furlong Close

L Gurr & L Newton from The Mind Tree Café gave a presentation on their plans for the Administration buildings at Furlong Close. They are also leasing the orchard, workshop and polytunnel.

Phase one of the project involves providing a low-cost counselling service in the administration block, either through GP referral or self-referral. They will grow produce in the orchard. The project will be inclusive for everyone, including residents in Furlong Close.

Phase two of the project will rent out some of the studios/classrooms. Local people can rent space if they want space to work or hold classes. Phase three, it is hoped there will be a community shop and a café. It will be a café with a difference, to help support people socially with a buddy partner available.

There have been problems with getting the building ready for use. A plea was made for volunteers who can donate some time and skills to get the building into a usable space: for example, volunteers who are builders or electricians.

National Grid Project & Conscience Lane – Traffic!

The Parish Council was given a presentation by representatives for the National Grid's North Wessex Downs Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project.

Work has begun on the project to remove 13 pylons across Roundway Down. Archaeologists are currently on site. Work will be completed by Spring 2026.

The National Grid representatives informed the meeting that the proposed haul road will not be in place in time for the initial enabling works. This means that construction traffic and employees will have to use Conscience Lane for a period of up to 16 weeks, starting on 2nd April 2024. There will be some large vehicle movements between 9am – 3pm. Local residents are advised to avoid using Conscience Lane during this time as a safety precaution if they are able to.

There is a dedicated phone line and email for residents to report any problems directly to National Grid: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com: 0330 1340051.

Resurfacing of Rowde Court Road: Some residents have complained about the recent resurfacing of Rowde Court Road, asking why that road had been chosen; questioning the materials used and the workmanship. Wiltshire Council Highways has responded to say that 'Micro-Asphalt is a cost-effective surface treatment best used on roads showing early stages of wear and tear and can extend the life of a carriageway by up to 10 years. ... The bedding-in process takes around one to three months'.

For a fuller explanation please refer to the full minutes at: rowdevillage.org, or on the village noticeboards or request a copy from the Parish Clerk.

Planning

Planning Applications

NEW! PL/2024/02280 Car Park site (Cross Keys car park) and adjoining footpath High Street: Full planning application for altered access, stopping up of footway and construction of 2no. use Class C3 dwellings with associated car parking.

The Parish Council had not been able to fully consider the application before the March Parish Council meeting. The Clerk has made a request for an extension on time to consider the application. If this is not granted, the Parish Council agreed to object to the application on grounds of visibility from the loss of the visibility splay at the end of Marsh Lane.

PL/2024/01968 The Firs, The Locks, Devizes, SN10 1QR Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling complete with associated external works. The Parish Council had no objections to the application due to it being on a similar footprint to the existing property, and it is mostly out of sight.

PL/2023/07208 - Land adjacent 35 Tower View, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2PS

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of a Dwelling. The Parish Council objected to the outline planning application on grounds of access and parking. This application has since been approved by Wiltshire Council.

PL/2023/10888 - Stroud Farm, Rowde, Wiltshire, SN15 2JL: Consultation – Full planning permission: Change of use of agricultural building to rural worker dwelling. The Parish Council object to the application. A detached house has been built without planning permission. The Parish Council objected to this application.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – update: The Clerk provided an update on a recent meeting with a Senior Planning Policy Officer from Wiltshire Council and some members of the Devizes Neighbourhood Area Steering Group. Rowde Parish needs to allocate land for 47 houses (67 total figure including completed and committed builds).

Sites for Rowde are still being assessed by AECOM, a consultancy firm. When these assessments have been completed, parishioners of Rowde will be consulted and residents will be able to put forward their preferences for development sites. Sites put forward by landowners need to be proceedable, i.e. the landowner is prepared to build on their land.

Haymeadow Way – Wiltshire Council has asked permission from the Parish Council to run a foul drain pipework under the grassed section of the Silverlands Play Area. The proposed area will run along the pavement to the Primary School, then under the middle of the grassed football area. The Parish Council has been asked by Wiltshire Council to grant them an easement for this to be carried out. There will be a 3-metre radius around the pipework, which the Parish Council will not be permitted to disturb once the easement has been agreed.

The Parish Council will request that the trenchwork is not carried out over the school Easter holidays.

Planning application for land off Sands Lane - PL/2023/00386 Land West of Sands Lane. Wiltshire Council has rejected the application to build up to 50 homes on this site for reasons including the site being outside of the settlement boundary and that the number of new builds would exceed the housing target for the village; the site is in open countryside; there were highways concerns; issues with flooding and archaeological reasons. R Eccles, J Grey, and G Clisby-White for all of their work behind the scenes on this complex case. Cllr Mayes was thanked on behalf of the community for all of her work to achieve this outcome on the application.

Flooding plan

There is a meeting of the North Wiltshire Operational Flood Working Groups taking place on 28th March 2024, 9.30am, at the Melksham Campus in March, which the Parish Council Chairman will attend. The parish will prepare a flood plan for the village. This will include asking for volunteers who are 4x4 drivers, and first aiders.

L Wills met with a representative from Aster at Silverlands Road to discuss the near flooding that happened on 4th January 2024. Aster have agreed to clear the ditch behind the houses in Silverlands Road. L Wills has also spoken to the owner of Furlong Close about the brambles on their side of the boundary, which has caused the Aster fence to be pushed into the culvert in some places. The owner has cut back the brambles on their side.

Highways

Speed Indicator Device (SID): C Greenwood reported that the SID is working properly now with the new batteries installed.

J Grey reported that last month's speed data had been submitted to the Police. The system is automated now and easier to use.

Community Speedwatch: C Greenwood has arranged a training/recruitment session for using the Community Speedwatch camera on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at Rowde Primary School. Everyone is invited to attend.

Allotments

The ground is still very wet, but some plot holders are starting to tend to their plots. The hedge that borders the playing field has been cut and lowered in height.

Allotment holders are reminded to keep the gate closed to avoid damage being caused by it being left open to the wind. Allotment holders are also reminded not to use chemicals on or around their plots.

There will be an amendment to the current allotment tenancy to notify tenants that if they do not tend their plots, their tenancy may be cancelled.

Dog owners – request for owners to act responsibly

The Parish Council has received a complaint about some residents walking their dogs off lead in the built-up part of the village. Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be under their owner's control at all times, and they are asked to be respectful of other people.

Finance

Monthly bank reconciliation & monthly invoices for January 2024

January 2024 invoices (total: £3,822.73)

- Admin costs inc. audit fees: £1,888.96
- Ground's maintenance: £932.71
- Xmas tree: £45.60
- SID: £92.48
- Allotments: £224.54
- Planters: £325.44
- Sandbags: £213.00
- Donation: £100

Monthly invoices for March 2024 were approved.

Total: £2,710.52

- Admin costs: £1,780.50
- Ground's maintenance: £569.97
- Allotments: £48.72
- Playing field: £276.04
- Fete: £35.29

The Parish Council has arranged for the tennis court to be re-lined (for £325). All Councillors were in favour. A new net will be purchased too.

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. Managed by L Wills and A Humphreys.

Contacts: The Parish Clerk can be contacted at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 07752 724096 in office hours. Parish Councillors can be contacted through the contacts page of this magazine.

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: 07752 724096.

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 in the meeting.

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Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL - Useful phone numbers

Libraries:	01225 713000	or mobile/outside Wiltshire:	01225 777234
Parking:	01380 734812	School admissions:	01225 713010
Pest control:	01380 734721	School special educational needs:	01225 718095
Planning:	01380 734812	School transport:	01225 713004
Recycling boxes - Hills Waste:	0845 6032085	Social care – adults:	0300 456 0111
Registration - Births, Deaths & Marriages:	01225 713007	Social care – children:	01225 773500
Roads & pavements (Clarence) Freephone:	0800 232323	Street care and cleaning:	01380 734849



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April & May Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

Services in St Matthew's, Rowde are in bold
 Services in Bromham and Sandy Lane are in *italic*



Date/Time	Service	
April		
Sunday 7th	(Easter 2)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 14th	(Easter 3)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 21st	(Easter 4)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 28th	(Easter 5)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
MAY		
Sunday 5th	(Easter 6)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 12th	(Easter 7)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 19th	(Pentecost)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 26th	(Trinity Sunday)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde

Everyone is very welcome at all our services.

Please visit www.achurchnearyou.com for more information, check our church noticeboards or contact the Benefice Administrator at sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com.

Church Opening Times

Rowde Church: Mon to Sat 10am – 4pm;

Sunday 10am – 4pm or after morning service.

Bromham Church: Daily 9am – 5pm

Sandy Lane Church: Daily 9am – 5pm

A Message from Revd. Heather

Waiting isn't easy is it? As I write we are waiting for Easter, telling the stories of the last week of Jesus' ministry, leading up to the crucifixion, but anticipating the joy of the resurrection. Meanwhile, we wait patiently for a new rector, and in the mean time everyone has

to make do with my very part-time availability. The Rectory is let out whenever possible, but sometimes it lies empty, as it too waits for a permanent resident. It isn't the only house in our villages looking for someone new to live there. I found myself wondering how we would feel if God moved into one of them. Would we welcome God with offers of help? A cup of tea while the removers brought the furniture in? Would we invite God to be on the parish council, or perhaps even suggest attending Sunday morning service at St Matthew's?

Of course, God is already here – the silent presence in all our houses and at all our meetings and events. God doesn't push, but would love to be included in what we do. At St Matthew's we had a meeting recently to think about how we'd like to make God's more known in our village. God, of course, relies on us, since he has no physical body and doesn't go in for shouting instructions from on high. Do you have ideas about how we can demonstrate God's love to everyone?

Perhaps your children would enjoy a regular family-friendly service like the one we held on Mothering Sunday, or maybe you could help us to take care of every villager by letting us know the needs of those who live in your street. Please, do be in touch if you have ideas or views.

With love and prayers,

Rev Heather Smith

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Rowde Church Café Tuesday 10:45 – 12pm.

Come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone welcome!

Craft, Coffee and Chat at St Matthew's, Rowde Friday 2pm – 4pm

Bring your own craft project or join in our jigsaw. All welcome! No entry fee. Coffee and cake available for a donation.

Souper Saturdays at St Matthew's, Rowde First Saturday of the month, 12 – 1pm

Come along and enjoy a choice of two soups (always one vegetarian choice) with a roll. Donation to St Matthew's welcome.

Growing in Faith Wednesday evening 7:30pm – 9pm on Zoom (fortnightly, term time only). If you are interested in joining, please contact Ruth on ruthbray@outlook.com.

Flower Arranging at Rowde

Please contact Caroline Keevil on ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk or call 07860 148407.

Choir at St Matthew's

We practice from 6pm-7pm on the Fridays prior to a 10am Sunday service. Please contact **Nicola Brown** at nicola_brown@talk21.com or 01380 722406.

Bellringing at St Matthew's

Please contact Michael Cornwell at michael.cornwell@btinternet.com 07388 224129

Open the Book at Rowde

Contact Fran Hall on 07989758412

CONTACT US

Rector: Vacant

Associate Priest: (Funerals, baptisms and weddings) Revd Heather Smith on 07702 113544 or revheathersmith@gmail.com

Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

During the current vacancy, please contact Revd Heather or Sarah if you wish to enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral.

Safeguarding Representative for Bromham and Rowde: Phil Bayley 01380 859569

Benefice Facebook page Churches of Rowde and Bromham: www.facebook.com/groups/439328832796693

Benefice website: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9690

Diocese of Salisbury:

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org>

The 'We Are' Campaign

Every two minutes, someone in the UK is diagnosed with cancer, and 1 in 2 of us will get cancer in our lifetime. For the past 120 years, we've been making discoveries that save lives. In the last 50 years, we've helped double cancer survival in the UK. Our new campaign celebrates this progress by shining a light on cancer research and the impact that our work has on people affected by cancer, every day. The individuals that you see in the campaign films are real people. Real Cancer Research UK researchers, passionately striving to develop life-saving treatments, and real patients who have benefitted from our work, and now able to experience those special life moments, big and small.

Read more about our research at the link below. We've achieved so much and with your support, can achieve so much more.

www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/we-are

Church Flowers

We are a friendly group of people who enjoy flower arranging. It is fun, not onerous and an opportunity to keep our Church looking as it should – in particular at the time of special festivals.

As with any village some of our members move on to live elsewhere and new families move in. There have been quite a few changes during the two years of the pandemic.

We would welcome new members and, if you might want to consider joining us, please contact: Caroline Keevil on 01380.725483 or ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk

Craft, Coffee and Chat
at St Matthew's Church,
Rowde

Friday Afternoons
2pm – 4pm



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EATING OUT & ABOUT

Black Dog Coffee Co. Devizes

On Couch Lane, just around the corner from the Rangebourne pet shop along New Park St in Devizes you can find a lovely little cafe with seating inside and outside.



Me, you and a dog named Boo...

The journey started with Mark's passion for making cakes and the dream of always owning his own coffee shop, and then along came Karen, who encouraged Mark to sell his cakes. This was the beginning of Black Dog Cupcake Co., named after their black Cocker Spaniel, Boo. As the business grew, with a loyal Facebook following, thoughts of opening their own shop turned from daydream to reality.

They have an award winning barista, serving the finest Mozzo coffee, with ranges of speciality drinks to cater for all. And there's a bonus! Every fifth visit you can have a free drink or cake!

They are a family run shop that loves to support other family run businesses. Their milk is from Mile Elm Calne and collected daily!

Friendly dogs are welcome and parking for customers is free in the yard outside.

What's not to like about this place??

Footnote: I was there recently. The coffee and cake I had were excellent and the friendly atmosphere made it a great little place to pop in for a refreshing and relaxing break! Ed

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.

Coffee Morning

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FUN COLUMN

This issue we have some Internet jokes:

What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet?

I asked my 10 brothers and sisters, but they don't know either.

The internet connection at my farm was really poor, so I moved the modem to the barn.

Now I have stable wifi

I accidentally sent my friend flowers over the internet

Whoops, E-Daisies

On the internet you can be whoever you want, ***it's strange so many people choose to be stupid.***

There are a lot of scams on the internet...

For the exceptionally low price of £69 I can show you how to avoid them.

Why did the internet browser get fat?

It accepted all cookies.

Best advice I ever got on the internet was this:

Don't take advice from someone you don't know on the internet.

I repost each Culture Club pun at least five times for maximum internet points

I suppose you could call me a karma karma karma karma comedian....

Today my internet went down for about ten minutes.....

I met my family downstairs. They seem like nice people.

What's an internet scammer's favorite sport?

Phishing.

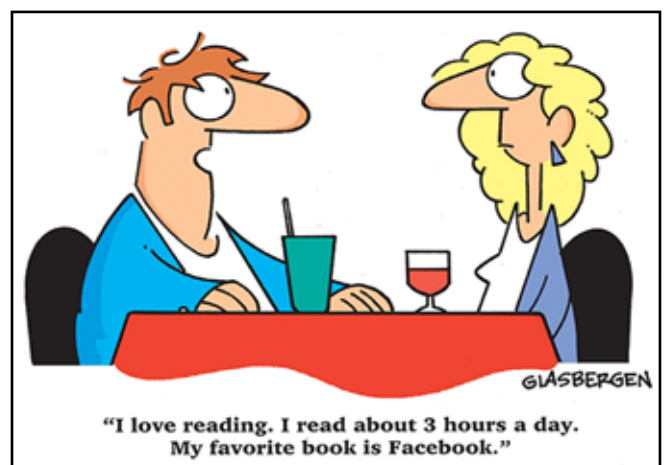
I finally switched from Internet Explorer to Chrome!

Just kidding, happy April fools day!

And finally, how to get free internet at home: ***I live in a block of flats so I have neighbours left to right and below me. One day I asked my neighbour if he was interested in splitting the cost of my wifi 50/50 so he could also use it. He agreed. I went on to my other neighbour downstairs and asked him the same thing. Now both my neighbours are paying for my wifi!***

FUN CARTOONS

This issue we have some Facebook cartoons:



ORIGINAL PET and PEOPLE PORTRAITS



Colour or mono portrait of a person, pet or horse by local artist Alan Watters. Original portrait, two prints and three greetings cards included in the package. My waiting list is currently around October but a voucher can be supplied to be given as a present if required.

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ALLOTMENT VACANCIES



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Medals for Rowde's Children!

Rowde Parish Council have purchased Coronation medals and we still have some available.

If your child is 16 or under, lives in the parish of Rowde and hasn't already received their free medal, please message Lisa Wills on rpc.lisa.wills@gmail.com to arrange delivery.

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liz.lavender@artstogether.co.uk / 07780860922

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Local News



THE MIND TREE CAFÉ CIC

Promoting holistic Therapies at Furlong Close, Rowde.

A not-for-profit community interest company set up with the purpose of promoting mental health and well-being in a variety of ways.



Success is in community not in isolation

Finally, Spring is on the way. Despite the wet and grey weather, the birds are beginning to be more vocal, and the garden is waking up - so too is The Mind Tree.

Morgan Sindall and T Clarke, two big building companies have come to our rescue with the leaky pipework. They have sent two very competent plumbing and heating engineers who have worked hard to repair the pipework. We now have running water. This is a massive step for us. The companies have agreed to give us an additional week to see if they can fix the heating. This has all been done free of charge, we are so grateful.

Marianne and Robin donated a piano to the project which we will make good use in our next phase. They also paid for it's delivery as it proved to be a tricky item to move.

Thank you to all those who have donated to the go-fund me page. We still have a lot of expenses to meet but we are moving forward with more speed and hope to open in the Spring with phase 1 the low-cost counselling. Slightly later than anticipated but it will be worth the wait.

Go fund me page – <https://gofund.me/bcc39437>

This month we have been busy applying for funding. This is a lengthy process but hopefully we will begin to show some positive results as the project is gaining momentum. Local company Cross Manufacturing contributed to our funds and Grist Environmental have offered support with refuse collection and skips. We are very grateful for the support. We also have lots of other volunteers who are working hard behind the scenes to benefit this project.

We have interviewed counsellors and given placements, we are now in the process of completing the checks and references which are all looking exceptionally good.

Over the next few weeks, you will see more activity at the project as we begin to clear and decorate ready to welcome our counsellors, clients and other colleagues who will share the space with us.

We are reaching out to companies for flooring and fitting of flooring so if you are one of those companies who would like to volunteer services please contact us.

We need some energy efficient heaters for our workshop as it won't have central heating.

We would also be interested in blinds for the office windows to maintain privacy whilst counselling.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and helped us keep the faith, it has been a tough climb but the view from the top will be spectacular.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION!



On Friday 15th I attended the Calne Civic awards. I was awarded by the Mayor, Robert Macnaughton, 'The Mayor's special recognition certificate of achievement', in recognition in my role as Community Connector.



I work for Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living. I cover the surgeries in Calne & Yatton Keynell.

As Community Connectors we have had different conversations with the people we

work with, put simply instead of asking what is wrong we asked what is strong!

We now work with individuals to understand what resources they have in order to live their Good Life. Our conversations are made up of three simple questions:

What does a good life look like to you?

What do you have in order to live that life?

What do you need?

We support them to make their goals, & find them ways of achieving them.

Many thanks,

Liz Denbury

VILLAGE FESTIVAL JUNE 1ST 2024

Latest News

Thank you for all your support with the Jubilee picnic and the Coronation celebration in the last two years. We are building on those events this year to include what you enjoyed, plus some exciting new things!



Last year's event

Jefferson amusements will be back with their popular tea cup ride, coconut shy and hook-a-duck. There will be ice cream from the Rowdey Cow and tasty food from Hot Diggerty Dogs.

St Matthew's are serving tea and cakes from the church this time and cold drinks will be available in the field.

In addition there will be delicious homemade pasties on sale, as well as fresh donuts, popcorn and candy floss. Kirstie's cakes are back this year too. Of course, you are welcome to bring your own picnic.

Raffle prizes can be dropped off throughout May at 4 Maundrell Close and Kirsty is collecting books again for the book stall. If you have some plants to spare, please bring them on the day for the plant stall. Rowde Academy will have a tombola. Also, if you are a crafter with crafts to sell, let us know.

There are some new ideas for games and competitions this time. We need volunteers to help with these as well as to help setting up and taking down stalls and tents. If you have a gazebo to lend for shelter from the sun we would love to hear from you.

It's a good idea to bring something to sit on too. As well as sun hats, sunscreen and water. Parents please be responsible for your children, and while dogs are allowed in the field on this occasion, they do need to be on a lead.

If you would like to get involved, call Barbara on 726316.

We are looking forward to another wonderful event, where our lovely village can get together and have a good time, and all proceeds from the day will be donated to local charities and not-for-profit organisations.

Looking forward to seeing you at the small playing field on 1st June at midday!

GOING UNDERGROUND IN THE NORTH WESSEX DOWNS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) is a stakeholder-led programme transforming our most beautiful, protected landscapes.

The aim of VIP is to reduce the impact of our existing overhead transmission network in National Landscapes and National Parks in England and Wales.

There are currently five schemes in total, including the North Wessex Downs VIP. The project will transform the views on Roundway Hill, by removing 4.6km of existing overhead electricity line and 13 pylons, replacing them with cables buried underground. With all the permissions in place, the project has just started construction with the pylons due to come down in 2026.

In Devizes, we've worked closely with the local

parish and town councils, Wiltshire Council, the North Wessex Downs National Landscape team and other interested groups to produce a project which will not only change the landscape but also deliver wider environmental benefits by enhancing biodiversity in the area.

Short-term enabling works – Conscience Lane, Rowde and Roundway

The vast majority of our construction traffic will make use of a temporary haul road which we will build in the middle of our site. However, this will not be ready until summer 2024 and for the project to meet its planned dates, it's vital that enabling works start in April 2024. As a result, we will need to use Conscience Lane temporarily for a period of 12-16 weeks.



Before



After

Vehicles will only use the lane between 9am and 3pm only and larger vehicles (44 tonnes +) will be escorted to make sure that they progress safely and disruption is minimised as much as possible.

If large vehicles are using the lane, members of our team will temporarily halt the traffic coming from the opposite direction until the vehicle has entered our construction site. This should cause no more than a couple of minutes delay.

Access will be from the A342 only – no traffic will come through Roundway – and vehicles will enter our site via a new temporary access just to the east of Rowdefield Farm.

Safety is our top priority and we are making sure that information about safe driving on Conscience Lane is shared through driver briefings and daily tool box talks.

An initial condition survey will make sure that we do not leave any lasting impact on the lane. We will repair any damage we cause and return it to its original condition at the end of our works.

We're also aware of a number of local events but if there is something coming up that you think we should be aware of please let us know using the methods below.

If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Phone: 0330 134 0051

Email: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com

Scan the QR code to visit our website where there is more information on the planned works and we'll be sharing regular website updates.

<https://northwessexdowns.nationalgrid.co.uk/>



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL STARTS CONSTRUCTION IN 1,000 HOMES PLAN

Work recently began on a Wiltshire Council scheme to build new housing developments at Haymeadow Way in Rowde and Maud Davies Close at Corsley.

This project is part of a wider 10-year plan to build 1,000 affordable homes across the county. There will be 10 new homes in Rowde and eight in Corsley. They will be a mix of social rent and shared ownership properties, and are scheduled to be completed later this year.

Cllr Phil Alford, cabinet member for housing, said the dwellings would be "much needed" and have low running costs. He added: "Work recently



began on two new housing sites as part of our programme to provide 1,000 affordable homes over the next decade. They are part of our council house build programme, which will see around £200m invested in building new, energy-efficient council homes up to 2030. We will also be making substantial investment in improving our current council homes to ensure they achieve a minimum energy performance rating of B."

The council says the new homes will be factory-built in Dorset to "the highest quality standard" before being delivered to the site.

The developments will boast a mix of bungalows, flats and houses, with gardens and parking.

Source - Gazette & Herald

CANAL AND RIVER TRUST IN ROW OVER SINKHOLE NIGHTMARE

A local landowner is being plagued by sinkholes and fears his land is at risk of major subsidence.

Mark Merison, the owner of Merison Sporting Ltd, lives on 21 acres of land at The Locks, on the outskirts of Rowde.

But the 66-year-old claims his fields have been hit by significant water damage, causing dozens of sinkholes, which he believes was sparked by a broken Canal and River Trust (CRT) pipe. The CRT denies that the ground movement is due to any pipes belonging to them and points to natural factors as the cause.

During excavations carried out by the trust, after concerns were raised last year, a broken historic clay land drain was discovered. But engineers say this was "no longer interconnected" and was not the cause of the land movement.

Mr Merison said: "There are dozens of sinkholes, and they're made by water damage, I'm desperate because I want to be able to enjoy my home. I could hear subterranean water and the only water



Mark Merison with one of the sinkholes on his land (Image by Newsquest)

source nearby to my understanding is the Kennet and Avon Canal. I've got great sinkholes appearing all over the place because of this cracked land drain, I think I've got subsidence, and I don't want to end up in Rowde. It feels like a corporate giant riding roughshod over the small people."

The Devizes property was also the subject of flooding three times in 2023 when water from the canal "cascaded" down the hill towards Mr Merison's home.

He has called for the CRT to help repair the damage which is creating the sinkholes. He added: "I'm a believer of live and let live but it appears to me to be damage caused by them, they should be doing something."

But the CRT has carried out a lengthy investigation into the cause of the issue and insists it is not responsible for any damage. They have produced a report into the seepage and ground movement based on surveys of the area and water testing. The report warned that the risk of failure on the slope is likely to increase because of "climate change."

A spokesperson said: "We have carried out an extensive investigation, which included water testing, geology and hydrology surveys. The problem is caused by factors which are not connected to the canal or to the Canal & River Trust; likely causes include underground spring water and land movement in the area. We have provided Mr Merison with the report detailing the findings."

Source - Gazette & Herald

CANAL BOATERS 'LEFT TO FREEZE BY ENERGY SUPPORT EXCLUSION'

Members of the boating community at Rowde have been "left to freeze" over winter after being "excluded" from energy support payments. Many boaters found themselves ineligible for two payments promised to households across the UK which total a £600 discount on energy bills.

Those who do not constantly cruise or have a permanent mooring where Council Tax applies say they're ineligible for numerous government schemes.

Many paying to moor at Caen Hill Marina, near Rowde village, faced a doubling in energy costs but received no support.

Mary, who moors at the marina with her young child, feels boaters have been excluded from help. She said: "I feel like I've begged for it. I have filled out every form possible and still I'm being refused because I don't tick the right box. People living on boats don't fit in the right category and there's no common sense to say you are still a human and you have still got a family."

Another boat owner is one of many at the marina now forced to use local foodbanks because of rising costs.

He said: "Lots of people have left the marina because they couldn't afford to pay the rising costs. You can get support from Julian House but it's hard to ask for help. I'm having to use my savings just to live, but savings should be for an emergency, not for food and heating. My savings will eventually disappear."



Mary with her young daughter (Image: Alex Montegriffo)

A campaign group launched a petition, calling for all people living on inland boats to be granted the payments, and is seeking support via alex@devizesanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk.

Alex Montegriffo, a local community organiser, says boaters have been "left to freeze" over winter. They added: "Some boaters have been driven to the doors of our food bank due to a lack of support. We had double the number of referrals for emergency food parcels from boaters in the last seven months, compared to the last financial year."



Alex Montegriffo at Caen Hill Marina (Image: Newsquest)

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero uses the CRT's continuous cruisers database to locate recipients of support.

A spokesperson said: "We recognise the cost-of-living challenges families are facing and spent £40 billion paying around half a typical household's energy bill last winter. Those able to demonstrate they were living on boats as their main or sole residence were offered support worth £600 through the Energy Bills Support Schemes and Alternative Fuel Payment Schemes. People unable to apply for these schemes may be eligible for other forms of support, such as the cost-of-living payments, depending on their circumstances."

Source - Gazette & Herald

The Big Little things in Life!

by Zoé Rucker

Ebbs and Flows – Metaphors for Human Life

Hills are heavy and saturated. Once helpful paths are treacherously slippery. Wood pieces and leaves are carted by the speed of running rivers tugging at them. Even the man-made tarmac surfaces are threatened by repetitive waves of rainwater breaking on them, naturally altering as it ebbs and flows.



Roundway rain damage



Mini waterfall in Clink Lane, Rowde



Amazing fungi in Clink Lane, Rowde

There must be some good that can come of the weather's ability to waterlog our every day and flood our brains with weather-talk. How can human life and so much water be compatible?

Just as water goes through cycles of evaporation and condensation – a process of transformation and renewal – before falling as rain, human lives are marked out by cycles of growth, change and renewal. Change is inevitable and each phase contributes to the broader tapestry of existence across all of life.

It could be said this marries the ebbs and flows of water with human life.

Alongside the cycle of change, there is impermanence and imperfection, unity and interconnectedness, balance and harmony not to mention nourishment and growth.

Life is characterised by impermanence: relationships evolve, careers change and health fluctuates. Life is punctuated with moments of joy and sorrow, success and failure. But these all flow together in an ever-changing stream of experiences. The impermanence of life is a reminder to cherish each moment and adapt to the ever-changing circumstances.

Water connects disparate elements of the natural world. Just as it connects oceans and rivers to the atmosphere and back again, rainfall is in a constant state of flux. It connects living plants and animals as it flows through ecosystems maintaining communities, interacting together and with the physical environment.

Similarly, lives are interconnected between individuals and communities because they are bound together by shared experiences, relationships and aspirations. People rely on shared resources to benefit a wider group. And this fosters cooperation, collaboration and mutual support, enhancing resilience and wellbeing.

Communities sustain life wherever they grow.

Evidence of high rainfall in woods with impromptu streams find their own paths. They create miniature waterfalls, swirling ebbs and rushing flows, that all contribute to an aesthetic beauty both visually and audibly. These paths of fast flowing fresh water find balance between opposing forces such as gravity and buoyancy.

Evidence of balance in human life is between work and leisure, ambition and contentment, individuality and community. The balance forges a sense of fulfilment and harmony in life bringing contentment. Contentment encourages appreciation of the present moment and finds joy in life's simple pleasures that allows the pursuit of dreams.

The pursuit of dreams combines optimism with realism, while also acknowledging and preparing for challenges and uncertainties.

Where people cultivate hope, water cultivates growth. Both cultivate resilience: water adapts to its surroundings as it ebbs and flows down roads and falls from the hills; while humans evolve in response to changing circumstances and adapt to challenges, sometimes brought about by rain.

Barrie's Jubilee gift

If you've ever visited the famous Caen Hill Lock flight on the Kennet & Avon Canal, you may have passed by our young woodland, planted in 2012 to mark the Queen's Jubilee. For years, canal enthusiast and nature lover, Barrie Barrett, was a regular visitor. And the future of Jubilee Wood is now more secure after he kindly left a generous gift in his Will to care for it in years to come.

Over the last twelve years, Barrie, born and bred in the nearby village of Rowde, looked on with pride as 30,000 native oak, birch hornbeam, chestnut, cherry, crab apple and ash trees have gently grown and matured on the site.

His friend, neighbour and Will executor, Di Buckland, remembers: "Barrie and I have known each for most of my life. When my husband died forty years ago, you could almost say Barrie and his wife adopted me. They looked after me so well.

"I'd describe Barrie as a real country chap. When he was a little boy, he used to play on the lane leading down to the canal. He loved wildlife and everything to do with the canal. When the wood

was established, we went down and helped to plant some trees. Later, Barrie would go down there to see the deer, foxes and rabbits. He even gave guided walks along the canal."

That's where many of our Canal & River Trust colleagues got to know Barrie too, like ecologist Laura Mullholland. She says: "I remember going round to Barrie's house to see his collection of canal photos, documents and archive with our heritage adviser at the time. And he was clearly really, really enthusiastic about the canal and tree planting.

"Then a few years later after his wife passed away, he got in touch again



and we said to him, why don't you come down to the woods with us and we'll plant another tree in her memory. I think he was very pleased with that."

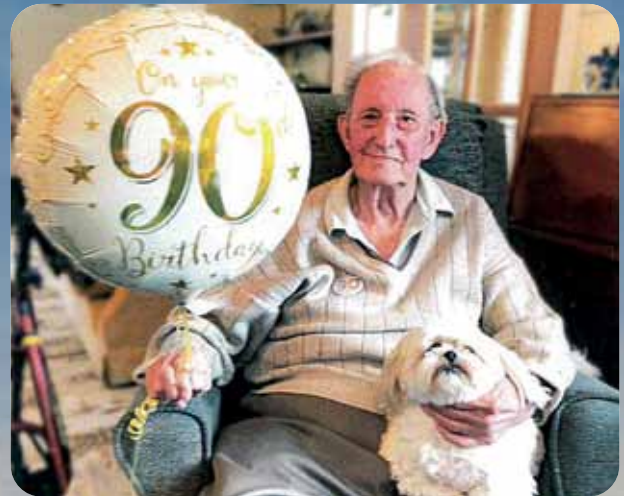
And Di feels that's as much of a tribute as Barrie would now want too. "He wouldn't want money wasting on anything that's not practical. He would have been happy with an English tree next to his wife."

With £20,000 left by Barrie to help maintain the wood in years to come, there's plenty of room for growth at Jubilee Woods. The mix of broadleaf, native deciduous and fruit trees is now taking shape. Yet there's a constant need for replanting every few years as some trees die, or others fall victim to disease like ash-dieback.

A dynamic group of volunteers will also benefit from Barrie's support. Every year, they help to clear tree guards as trunks grow stouter, remove competing brambles from around the roots and mow back pathways through the wood, so local people can explore and look for woodland wildlife that's now making a home here.

"We've got harvest mice that make nests within the tree guards," says Laura. "And amazing wasp spiders that have this lovely yellow and black stripe on their abdomen and make huge webs between the grass tussocks. There are badgers, hedgehogs, slow worms and grass snakes. And lots of frogs, toads, smooth newts and dragonflies. It's a few years off yet, but there's a colony of barbastelle bats nearby that could roost here eventually, as they are only found in woodland."

With willow sculptures, a bandstand, room for forest schools and picnic benches, the wood is already a big part of the local community. And now, just as Barrie would have wanted, it will continue to grow and welcome the next generation to the canal side.



Barrie at his 90th birthday celebration

Photo by Alan Watters

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1st Worton and Marston Brownies

After 45 years of Guiding in Worton, through Brownies, Guides, Young Leadership and as the Unit Leader, I have made the very difficult decision to hang up my Brownie Wings and pass over the running of the unit to someone new. Unfortunately, the Assistant Leaders will also be leaving the unit so we really do need a new Leadership Team.



We will stay in our roles until the Summer Holidays. After that if we have not found a new leadership team the unit will be closed. We really hope that it doesn't come to that.

I thank each and every parent that has supported us over the years but most of all the Brownies who have given me so much back by their enthusiasm to come to Brownies each week.

If you would like some information about Girlguiding and what Brownies do these days please check out the website:

Full support would be offered to anyone who might be interested in taking on this role.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer>

We have been sharing recruitment advertisements on social media in the hope that it would interest someone to enquire but as yet we have not had any luck. If you or anyone you know may be interested in a fun, fulfilling Volunteer role, please do get in touch. We really do not want the unit to close after being established for 60 years this June and we will do our utmost to ensure this doesn't happen.

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PHOTO MEMORIES

Di Buckland has sent us three photographs of old Rowde from the late Rowde historian Barrie Barrett's collection. Do you recognise where they have been taken? They are not dated but we guess they are from around 1900.



The old Fish Bridge (called that as it resembled a fish's belly) at the end of Marsh Lane where the railway line crossed the A361 Devizes to Bath road. The girders were replaced in 1901 with more modern ones.



A train crossing the Kennet and Avon Canal at Foxhangers Bridge



The old Lamb Inn which stood where the entrance of Maundrell's Close is today

...AND DID YOU KNOW?

Bromham and Rowde Halt railway station

Bromham and Rowde Halt was the railway station serving Bromham and Rowde in Wiltshire, England between 1909 and 1966. The station was a stop on the Devizes Branch Line, between Seend and Devizes.

The single-platform halt was at Sells Green in the north-east of Seend parish, close to the Devizes–Melksham road.[1] It handled vegetables grown in the Bromham area, as well as milk.



The original site of Bromham and Rowde Halt

After the completion of the Devizes line in 1858, the junction at Holt allowed the fastest route from London to the West Country. However, the Devizes line lost to competition and returned to a branch line in 1900.

Bromham and Rowde suffered from reduced traffic after the completion of the Patney and Chirton-Westbury line, that by-passed the Devizes Branch Line to shorten the London to Bristol journey by five miles. As a result, Bromham and Rowde later lost its stationmaster in 1952.

The line and the halt were closed in 1966 under the Beeching cuts and the station was demolished in 1970.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you report an incident of fly-tipping to Wiltshire Council, you could get a gift voucher of up to £200 following payment of a fixed penalty notice or successful prosecution. The council will then pay contractors to clear the area.

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I am here to offer advice and support so please get in touch:

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You will probably have heard by now that the application to build houses off Sand's Lane has been refused by Planning Officers at Wiltshire Council.

I explained at the last Parish Council meeting that recently Wiltshire had been unable to prove that it had a 5-year land supply, which left the county open to speculative applications. I worked with Cllr Richard Clewer the Leader of Wiltshire Council to lobby central government to get this changed. In December 2023, the government announced that Local Authorities whose Local Plan is nearly completed only have to demonstrate a 4-year land supply.

Wiltshire's Local Plan is nearly completed and can demonstrate a 4-year land supply, so the Sand's Lane application was assessed

against the new guidance via the revised NPPF framework. The key objections included the site being outside of the settlement boundary, the number of new builds exceeding the housing target for the village, the site being in open countryside and issues with flooding and archaeology.

It is important to remember that Rowde still has a housing target to build an additional 47 houses by 2038 so the community must work with the Devizes Area Neighborhood Steering Group to find suitable potential sites. The Minutes from the February Rowde Parish Council meeting give a full explanation.

As ever, if there are any issues you would like me to help you with then please contact me at laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk

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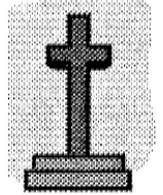
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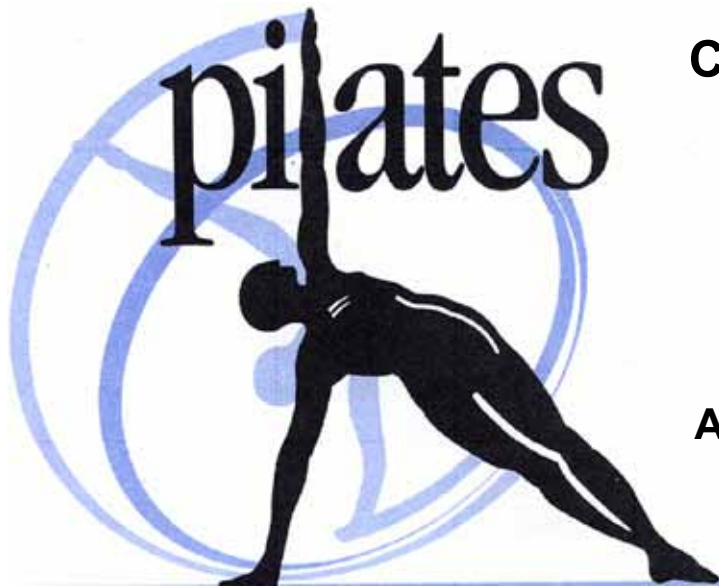
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YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

After a period of public consultation, I presented my final proposal for the policing precept of your council tax to the Police and Crime Panel this month.

Wiltshire Police is facing increased financial pressures as we strive to deliver the necessary service improvements required, which led to the panel supporting my decision to increase the precept by 5.2%, an extra £1.09 a month or £13 a year for the average Band D property.

This, alongside a grant from the government, accounts for the core budget for policing in the county. The decision to increase the precept has been a difficult but necessary one. I am listening to residents when they tell me that they want a better and improved service from both the police and wider criminal justice system with improved outcomes and more visibility.

The public voted in favour of the rise, with 85% of respondents to my recent Policing, Priorities and ££s survey saying they wanted to see more investment in policing. Whilst key improvements have been delivered over past 12 months, including a fourfold improvement in positive outcomes for Rape and Serious Sexual Offences and Wiltshire Police becoming one of the top performing forces nationally in disrupting county lines per head in capita, there is still much to do to make Wiltshire safer as crime and policing demand becomes ever more complex.

Even by putting the precept up by £13 a year, we still need to make savings of £2.4m to cover the funding gap. We remain one of the worst funded force areas in the country, but I will continue to lobby the government for fairer funding. Both the Chief Constable and I are committed to delivering a policing service which meets an ever-changing crime picture and is fit for the future.

I am confident that with this increase we can continue to invest in key areas to maintain the improvements that we are now seeing across the board.

Villages and rural areas not immune to threat of child exploitation

I was astonished to learn recently that those criminal gangs who groom and exploit children and young people to carry out criminal activities on their behalf are now using virtual rewards to take advantage of them.

This takes the form of credit in online video games, so no longer must parents only be on the look out for new trainers, designer clothes and expensive technology if they're worried their child is being exploited, but also online enticements such as avatars and virtual currency.

Children and young people are especially vulnerable to being exploited by criminal gangs because of their age and the harm caused to themselves, their families and their communities can be devastating with violent incidents often escalating. That's why my office has backed the 'Check Your Children' campaign developed by Owen's World, a charity set up by family and friends following the death of Owen Dunn who was fatally stabbed in Swindon in December 2022

Owen was carrying a knife at the time of the stabbing, and now his family are asking parents and guardians to look out for any signs that their children may be involved in knife or gang crime. We've developed a video to explain the signs of exploitation, the reality of serious violence in Wiltshire and where they can seek further guidance and advice if they're concerned. We often think of drug and knife crime happening in our city and bigger towns, but our villages and more rural areas are not immune from the threat of county lines and serious violence, and sadly nor are the children and young people that live there.

So, my plea to parents, guardians, grandparents, and other caregivers, please 'Check your Children' don't shy away from asking the difficult questions of your children and seeking support from schools, police, Crimestoppers and the NSPCC if you need it.

To watch the video and find out more on how to keep your children safe visit <https://bit.ly/checkyourchildren>



National funding to tackle anti-social behaviour and violence welcomed by PCC

PCC Philip Wilkinson has welcomed the announcement of an extra £1m to be spent on tackling violence and disorder targeted in areas with high levels of anti-social behaviour in Wiltshire, as part of a national initiative led by the Home Office.

Each police force across England and Wales will receive at least £1m from central government to help drive down crime and boost public confidence in targeted areas where there is high prevalence of violence, anti-social behaviour, and illegal public drug consumption, which not only makes communities feel less safe but can fuel drug related violence.

Tackling anti-social behaviour and violent crime alongside partners in Wiltshire and Swindon is high on the PCC's agenda, with work to utilise the range of powers available to address anti-social behaviour, and better coordinate the multi-agency response to violent crime in our communities, through the Community Safety Partnerships in Swindon and Wiltshire.

Mr Wilkinson said: "After actively lobbying the government for fairer funding, I welcome this announcement from the Home Office. This hotspot funding will make a positive difference in those areas most susceptible to antisocial behaviour and our communities will be safer as a result. Tackling crimes that matter most to local communities is a clear priority in my Police and Crime Plan and I want our residents to feel safer, in addition to being safe. While the overall trend for anti-social behaviour is heading down, I recognise there remains more to do, to meet the challenges our local communities have with violence and disorder head-on, and I will continue to focus on this issue as residents have told me how important it is to them."

So far, the national approach has already been piloted in 10 areas, with over 80,000 hours of patrols in the six months since it launched. This has led to nearly 600 arrests, close to 1,500 stop and searches and around 700 uses of anti-social behaviour powers such as community protection notices and public protection orders.

T/ACC Phil Staynings, Head of Local Policing and the Neighbourhood Harm Reduction Unit said: "We welcome the recent Home Office announcement of further funding to help address issues of anti-social behaviour and related criminality. Such issues have been recognised as a key priority for the force by our Chief Constable Catherine Roper in her drive to ensure safer public spaces and tackle violent crime in the communities we serve. We are determined to robustly address criminality on our streets and this funding will provide further valuable support to allow us to tackle these issues."

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(All Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Village Hall unless otherwise notified)
17th April, 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, no meeting in
August, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November,
11th December 2024.

Other Events

29th March to 14th April - Easter Egg Hunt - pages 2 & 42
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Every Tuesday - St Matthew's Cafe - page 19
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LETTERS

EASTER TRAIL

I am writing on behalf of Rowde Academy Friends and Teachers and wanted to make you aware of an event we are holding in the village during the Easter Holidays, 29th March to 14th April.

We are hosting an Easter Trail around the village of Rowde and hope for it to be a popular community event that everyone can join in with. The trail will consist of laminated eggs positioned around the village (locations will be considered carefully) for families and villagers to walk around and note down before unscrambling the letters to find out the hidden phrase. Entrants can then submit their trail guides and a winner will be picked at random.

The trail guides will be able to be purchased from the school and a few other locations (TBC) ahead of and during the Easter Holidays.

We have decided to hold the trail over the whole of the Easter Holidays, 17 days, to prevent congestion in the village and alleviate any parking issues.

Of course, we will request in the trail guides that everyone parks considerately and that they respect the village whilst out walking.

All money RAFT raises goes towards upgrading equipment and facilities and purchasing additional resources to support learning. We are currently fund-raising for an outdoor learning classroom which will benefit all students across the school allowing them to learn outdoors in all weathers.

We hope the parish council can support our event and we are happy to provide you with further information regarding the route of the trail if needed. The route is currently being planned but we will be staying the Church side of Marsh Lane to ensure no main roads need to be crossed as part of the trail.

We would also love to have the poster included in the next village magazine, I saw the deadline is 15th of the second month, so the 15th March for the next edition.

Kind Regards,

Emily Underwood

CARER CAFÉ

The Pewsey carer café takes place monthly and is a friendly and welcoming space for people who are caring for someone to meet, offer one another support and speak to a trained volunteer who can signpost to local services and information. Attendance at the café is currently quite low and Carer Support Wiltshire would love to welcome new people to the café who may benefit from the opportunity to speak to others who may be in a similar situation to their own and just enjoy a bit of time for themselves.

If you are supporting someone who could not otherwise manage without that support then you're welcome at our café. Stay for the whole session or just pop in and enjoy a hot drink and slice of cake.

The café takes place on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 10.30am-12.00pm at The Wesley Hall, Pewsey Methodist Church, 35 North Street, Pewsey.

Contact Carer Support Wiltshire – admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk / 0800 181 4118

**Kath Brice, Senior Communications Officer
Carer Support Wiltshire, Carer Support Dorset**

OUR LIFE OUR CHOICE

I found it deeply moving to meet again so many of the Furlong Close "family" at Ali's funeral. That so many attended and joined together in sharing their memories of Ali and of the Care days is a true testament to Ali herself and to the legacy of Peter Forbes and the Care vision of a dignified home-for-life for adults with learning disabilities and autism with meaningful work, social and home life. Ali was one of the first Care Blackerton residents and moved with a group of her friends and neighbours to Furlong Close when it opened in the early 1990s. It is as a result of the steadfast support of all the families and friends of Furlong Close that she was able to live out her life in Myrtle, her home of nearly 30 years. The very moving service was led by celebrant Peter Williams who was a director of Care Rowde and knew Ali from her early days at Furlong Close.

As many will already be aware I am an action group member of the Our Life Our CHOICE campaign and it is to enlist your support, yet again, that I am emailing now.

The Our Life Our CHOICE campaign is moving into a more public phase following a year of conversations with senior officers of the Care Quality Commission during which we worked hard to persuade CQC to review its policy and guidance on so-called "campus" communities - village and intentional communities for the care and accommodation of people with severe learning disabilities and/or autism - sadly without success.

<https://ourlifeourchoice.co.uk/>

The CQC's policy and guidance is contained in its document Right Support Right Care Right Culture:

https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/900582%20Right%20support%20right%20care%20right%20culture_v5_0.pdf

and in particular on P4 Para7 "We will only register, and favourably rate, services that allow people's dignity and privacy to be maintained and that facilitate person-centred care. This must be in line with current best practice guidance and not be developed as new campus or congregate settings."

As we move forward into the public phase of our campaign we are asking those who support our objective to ensure CHOICE across the full range of options for care and accommodation for people with learning disabilities and/or autism, including village and intentional communities, to write to their own MPs in support of the campaign.

(If you would like further information or a copy of a sample letter you could amend and send to your MP, please email me at antoniaefield@gmail.com).

You will see from the information presented on our website that we have support from leading academics and others in the field of learning disability and autism. If you support the OLOC campaign we invite you to add your name to our supporters' list :

<https://ourlifeourchoice.us21.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=721278f7d70037ba585c6deb3&id=d2a171143f>

We do not ask for a membership fee, but donations to our campaign funds would be most gratefully accepted.

I do hope you will feel able to support this next phase of the campaign, and perhaps forward this request to all those you think would support the campaign.

With best wishes

Antonia

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
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Nicola Brown (choir leader) 01380 722406
or at nicola_brown@talk21.com

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Contact Troy on:

01380 698993

or 07968 634689

Sudoku (difficult this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

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			5	
			1		2
				3	
1			2		
		3		1	
					5

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Listed below in alphabetical order are the various village organisations with contact names and telephone numbers

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Please contact Rowde Parish Council

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Contact Michael Cornwell on 07388 224129
michael.cornwell@btinternet.com

Charities

Rowdeford Charity Trust
trustees@rowdefordcharity.org.uk
www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk

Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:
Sarah Bowler 07876142112

Church Choir

Contact Nicola Brown:
nicola_brown@talk21.com
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 and meet at various dates in the month at 2.30pm.
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 - **Lisa Wills**
Tel: **01380 730078**
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries
Tel: 07752 724096

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, currently for sale
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

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ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk
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Mrs D Ellis, Tel: 722655

Veterinary Surgeries

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

Website

www.rowdevillage.org
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com
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Roundway Hill Farm
Devizes
SN10 2HU

Contact 07977 039224

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ROWDE SUMMER FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY JUNE 1ST



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Band - This Way Up

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Please contact Barbara on
01380 726316 or barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com

Let her know if you can help too.

