

Rowde Village News



February/March 2023

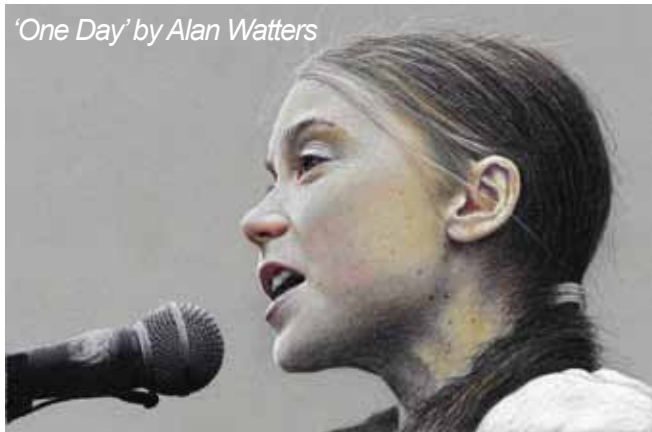
ROWDE ARTISTS WIN AWARDS AT WILTSHIRE EXHIBITION

Oexmann Art Award Exhibition 2022

On Wednesday 30 November, the Oexmann Art Competition judges came to the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes to make some very difficult decisions.

The exhibition opened to the public on Saturday 17 December (to 18 February 2023), with the prize giving taking place on Saturday 14 January 2023.

A total of 395 artworks were submitted this year: 306 in the General Adult category and 89 in the Young Persons categories and I am thrilled to announce that the judges awarded The Drawing Prize to Alan Watters of Rowde for his entry - One Day (Greta Thunberg).



Joanna May presenting Alan with his prize



A very surprised but happy Alan Watters

In addition, Ann Swan, also of Rowde, was awarded two Highly Commended certificates for her exceptional entries 'Mr Mac' and 'Muscatel Grapes'.

The competition takes place every two years and is open to all artists either born or resident in Wiltshire.

The Oexmann award was established by American millionaire



'Mister Mac' by Ann Swan



'Muscatel Grapes' by Ann Swan

George Oexmann in memory of his wife, Theophila Joan Oexmann (nee Copland-Griffiths), who originally hailed from Potterne.

Mrs Oexmann was a noted artist and her early death prompted Mr Oexmann to establish the awards through the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society.



Visitors admire Ann's work

The Judges:

Mitch Griffiths has been a judge of the Oexmann Art Award Competition for several years. The BP Portrait Award winner has had several exhibitions at the Halcyon Gallery in London, including Reality (2006) which looked at brands and commercialism. He examines the contemporary world in an exceptionally realist style.

Joanna May is a well known local artist who has a gallery in Devizes.

You can see more of Alan's and Ann's work on their websites - www.annswan.co.uk and www.alansfineart.com

Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of the Rowde Village News for 2023. I wish you a very happy New Year and hope that you all had a great Christmas. I also hope that you have all been able to keep safe and warm during these exceptionally cold conditions.

In this issue there are all the usual excellent reports and articles from the village's schools, clubs, societies and other organisations.

The local news pages (2 and 24 to 29) make interesting reading (*I also made use of the inside front cover this time as the photographs that accompany the article are so much better viewed in colour*).

If you draw, or would like to learn to draw, then Ann Swan is offering a discount to Rowde residents for a two day beginners workshop in March. See page 16 for details.

There's enlightening and potentially life saving advice for the use of your ALEXA devices on page 4 which I would say is definitely worth knowing about.

If you have been following the story about Rowde's link to Aid for Ukraine then there's a comprehensive update on page 24.

There are some great readers' photos from festive events in Rowde on page 47.

And finally, I must thank everyone who took part in Mandy Humphreys' idea to have a Rowde Windows Advent Calendar. See a selection of the wonderful window displays in full colour on the back cover.

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 photograph 'Shall we make a run for it?' was taken recently by Alan Watters and is looking out from Rowde Court.

The back cover shows some of the wonderful festive window displays which could be seen in Rowde over Christmas. Well done all who participated in this initiative and a big thank you to Mandy Humphreys for the idea to have a Rowde Window Advent Calendar.

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The members met in the Village Hall on January 17th and had a General Knowledge Quiz with most getting all the right answers! This was followed by a discussion as to a future programme.

The lucky Raffle winner was Mrs H Imrie.

The next meeting will be held on February 14th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall when we will be having Pancakes and swapping useful Garden Tips.

This will be followed on March 14th when we will be painting eggs.

Di Buckland

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

We had a busy time at Monday club during November and December this year! We always enjoy music and were lucky to have Marjorie's grandson Will, who volunteered to come and sing for us, accompanying himself on his keyboard. Another favourite, Ukulele Piddle, sang and played his ukulele making us laugh with his stories. Just before Christmas we enjoyed a visit from St Nick's school choir when the children sang some of the Christmas songs that they had been learning. We were all in good voice ourselves when we sang some favourite carols and during gentle movement sessions, Ann led us all in a rendition of the 12 days of Christmas accompanied by actions!



As last year, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding - thank you Serena for this and all the other delicious meals that you cook for us during

the year. We took time making decorations for our Christmas tree and were pleased to see how pretty the tree looked as part of the Christmas Tree festival in church - thank you Sheila for the idea of rag wreaths.

Why not come along and join us?

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

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THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

ROYAL JELLY - SUPER FOOD?

Royal jelly is the perfect food..... for bees!
It is a pearly white jelly secreted from two glands in the worker bees' heads, and fed to the young bee larvae. Packed with protein, essential fatty acids, vitamins and minerals it has everything a young bee needs. But nothing that isn't found in other foods more normally eaten by humans. Worker bee larvae are fed a little jelly for 3 days before switching to nectar and pollen. Queen bee larvae are fed lavishly on royal jelly. They are surrounded by it. When looking in a queen cell (where the new queens grow), the larva often can't be seen for the jelly. This rate of feeding allows an astonishing rate of growth; the larva growing around a thousand times bigger in 5 days (they are still a small creature though with 15 to 20 of them weighing the same as a new penny). In order to produce this jelly the young worker bees gorge themselves with pollen, the protein & fat source, and with nectar or diluted honey, the carbs in a bee's diet. The well fed bees store protein and fat in their bodies and this allows them to produce the royal jelly (sometimes called bee milk). Slightly bigger bees are bred at the end of summer, who can store more fat and protein inside themselves. These bees survive through winter and are able to feed the new bees in late winter and very early spring when there is little pollen and nectar around .

So why is royal jelly thought to be good for us? Is it all in the name? Maybe. Would we be so keen if the food of dung beetles was found to be highly nutritious? Perhaps not.

Royal jelly is claimed to help a wide range of conditions including: Aging (!) menopause, pms, obesity, dry eye, hay fever, infertility, high cholesterol, asthma, pancreatitis, kidney disease..... The list goes on. That's before we start on cosmetics. There is not good evidence for this. Trials have shown some improvements in some conditions but probably nothing a well balance diet wouldn't sort out.

Now we get to the real horror story. How it is collected. A strong colony has its queen removed and dozens of artificial queen cells are introduced into the hive. Each cell has a tiny worker larva placed into it (called grafting), and the bees instinctively treat these as queen cells and feed them generously with royal jelly. Three days later, the queen larvae are pulled out and discarded and the royal jelly in the cells is slurped up with a dropper. The process is repeated. Each queen cell produces a few drops (around 1/3 of a gram) so around fifteen hundred queen bee larvae are culled in order to produce around a pound in weight. This is what a serious producer of royal jelly might expect from each hive used.

In my own hives now the bees are not thinking about making queens. They are still keeping warm, eating honey and starting to raise the new worker bees for the spring work ahead.

David Brown, Rowde Hall Cottage
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Fig A: Queen bee larvae swimming in royal jelly



Fig B: Queens containing queen larvae and their jelly



Fig C: Cosmetics made with royal jelly

ROWDEY COW NEWS



We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Since the last article we have had a very busy Christmas period which included visits from Father Christmas for breakfasts and teas, hosted plenty of Christmas parties and the launch of our new Rowdey Cow Function Barn!



After the extreme busyness of December we are now in our quieter period of January and February and we are working hard to promote and book in meetings and parties for 2023 in our newly refurbished Function Barn. The first event we held in December for the NFU was a success and then we held some local business's Christmas parties in there too where the well stocked bar and Christmas buffets went down a treat! Although we have always held these events in the café, having the extra space means we can keep the café open as normal and focus on increasing our bookings.



In other news we are busy preparing for our Valentines Evening on the 14th February and we are happy to confirm that we have successfully secured the booking of local guitarist, Andrew Hurst, who will provide our guests with a classical recital with romantic tunes while they eat a delicious 3 course meal! Please call or message us to reserve your table (menu will be online).

February half term will soon be approaching and we will be organising some arts and crafts sessions for the children to be entertained while you relax and can enjoy a drink and some food!

The animals are tucked away out of the rain in the barns and you can usually go and see them while we are open.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see 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.

At the last meeting before our Christmas Dinner we had a nice chatty evening as usual. It had been a free read that month and the books we discussed and ratings given out of ten are as follows:

- The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell 9
- Miss Austin by Gill Horby 9.5
- The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah 8
- My Name is Why by Lemn Sissay 9
- Kiss Me Goodbye by Ferdinand Mount 7
- Dying Fall by Ely Griffith 8
- Hair With The Amber Eyes by Edmond Waah 9
- The Lovely Londoner By Samuel Selvon 8
- One Hit Wonder by Lisa Jewell 8

Jill Myerscough



The Rowde Book Club Christmas Dinner in The George and Dragon

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NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future



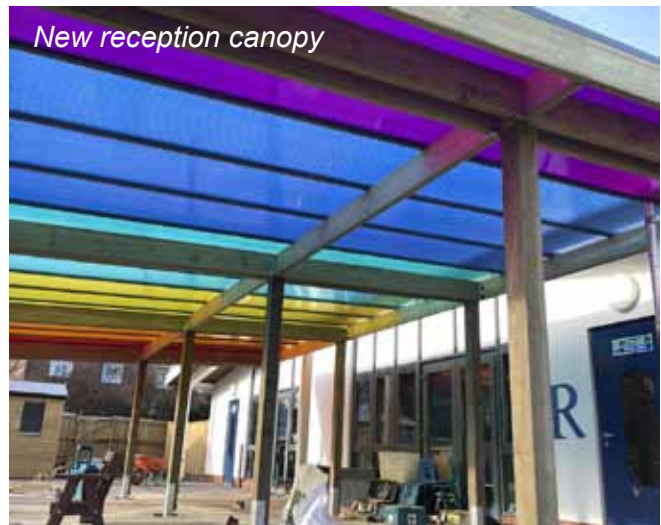
Fire engine visit (see next page)

At Rowde C of E Primary Academy, we have really enjoyed our return to school after Christmas and New Year. We planned lots of great trips and experiences in January and, as always, are prioritising the children's lessons and areas of learning. As a team, we are constantly striving to improve and we're lucky enough to be part of the Acorn Education Trust where there's lots of opportunities for professional development and collaboration across schools. We work very closely with Wansdyke school in Devizes and working with their Headteacher, Mr Sam Heard, has certainly helped us to make continued improvements.

Earlier in the term, we had a Quality Assurance visit from an active Ofsted inspector. She is employed by the Trust to visit schools and monitor the quality of education and the school's plans and progress to improve. She spent time doing 'deep dives' into early reading (phonics) and maths. She was really positive about the consistency and quality of teaching she saw – very explicitly commenting on the improvements since her last visit which was summer 2021. She categorically said that the children at Rowde are not getting an inadequate education and she didn't see any negative behaviour throughout the course of the day. She said the children were polite and all engaged in their learning – something I'm always very proud of! Every child she spoke to confidently said that there was no bullying at Rowde and that they feel safe. As we continue to wait for the official Ofsted visit, this is a really positive experience to recognise how far we've come and identify some areas to continue to develop – good teachers and schools never stop learning and developing their own practice. I was told once that if I ever feel like I've cracked it, then that's the time to retire!

New Reception canopy

As well as working hard to improve in the building, our site and outdoor areas are on the up, too! The old wooden structure on the playground has been replaced to give our youngest pupils a bright, colourful and sheltered area for learning outside. Outdoor learning is crucial to good Early Years



New reception canopy

Provision and this will make it a little more bearable in the extreme weather. We are really pleased with how it's brightened the area and we know that the children will get great use out of it for years to come.

Whole-school trip to Panto

Just before Christmas, we took the whole school to watch Beauty and the Beast at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon. It was a brilliant show and quite magical to see how much the children enjoyed it. Looking around the theatre at the other school groups, I was really proud of how pupils from Rowde behaved and really made the most of the experience.



Panto

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future



Imperial War Museum trip

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At the very beginning of term, Year 6 had a brilliant day at the Imperial War Museum in London. A long way to go for a day, but the coach journey took them past all the key landmarks of London and so they were able to see the city too, which they loved! In the museum, they saw artefacts and took part in the interactive displays which connected with their learning during terms 1 and 2 on WW1 and WW2. It is certainly a trip we will do with our Year 6s next year, as it is such a great experience and ensures that all Rowde pupils get to go to London and see the sights before they finish their time with us.



Imperial War Museum trip

Fire engine visit

We welcomed fire fighters from Devizes fire station to teach us about the fire engine, what they do and how they respond to a range of emergencies. After hearing four fascinating talks about different parts of the engine – and of course having a seat in the front cab – the children got to try the hoses with one target... The Headteacher! They also had great fun running through the water wall. We'll have to try and get them to visit again on a hot summer's day rather than the middle of January, but we had such a brilliant afternoon and are very grateful for the job they do to keep us safe.



Fire engine visit



Fire engine visit

Open the book

We are now back into the routine of having Fran Hall and a number of other volunteers from St Matthew's Church to visit the school bi-weekly to retell a Bible story. Every time children from a different class become the actors and support the narration. With very little practice, the group perform to the whole school. It is a highlight of our collective worship calendar and the children are always so keen to volunteer; we are very grateful to the volunteers for giving up their time.



Open the book

As we move into Spring, we are looking forward to more trips – Year 5 are off to the Winchester Science Museum – and continuing to go up to Dauntseys for our swimming lessons and a range of other opportunities. 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

NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



The new school building frame is now complete and you can really see how big the build is; even from the road as you come into Rowde along St Edith's Marsh – A342.

We have had a real focus on reading in school with a fabulous book swap for students and adults; the display made by the students is fantastic.

Apple Class are immensely proud at being filmed by the BBC, thanks to winning the Young Reporters competition they entered, they were also on their favourite show, Newsround.

Teresa Ollerhead



'This is our school and we love it here'
© 6 Dec 2022

The school of some of the BBC's young reporter competition winners in the West is about to have a multi-million pound redevelopment.

They'll be lots of big changes, including new classrooms.

This means even more young people who have a disability or special educational needs will be able to be a part of the school's special community, and they'll also be more teachers and support staff.

Some of the pupils gave us their report all about their school.



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Your Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings

Since the last edition of the Rowde Village News, the Parish Council met on 14th December 2022 and 11th January 2023.

New Parish Councillors!

Two new Parish Councillors have been co-opted onto Rowde Parish Council. We welcome back Chris Stevens, and a warm welcome Mark Somerville. Their contact details can be found under the Parish Council contacts.

Village Precept – no change to residents' charge

The Parish Council agreed to set the precept with a 0% increase for residents. Due to an increase in the tax base, the Parish Council will receive a higher value of precept at £39,371.54. Payment for a band D house remains at £78.47 per annum.

Farewell to Christmas

Thank you to Mandy Humphreys for arranging the Village Advent Window Calendar, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you too to all Councillors who were involved in erecting and taking down the Village Christmas Tree. Thank you to the Village Hall for allowing the tree to be sited on their land.

Looking forward to... the Coronation!

Plans to celebrate the Coronation have begun. There will be a Village party on Saturday 6th May 2023 in the evening. Music has been booked for the event. Food and drink will also be provided. The event will be self-funded through ticket sales. The next meeting to discuss planning this event will be on Saturday 21st January, 7.00pm, in the Cross Keys pub. The Steering group needs more hands to help this event to take place. You are warmly invited to attend the planning meetings. Please contact Josh Wills for more details and for future meeting dates: rpc.joshwills@gmail.com

On Sunday 7th May 2023, there will be a Village fete style celebration in the afternoon. There will be a meeting on Thursday 19th January to continue planning this event. Please contact: Barbara Zaccarelli for more details and for future meeting dates: barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com

Highways

Flooding

Wiltshire Council is investigating the cause of the flooding on Devizes Road, Rowde.

Speeding

The Parish Council will purchase a Speed Indicator Device. Three locations have been agreed with Wiltshire Council. These are sites already approved for the Community Speed Watch Team, with the addition of a further site which has been agreed through a metro count. Further locations can be added at a later date.

Potholes

Wiltshire Council has diverted the Parish Stewards to filling the potholes on the road.

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.

Silverwood School – transport

Rowde Parish Council had expressed concern

about the anticipated increase in the volume of traffic travelling to the newly expanded Silverwood School from September 2023 and more vehicles using Marsh Lane. The Passenger Transport department of Wiltshire Council predicts that the number of vehicles travelling to the school from the Marsh Lane direction from September 2023 will drop from 21 vehicles to 15. Higher capacity vehicles will be used to transport students.

It was originally intended for Larkrise School in Trowbridge and St Nicholas' School in Chippenham to close. It has been agreed now that children under 11 years of age will continue to attend both sites.

Planning

Planning Application: PL/2022/090890: Full Planning application, Rowdefield Farm, Rowde, SN10 2JE. Erection of open fronted shed to provide winter house/cover for 25 sheep and goats. The Parish Council supports the application.

Planning Application: PL/2022/08360: Full Planning Application: 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.

Planning Application: PL/2022/09222: Full Planning Application: Stroud Farm, Sandridge Farm, Brick Hill, Bromham, SN15 2JL. Change of use of existing agriculture store to a residential holiday let. The Parish Council did not agree on a response to the application. It is that the property had been renovated originally without planning permission.

Neighbourhood Planning: update from meeting on 28th November 2022

It was agreed at the meeting that there would be no general call for sites. The most current version of the SHELAA (the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) will be used for site selection. The next part of the process is for the land to be assessed for suitability to be included in the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan. This assessment will be carried out by AECOM, an external agent.

Consultation events are being planned for when the external assessments have taken place.

The Chairman remarked on the Government's intention to scrap planning targets. The Chairman noted caution as it could mean that development without any restrictions could exceed the original targets set.

A question was asked about the availability of the minutes from the last Neighbourhood Planning meeting and whether the Neighbourhood Plan website is operational again.

Furlong Close

The Chairman and other Parish Councillors attended the Open Day at Furlong Close on 12th December 2022. The event was hosted by Community First who are promoting the communal areas on behalf of the owners, SSH. They are looking for tenants to take on the administration block, workshops, and horticultural area with orchard, either separately or together.

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 November 2022 invoices (total: £4,057.96)

Admin costs: £2,233.13

Ground's maintenance: £740.83

Christmas: £402.00

Repairs/replacements: £682

Payments were approved for December 2022 invoices (total: £2,337.39)

Admin costs: £1,659.58

Ground's maintenance: £677.81

Two further invoices for meeting room hire were approved at the meeting: £108

Note: the next Parish Council meetings will be on:

Wednesday 8th February 2023, 7.30pm

Wednesday 8th March 2023, 7.30pm for precept setting

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.

Please see the table below for a full list of contact details for all of our Councillors.

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- 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

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Dates for the diary

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

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

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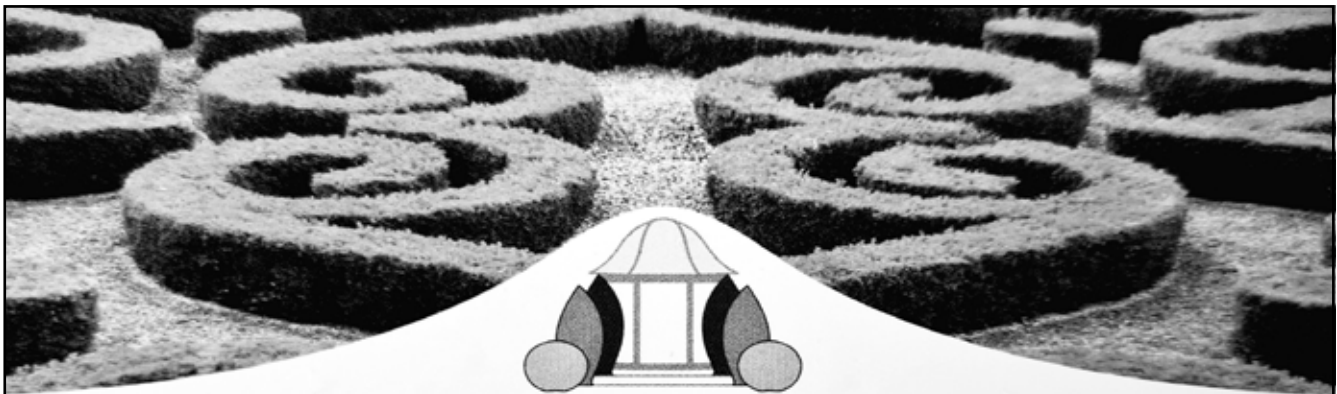
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March 19 10am	Mothers Day Holy Communion, Rowde
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FUN COLUMN

This issue we have a few Valentine's Day knock-knock jokes and pun-filled jokes:

Knock, knock. Who's there? Daryl. Daryl who? Daryl never be anyone like you.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Maree. Maree who? Maree me, I love you.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Bee. Bee who? Bee mine.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Kenya. Kenya who? Kenya be my Valentine?

Knock, knock. Who's there? Beak. Beak who? Beak airful with my heart.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Fur. Fur who? Fur you, I'd do anything.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Dough. Dough who? Dough you want to marry me?

Knock, knock. Who's there? Teddy. Teddy who? Teddy is Valentine's Day.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Butter. Butter who? Butter together than apart.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Anita. Anita who? Anita tell you that I love you.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Peas. Peas who? Peas be mine.

And Pun-Filled Jokes:

How do astronomers propose on Valentine's Day?
They planet.

What did the acorn say to the tree?
I'm fallin' for you.

What did the thread say to the needle?
I'm sew into you.

What did one lamp say to the other?
You light up my life.

What did one orange say to the other?
You've got appeal.

What did one volcano say to the other?
I lava you.

What did one recliner say to the other?
I chair-ish you.

Why did the astronaut couple break up?
They needed space.

What did one puzzle piece say to the other?
We fit together.

What did one scientist say to the other?
We've got great chemistry.

What did one sheep say to the other?
Ewe were meant for me!

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have a few visual Valentine's jokes



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Local News



AID FOR UKRAINE

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

10th - 17th January 2023

Valeriy is headed back to Ukraine on the same train that I have boarded at Chelms; his home or what is left of it is in Mykolaiv. He is 83 years old, was born in Russia but has lived most of his life in Ukraine and elsewhere. At the border crossing, the passport he hands over is Ukrainian. We are introduced when he steps in to help me with a slight translation problem (the problem being I can't speak Ukrainian). He is softly spoken; his eyes sparkle in the torch lit compartment. Close your eyes and you could be listening to someone in their 50s. He asks me in fluent French if I speak French. Then he speaks excellent English, his German sounds convincing and he also mentions Spanish. All in addition to Russian and Ukrainian.

He shares his food with me.

We share photographs of home, of family and travels. He has worked abroad extensively; he recalls his contribution to the design of ships. Melancholia casts a shadow across his face. 'My old friends are all gone' he says 'and I don't know what I'm going home to'. Mykolaiv has been extensively damaged by Russian bombing and Valeriy has been warned that his house has not escaped the shelling.

Sasha, who is two years old and who is sharing our compartment along with her mother and father, is on hand to break the spell. She has chatted without pause for two hours and provided us with a hilarious dance routine in the blacked out corridor with torches for stage lights. Like a puppy that senses sadness, she takes Valeriy's hand and pulls. He obliges by following her into the corridor and soon she is providing a running commentary on what is clearly a fascinating station platform; Valeriy patiently nods and agrees in all the right places.

In the compartment, the young couple try to catch a few moments of rest from little Sasha's bundle of joyful energy but she has other plans. She skips in and turns her attention to me. She tugs at my hand, chattering persuasively. We play hand-over-hand; she squeals with delight; it seems that playing with the odd fellow who can't speak properly is highly amusing. Her joy is a jarring contrast to the sombre mood that hangs in every corridor and compartment. And I realise that I could be doing this until I arrive in Kovel. And then she looks up as though she has just remembered something important, climbs onto the seat next to her mother, lies down in the darkness of the blacked out compartment - and silence descends. When I step down into the darkness of the station platform in Kovel, a familiar voice greets me.



Vova and I are driving 1000km to Dnipro, the city on the famous river of the same name in the south east of the country. Some time ago, I met Artur (Bakhmut Fire and Rescue Service) when we delivered a load of aid to the city of Bakhmut. We have kept in touch since and I have committed to return with aid that he has requested. With the minibus repaired and armed with recent donations, I join Vova as he negotiates, charms and cajoles suppliers into providing items on the list and food for people trapped in the city. The plan is to drive to Dnipro which we think is relatively safe and then make the short(ish) journey to Bakhmut if we receive positive intelligence. When we arrive in Dnipro,



the plan changes; the previous evening Artur and the rescue team have been involved in pulling a civilian out of the wreckage of a building demolished by Russian shelling of Bakhmut. He is alive but his left leg is severely damaged. It is safer for us to leave the aid in Dnipro and Artur will collect it later. We're able to leave several hundred dollars of pre cooked and high energy foods for people in basements who cannot cook. We have also been able to provide equipment requested by the Bakhmut Fire and Rescue Service.

We head out of Dnipro for the return trip. We do not know it yet but Dnipro will be attacked later in the day and 40 civilians will be killed when an apartment block collapses.

24 hours later I am back in Poland with Anton and Valentina (his mother). We join the celebration of the Orthodox New Year with Ukrainian families at the refuge near to their home. Two of the families are from Dnipro. The hope that a new year should bring is tempered/ muted by images of horror on every phone screen around the table.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has left many thousands of completely innocent people dead, injured, traumatised, bereaved, homeless, destitute. Valentina, my host, grew up in Kovel. She has just told me that there are funerals in Kovel today for two of the many soldiers who have been killed. Both left Kovel to fight for Ukraine on 25th February 2022, a day after the invasion began. Both were killed on the same day. They are Kutsik Mykhailo (aged 49) and Kutsik Oleksandr (26); they are father and son.

Do you not know that a man is not dead while his name is still spoken?

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.*

ROAD CLOSED AS TREE FALLS ONTO ELECTRICAL CABLES



The tree fell overnight between Sunday, December 18 and Monday, December 19 on Marsh Lane.

Police were called to the scene at 2.25am. Officers stayed at the scene to oversee traffic management before the road was closed by Wiltshire Council, at the request of the police, to assess the damage.





The road remained closed for two days as the council worked with the area's energy suppliers SSE. SSE did not report any power outages in Rowde as a result of the fall despite the tree landing on the electrical cables on the opposite side of the road.

CRIBBAGE AT THE GEORGE & DRAGON

Many of you might have a vague idea that cribbage might be a sort of game, but beyond that.....?

It is, in fact, a very old card game, coming up to its 400th anniversary, developed by an English poet in the 1630s from an earlier, and simpler, version. The first set of rules was published in 1662 and has remained unchanged. The game grew rapidly in popularity across the English-speaking world as British workers emigrated. Miners and mariners were major spreaders of the game, especially to the USA and Canada, where the game remains hugely popular. A mining town in Montana proclaims itself 'The Cribbage Capital of The World' and it is a fact that the current oldest submarine in the US Navy is always tasked with being the home of the cribbage set that belonged to a WWII submariner admiral!

And it's amazing how many cribbage terms have sneaked their way into the language that people use every day. 'Level-pegging' and 'pegging-out' are just two of them. And quirky little expressions are still used in play – such as 'Morgan's orchard' for two pairs, 'one for his knob' and 'two for his heels' for Jacks, and '5's a fix' for making up a score from 26 to 31, 'and 9 will do' for 22 to 31 (which is the final score for a game). Many rhyming expressions like this have been handed down over the centuries and form an accompanying patter to what is otherwise quite a quiet game.

Cribbage does not belong to any of the usual families of card games though it features many of the usual ways of scoring points such as runs, flushes and multiples which are familiar if you've any played other card game. It can be played by

2, 3 or 4 people. It is a point scoring game, using pegs on a wooden board to keep a tally, that has few rules, so learning the basic game is relatively simple – but you soon get to realise that playing it really well brings in a lot of strategy, tactics and mental calculation of odds.

But the game is fun. And it remains the only card game that it is legal to play in licensed premises in the UK without specific permission from the Local Authority. Many areas have leagues – in which, of course, matches are held in pubs and clubs.

The Devizes area has its own league, and has had for many, many years. And Rowde has always had its team based at the George & Dragon. Matches are competitively played, but always in the friendliest way.



During lock-down, the team captain of the last 30 years, Pete Preston, sadly 'pegged out' and we realised that we would need to recruit additional people if the team was to continue. So we posted a few words on 'Rowde All About It' and were delighted by the response, both from experienced players who wanted to get back into the game and people who just fancied learning it.

We decided that we would meet on Monday evenings – a relatively quiet night at the pub – as Chippy was the first recruit (now a team member!) - and that we would start early (1830) so that we would be able to get out of his way if there was a sudden rush for tables in the restaurant. We play a couple of games before enjoying a few sandwiches, for which we make a very small contribution.

And there are now up to 16 of us – and the numbers keep growing. We are now hoping that in the next Cribbage League season, starting in October, we will be able to raise at least one additional team of four (plus a couple of reserves) who want to make the commitment to play Thursday evening matches through to March.

Our little Monday evening group always welcomes newcomers who would like to play or learn this wonderful old game, so if you fancy giving it a go, give Kath a call on 07746 038929, so we can give Chippy an idea of numbers for refreshments, or just turn up at the George & Dragon by 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Colin Shaw

SILVERWOOD SCHOOL, ROWDE SET FOR REFURBISHMENT AFTER FUNDING BOOST



The co-educational special school, which has campuses in Rowde, Chippenham and Trowbridge, is one of 239 schools chosen by the Department for Education for the School Rebuilding Programme.

The programme was set up to identify and either replace or refurbish school buildings across England to create “modern educational environments.”

The refurbishment will take place alongside the £38 million campus extension, which will provide provision for 350 pupils by Autumn 2023.

Cllr Laura Mayes, Wiltshire Council’s cabinet member for education, said: “This is excellent and very welcome news. It will allow us to fulfil our commitment to ensuring that all young people in Wiltshire get the best start in life.

“Earlier this year we submitted a bid for the complete refurbishment of the Grade II listed school building on the Silverwood Rowde site. The building needs complete refurbishment, over all three floors both structurally and internally. The schools announced as part of the programme will be reviewed and prioritised according to condition need and other relevant criteria. The Department for Education will start working with the highest priority schools between April 2023 and January 2024, with a view to completing those projects soon after.”

The refurbished building will provide classrooms, offices and an enterprise zone.

GP PRACTICES RECOGNISED WITH AWARDS

GP practices in Wiltshire that are providing the best support to unpaid carers have been recognised in the Wiltshire Investors in Carers GP Accreditation Scheme.

The awards recognise and celebrate those Wiltshire GP practices who have met a number

of requirements, including maintaining an up-to-date carer register, having a carers’ lead and providing clear information and flexible appointments for carers.

Among the surgeries receiving awards were:

Courtyard Surgery - Platinum

Lansdowne Surgery - Platinum

Market Lavington Surgery - Platinum

St James Surgery - Silver

This is the eighth year that Carer Support Wiltshire has coordinated the awards, which were set up to ensure more consistency in the support carers receive within GP practices. The awards are funded by Wiltshire Council and the NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Tracey Cox, Chief Executive, Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said:

“A lot is often said about the immense value of carers and, while it’s impossible to quantify just how important they are, we know that carers nationwide are able to save the country’s economy more than £130 billion each year showing their immeasurable worth. It is so important to identify carers in our community and to provide them with the right support and help that they need. I am pleased that so many more GP practices across Wiltshire are providing this support and being recognised for their efforts through this great Accreditation Scheme.”

Kath Brice

CORONATION EVENTS IN ROWDE

There are two events planned for the King’s Coronation.

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 and also in the next issue of this magazine.

Hope to see you soon, and if you have any ideas for our celebrations this year I would be happy to hear from you.

Best wishes, Barbara

CAROL SINGING IN ROWDE

On Wednesday 21st December, a lively group of Carol Singers sang their way around Rowde (or at least as much of it as we could manage), collecting cash and food donations for Devizes Food Bank. We ended up at St Matthew’s for a very welcome mug of hot chocolate.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and sang, knocked on doors, or donated money or food. The final sum collected was £193.35, plus a nice box of food donations both of which have been passed on to Devizes Food Bank.

FURLONG CLOSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party held at Marsh Hall was very successful and Father Christmas brought cheer (and presents) all round.



Many thanks to Trish who organised the entire event and to Santa for bringing his Christmas sparkle to Furlong Close. Also to John Wright and Yav for making music and to everyone who made donations to ensure the party went with a swing.

Special guests included Mark and Mia who flew in all the way from Sydney, Australia to join the merriment and to experience first hand the warmth and joy of life at Furlong Close.

It was a fitting finale to a roller-coaster of a year. A celebration of trials and tribulations surmounted, and friendships forged.



The Community First viability study is now complete and we await the results, hopefully early in the New Year. There has been much expression of interest from a number of groups and organisations who would like to make use of the facilities, but finding an organisation able to take on a mid to long-term lease and operate the non-residential parts of the FC site may be more problematic.

But there are one or two avenues still being explored...

Tony and our liaison group are due to meet with AC,SSH and Inclusion representatives in the first of a planned series of Co-ordination meetings on January 12th when it is hoped that terms of reference will be established.

Tony also hopes that a document clearly setting out the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder can be developed and that the future plans for FC, both residential and non-residential, will be discussed.

And with that it only remains for me to thank you all for your support, encouragement and friendship during the last two years and to wish everyone a happy and successful 2023.

Best wishes

Antonia

Chair, Families and Friends of Furlong Close

POWER OUTAGES PLUNGE PEOPLE INTO DARKNESS



Almost 100 people between Rowde and Bromham were left without power throughout much of Friday, December 2

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks confirmed that an unplanned outage had been reported at 12.08pm.

The loss of power affected 88 households.

On their website, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks said: "We're sorry for the loss of supply. We currently have a fault affecting the areas listed."

TEENAGER FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL RAISES ALMOST £2,000 FOR CHARITY

14 years old Thomas Pratchett has raised almost £2,000 for charity by cycling 67 miles. He was inspired to raise money for Children in Need after seeing the Rickshaw Challenge come through Marlborough.



Thomas' mum, Louise Bradwell was incredibly proud of his achievements and felt the whole community had got behind the challenge.

She said: "I'm absolutely over the moon with him. He's infectious, he's so bright and bubbly and he has thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. People have been stopping to talk to us and he's had people waving and beeping at him when he's riding down to the

high street so I'm just over the moon. Thomas has always loved watching Children in Need on the telly so we were thinking what we could do to get him raising some money. He loves his tricycle so we thought we would set him his own little challenge".

Thomas comfortably surpassed his target of cycling 60 miles to raise £500 by clocking up 67 miles, in and around Marlborough, and raising £1871 in just three weeks. On average, Thomas rode three miles everyday after school and five miles on weekends.

MANHOLE MISERY FOR MOTORISTS

Motorists travelling on the A361 to Devizes faced delays recently after a drain cover collapsed overnight. The closure affected the eastbound carriageway at Caen Hill just after the turning for Rowde.



Cllr Iain Wallis said: "Wiltshire Council were informed by police that a manhole/drain cover in the carriageway had collapsed so a lane was closed."

Work was done over two days to repair the cover and whilst it was closed, the drains were also cleared.

Editor's Footnote: My daughter was one of several people who's vehicles suffered costly wheel and tyre damage by hitting the manhole cover before the police could get to the scene!

THEFTS IN ROWDE REPORTED

A number of thefts from gardens and garden sheds were reported during January. Please call 101 if you have any CCTV footage or any other information. Please also keep your garden equipment securely locked away wherever possible.

OBITUARY

Margaret ORAM (formerly of Rowde)

Passed away peacefully at Eastleigh Care Home, North Devon on Saturday 17th December 2022 aged 95 years. Much loved wife of the late Brian Oram. Mother of Alison and Wendy. Nanna of Kiera and Alex and Great Grandmother to Lara.



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Defending Residential Choices for People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism

A fundamental Human Right is not being met for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

The European Court of Human Rights, Article 2:1 states: "Everyone [...] Shall have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to CHOOSE [their] residence". The Care Quality Commission's (CQC) guidelines state the provision of CHOICE lies at the heart of all policy making: "the underpinning principles of choice [...] are fundamental to what a good service looks like for every person" (*Registering the Right Support*, 2017). Yet, the full spectrum of CHOICE of residence is not currently being given to people with learning disabilities and/or autism, and their families.

CHOICE is denied.

Just as there is complete freedom of choice in the general population of where we live, people with learning disabilities and/or autism should have the right to choose where they live. This may be in the heart of a vibrant city, in quieter suburbs, or in a smaller town, village, or group community. This full spectrum of CHOICE of residence should be at the centre of guidelines that regulate any service that currently, or intends to, provide regulated care to people with autism and people with a learning disability.

However, the CQC in its statutory guidance explicitly denies a CHOICE of living in new group or village communities and places unachievable requirements on existing communities. For example, the CQC asserts that it will not register or favourably rate new campus or congregate settings (*Right Support, Right Care, Right Culture*, 2020). This narrative has been used by CQC inspectors and external care providers to justify the closure of group and village communities, equating them to 'campuses', regardless of the quality of care provided.

Since 2006, we believe at least 40 such residential care communities have been forced to close and in 2020 the CQC made closures easier by asserting it will not support 'campus' models of care. Closures have uprooted people with learning disabilities and/or autism from their homes, against their wishes, and moved them into new, often isolated, and unfamiliar locations. Although the CQC claims CHOICE is at the forefront of policy and care, their current guidelines are enabling CHOICE of residence to be denied.

What needs to be done:

The 'Our Life Our CHOICE' campaign seeks an update to CQC and other guidance to make it clear to care providers, local authority commissioning teams and those involved in provision of care for people with learning disabilities and/or autism that well managed and regulated group and village communities should be considered equally alongside small urban and rural residential living, supported living, and independent living. Guidelines should not impose bias against such communities based on geographical location or size of the community. Guidelines and policy should recognise that for some individuals, these communities offer people's CHOSEN quality of life.

People with learning disabilities and/or autism should not face the discrimination created by the denial of a CHOICE of residence which is open to all other members of society.

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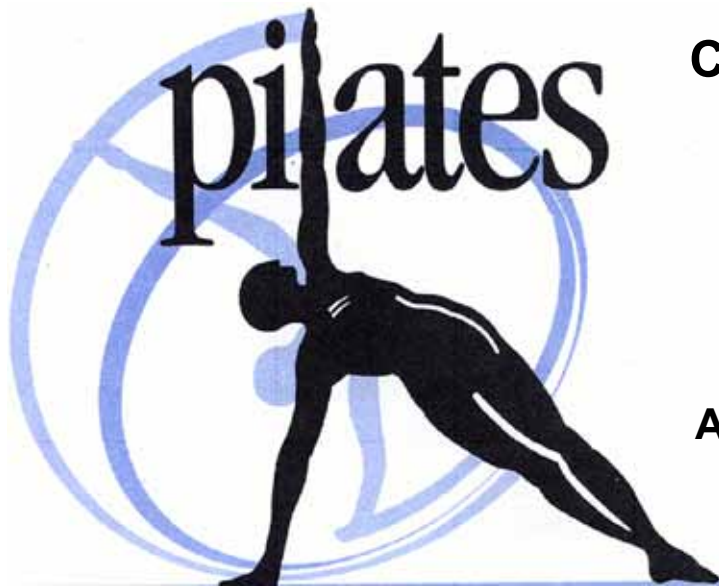
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Alan Watters, Editor

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YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

Listening to recent results of how Wiltshire Police officers feel about their job, their morale and general state of mind causes me great concern.

Hearing people's lived experiences are often very, very, different to what you think you know. I talk to our frontline officers regularly and these results aren't surprising given the last six months Wiltshire Police has had – and how policing is regarded generally at the moment.

But we can't just look at one element of these survey results in isolation.

Everything I, and my office, have been working on in the last few months – getting the right person for our next Chief Constable, the police precept and ensuring we have a budget that balances investment with efficiency, increasing performance, looking at strategic leadership and culture issues – is inter-connected with improving morale.

I heard an interesting quote this week: 'Culture eats strategy for breakfast'. And it's so true!

We can have all the strategies, plans, documents we like but if our workplace isn't in a good place, our standards and culture is off balance then we must acknowledge it will have direct impact on those working for the organisation.

Why does this matter? Why aren't we just getting on with policing?

Well, if we have more happy, satisfied, officers out on our streets – if they are staying in their jobs longer than a few years – then this ultimately has a knock-on effect on our communities, on the police service being delivered and it will contribute to Making Wiltshire Safer – the primary goal of both Wiltshire Police and my office.



Someone said this week that policing had been trading on the goodwill of its officers and staff for quite a long time – it is now time to redress that imbalance.

One good area to start would be to tackle pay - I believe police officers deserve to earn a decent salary – and Wiltshire Police deserves to have a fairer slice of the central government pie.

And that's why I will be adding my voice, along with other PCCs, on both of these issues at a national conference in a few weeks' time.

We all know lobbying for change takes time and that is why, in the meantime, I will be focusing on this – and how to tackle the root causes of these worrying results – over the coming months with our current leadership and our incoming new Chief Constable.

It has been a busy start to 2023 for us all.

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.

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I am writing this in January when it is still freezing cold but am hoping that when this is published things will have warmed up and we can be hopeful of some warmer weather and spring flowers to cheer us up!

I regularly attend Rowde Parish Council meetings to update members on Wiltshire Council news, and to hear local issues. Parish Councillors were concerned the expansion of Silverwood School would result in extra vehicles using Marsh Lane. I worked with Wiltshire Council officers to model the expected journeys once the school expands in September this year. Under the current transport arrangements there are currently 21 vehicles using Marsh Lane (roughly a third of our transport into the school). The good news is that by procuring higher capacity vehicles, and with primary pupils staying at the Trowbridge campus, this number will fall to 15 vehicles. I am grateful for the challenge from Councillors to investigate this issue.

If you have any Council issues you would like advice on then please get in touch.

Laura Mayes

Wiltshire Councillor for Rowde

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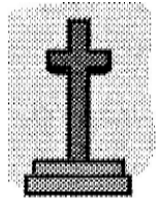
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Other Events

1st February - Arts Society Event - page 20
17th February - Baked Potato Supper - page 19
27th February - Deadline for Sports Grants - page 8
1st March & 5th April - Arts Society Events - page 20
21st/22nd March - Art at Rowde Court Studios - page 16
6/7th May 2023 - Coronation Events - page 27
Every Tuesday - St Matthew's Cafe - page 18
Every Friday - Craft, Coffee and Chat - page 19

LETTERS

BEREAVEMENT HELP POINT

Good afternoon,
Dorothy House, in partnership with Carer Support Wiltshire, run a Bereavement Help Point – a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It is 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 is no need to book.

I have attached a flyer detailing where and when the sessions are held and would be grateful if you could put the information in your newsletter and on your website if possible.

As the new Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator for West Wiltshire it would be great to meet up and talk to you about the work we do at Dorothy House. If you would be happy to do this please contact me to arrange a convenient time and place for a chat.

Many thanks

Jo Woodsford

Community Engagement + Volunteer Co-ordinator

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(See poster on page 43)

BAG A BARGAIN!

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Thank you for your continued support, it means a lot to us.

Kind regards, Susanna

(See poster on page 30)

THANKS FOR WELCOMING ME

I just wanted to send you all a brief message to thank the Families and Friends group and the villagers of Rowde for welcoming me into the Furlong family. I have enjoyed getting to know many of the friends and families in the short time that I have been at furlong and I am thoroughly enjoying overseeing the fantastic changes that we are seeing at the service. I am so so proud of the team and the people we support in meeting the massive challenge of the change of support model being delivered on site and for embracing this. I have special praise for the work of Rosie, Jax and Margaret for all of the hard work that they have been doing in getting my message across to the teams. This is an absolutely amazing team!

The changes we have seen in the first five and a half months have been miraculous and I really enjoy chatting to the people we support about their accomplishments as they are all now playing such active roles in the community.

2023 will be even more exciting for the service and the people we support with new trading and education opportunities that will be starting at the service in the new year. We will be seeing new tenants moving into the close and hopefully we will be welcoming new colleagues in our teams as we keep moving forward on his amazing journey together.

From a stakeholder perspective we will be expanding our partnership working with the new liaison group that will meet quarterly as we all work together to ensure a bright future for the people of furlong close.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support since I have been here and to wish you and each and every member of the friends and families group a very happy Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful new year.

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

Mini Sudoku (easy this month)

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

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Allotments

Please contact Rowde Parish Council

Bell Ringing

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

Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

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 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
PC Repairs - 07833696328
ian@pcdoctor-devizes.co.uk

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
Flowers for all occasions,
Weddings, Funerals &
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 Rebekah 01380 501919

Youth Club

Josh Wills
rpc.joshwills@gmail.com

DOG WALKER / PET CARE SERVICES

Does your dog spend too much time home alone? Do you find it hard to fit in regular daily exercise for your dog amongst the stresses of everyday life? Let me help you! I'm a dog walker with over 10 years' experience working with dogs and other animals. I have worked for guide dogs and have been a supervisor at a busy kennels, as well as years helping at veterinary practises. My passion for animals runs very deep and their care and welfare is of up most importance to me. I am experienced, offering a professional, caring and friendly service to dogs & their owners of all Breeds I am fully insured and first aid trained.

I have a Facebook page where you can see reviews and updates of your dogs on their walks.
www.facebook.com/boopeeandfriends/

My website is www.boopee-and-friends.co.uk. Feel free to message me via website or on my Facebook page. Alternatively you can call me on 07368635866.

Dolman Audio Visual

Berhills Lane Farm, Sells Green, Seend
provides
reliable and effective repairs
& maintenance to Hi-Fi &
video equipment

by knowledgeable and friendly technical staff
at our well-equipped service department

Please contact

Maggie or Peter

Phone/Fax: 01380 828524

Email: peterdolman@btconnect.com

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FREE ESTIMATES



Contact Troy on:

01380 698993

or 07968 634689

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

8x100 gm. balls of Deramores Studio acrylic double knit yarn, shade Butterscotch, all the same dye lot and in original packaging (shop price £2.10 a ball)

£10 phone 01380 721422

CROSS KEYS BAR STAFF WANTED

We are looking for experienced bar staff to work evenings and weekends in our friendly village pub.

If interested please phone Paul on 01380 739567 or 07836 650600.

How to advertise here for FREE:

If you live locally and have an item to sell then just contact Julie on juliebaker72@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07796690413, giving a brief description of the item, the amount you would like for it, and a contact telephone number (name optional). 'Wanted' ads also accepted. **Note - private advertisers only**

Please also let us know whether your item sells or not so that we can either remove it or keep it in for subsequent months

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JUST BELOW THE GROUND OR
UNDER PILES OF BRUSH IN WINTER**



**LEAVE THE LEAVES. BAN THE LEAF BLOWER.
IN THE SPRING, AVOID RAKING, TILLING AND
MOWING UNTIL THE QUEENS EMERGE FROM THEIR
WINTER NESTS IN MAY.**

Festive events in Rowde



- 1 Furlong Close
- 2 Furlong Close
- 3 Furlong Close
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- 5 Rowdey Cow
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