

# Rowde Village News



Coronation Issue  
June/July 2023



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*My gravel drive is unfortunately not wheelchair friendly.*

## Editorial

Welcome to this King's Coronation edition of the Rowde Village News.

There are all the usual excellent reports and articles from the village's schools, clubs, societies and other organisations of course but we also have a great selection of readers' photographs from the Coronation Fete in glorious colour on pages 23 to 26. Thank you John Stembridge, Mandy and Tom Humphreys, Sarah Davidson, Geraldine Clisby-White, Alan Watters, Claire Fennell, Laura Mayes and Poppy Wilkins for all the wonderful images from what was a memorable weekend.

There is a great article by David Brown about swarming bees on page 5 and an excellent selection of local news items on pages 27 to 31. I visited our neighbours at the Caenhill Countryside Centre the other day and they have subsequently sent in an article about all the great things they are doing for the community (see page 29).

As you get towards the back of the magazine you will find we have several readers' letters on pages 42 and 43 and on the inside back cover, some amusing photos of our new King taken when he was still a prince.

And finally, no less than four Rowde artists are taking part in the Marlborough Open Studios event this year so, if you are interested in art, please visit all the Rowde studios sometime over the four weekends in July. All the studios are free to visit and you can see all the details along with examples of their work on the previous page.

### ***Mind how you go, Ed***

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### **Contributors please also note:**

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 super photograph of Maddie on the front cover was taken at the Coronation Fete by John Stembridge. Maddie had just had her face painted by Poppy Wilkins who's expertise was in big demand on the day! (Instagram - J.stem.photography.imagery).

The amazing aerial shot on the back cover was taken by Mandy Humphreys (Mandy also provided the excellent aerial image on page 23).



## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

*Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People*

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Monday Club Spring Coffee morning on Saturday April 15th. We were very grateful for the generous donations of delicious cakes and a wide selection of bottles to stock our Bottle Tombola.

It was lovely to have so many people enjoying themselves meeting up, chatting, eating and having yet another try to win a bottle of wine!!

We were delighted to raise £250.



Why not come along and join us?

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

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On April 11th the ladies met in the Village Hall and under the guidance of Carole we made our red, white and blue windmills which some of us displayed for the Coronation. We also had a Coronation Quiz which was won by Mrs Kay Brock.

On May 9th, if you were eavesdropping outside the Village Hall, you would have wondered what activity the Ladies Club were pursuing! Calls could be heard of "I want a 6" or "only 3 legs to win!"

We had not taken up some strange past time but were just having a Cattedrive (like a beetle drive but drawing a cow)! After several miss counts the winner was Mrs P Beale with Mrs M Hayter runner up. The 'boobie' prize winner was Mrs D Ellis.

Due to not having a raffle last month, we made up by having two this month. The first winner was Mrs K Brock and the second was Mrs M Hayter.

The next meeting will be on June 6th when we will be having an Afternoon Tea and a quiz of Wiltshire Dialect words.

*Di Buckland*

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

**WANTED! - Volunteers and Committee members.**

Perhaps you missed our appeal in the last Newsletter for anyone willing to spare a little time in helping with the day to day running of the Hall or by becoming an active Committee member.

We are therefore asking again as the situation is very worrying to the present ageing four Committee members.

If you can 'see your way clear' to volunteer to help please contact: M Burbidge 722497, B Cross 723854 or D Buckland 723049 or 722186.

Thank you the Village Hall Committee.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on July 3rd at 7.30pm.

*Di Buckland*

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# THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

## Swarming Revisited

The queen bee rules not through fear or kindness but through smell.

She produces a cocktail of smelly substances (pheromones) called collectively queen substance. Pheromones are chemicals an animal produces that have an effect outside the body, on another animal - usually the same species (but not always). (As opposed to hormones, which are chemicals that an animal produces which have an effect inside the body - like adrenaline). The queen bee's pheromones are spread through the hive by the worker bees. This keeps the bees busy and suppresses swarming. When there are too many bees, or the hive is too small and cramped so that the bees can't move freely or if the queen is getting on in life, then there isn't enough queen substance to go around. The colony of bees then goes into swarming mode. What happens inside the hive I covered two years ago (RVN Apr/May 21) if you want to look it up. We'll look at what happens outside, which is what you are more likely to see.

This cold wet spring has seen swarms issuing on less than ideal days but for preference the bees wait for a warm dry afternoon, and sometime between midday and 4 o'clock around half the bees in the hive will pour out of the hive pushing the old queen with them.

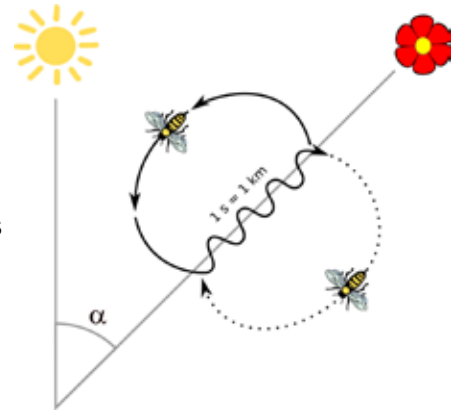
The swarming is usually a two stage process. The bees will usually cluster round the queen a few yards (5 to 100) from the hive. They will hang off a branch, sit on a fence or a post, land in a bramble thicket, anywhere convenient. Then democracy happens. Older foraging bees become scouts and seek out a suitable place to move into. The ideal space is around 40 litres in volume, 3 to 10 meters off the ground with a single defensible entrance. This is the ideal, but the bees will compromise on this, and especially when they have been out of the hive for a long time.



A swarm of bees hanging in a tree

But how do they choose? Having found a likely spot, a scout bee comes back and dances the waggle dance (RVN Dec 21/Jan 22) on the surface of the swarm cluster. This dance relates how far away

the spot is, in what direction and how close to the ideal it is. Several scouts might be dancing for several locations at the beginning. Other scouts observe the dances and may choose to go and visit one of the locations. If they like it they will come back and start



Waggle dance, Which way, how far, how good?

doing the same dance. If they don't like it, they may actually interrupt the dance to stop that information being passed on. Eventually all the dancers are dancing the same dance. Time for the bees to move on. The scout bees stir up the others and the swarm lifts into the air with a roar like a jet engine and flies to the new site. The scout bees that have visited the site fly back and forth through the cloud of bees in the right direction leaving a scent trail (more pheromones) for the swarm to follow. On arrival scouts again stand at the entrance and fan the same guiding pheromone out to the arriving bees to get them right to the door. The bees and the queen enter the new home and the redecorating commences!



Queen cells - a new queen bee in every one

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# ROWDEY COW NEWS



We had a lovely Easter here with some nice weather and Jefferson's mini fair joined us for the two weeks. We also enjoyed visits from the Easter Bunny! Then it was the King's Coronation where we attended the Rowde Village Celebration at St Matthew's Park which was such a beautiful day where the whole village came together and enjoyed some great acts and music. We are now in preparation for the Summer Half Term where Jefferson's Mini Fair is planning another visit here and then before we know it will be the Summer holidays!



We are sad to announce that our amazing chef Mark, is leaving us next month and we would like to wish him all the best and thank him for all he has done for us. He leaves a very strong team of chefs here that he has trained up to continue his wonderful work.

The ice cream team have been busy creating some fab flavours for the Summer and even managed some great Coronation themed Flavours. Last weekend the cider sorbet went down a treat with our adult customers!



We have a great new Coffee Machine so our Dusty Ape Coffee tastes even better now! We hope to set up our old one in the kiosk so we can sell hot drinks in the summer from the kiosk as well as cold drinks and ice cream. We have had a stressful week as our ice cream cabinet broke down but we managed to cope by setting up our cowprint catering trailer outside the café to serve ice cream from but we are pleased to say it is back up and running again now!



Next weekend we are looking forward to attending the DOCA events on the Green and in the Market Place with our ice cream trailer.

The Rowdey Function Barn has been home to the Police again this week where they have been training up the students on their way to becoming Police Officers.

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

**Sue**

# ROWDE BOOK CLUB

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

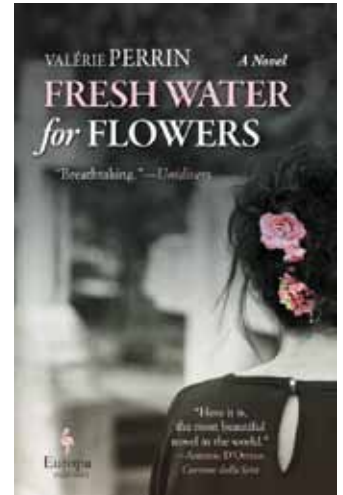
## BOOK REVIEWS

### **'Fresh Water for Flowers' by Valérie Perrin**

Though we didn't reach a total consensus, most of our members found this to be a thoroughly original and delightful read. Violette, the principal character, having spent her childhood in care, is devoid of a template for love and family life, leaving Perrin to explore her development of these in a detached and unsentimental way as her story progresses. Also a bit of a whodunnit, the persistence in unearthing the cause of a tragedy continues to surprise till the final stages and brings some surprising empathy for most of those involved. One reader found the time-switching device used to heighten the tension very irritating (it seems to be a trend in modern novels), but others found it justified in this instance. The interweaving of relationships is carefully crafted and (risking some stereotyping here) some of the accepted behavioural norms very Gallic! Highly original in its main setting, the sense of place is very strong and we all enjoyed the feeling of immersion in rural France, especially so for one member who read it in its original version.

Highly recommended - 9/10

**Karen Lawrence Bright**



**The last meeting was from a 'Free Read' month and the following is how the chosen books were rated by our members:**

Morality for Beautiful Girls by Alexander McCall Smith - disappointing read

Three by Valeria Perrin - 9/10

The Garden of the Lost by Harriet Evans 9/10

31 Dream Street by Lisa Jewell 6/10

Groundskeeping by Lee Cole 6/10

The Memoirs of Jennifer Worth 9/10

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# NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

*Our bright start leads to their bright future*



Hello from Rowde and how lovely it is to look forward to the very busy final weeks of the school year. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have completed their standardised assessments (SATs) this term and we were really proud of their determination as they were tricky! As always, we look to enrich our strong, progressive curriculum with lots of events, visits and visitors – only some of which we share here!

## Earth Day



At the end of April we spent some time reflecting on Earth Day. In our reading worship (where we share a story every Thursday) we read the picture book 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter. In sharing this with the children, we talked about how – if everyone knew how amazing and precious our Earth is – maybe they would take more care of it. Since, children have been determined to find the litter pickers to clear up the school site and it inspired Birch class to plant seeds in the garden for the pollinators.

## Playground equipment and Play Pod



We are so pleased to have our new play equipment finished – the children have loved playing with this and the shelter makes a great picnic, reading and chatting spot! We are still

seeing the children play really well with our Play Pod from the Wiltshire Scrapstore and the restock every term makes all the difference.

## Bath Rugby Coaching



We have been fortunate to have Bath Rugby teaching for some of our classes in PE this term and the children have shown great enthusiasm for the coach. They have also been able to run an afterschool club, which has been very popular!

## Making Bread



Our amazing cook – Nicky – volunteered some of her time recently to take Reception and Year 1 into her kitchen to bake bread. The class have been learning about the Great Fire of London, and how it started in a bakery, and so this formed part of their Design and Technology learning. As you can see, they certainly looked the part!

## Careers Day

On the week beginning 10th July (day to be decided), we're going to hold a careers day. We'd love to have a range of people, from different industries, to speak to the children about what the job entails and – importantly – the journey to get there. If you think you could offer some time, to present to the children, please get in touch using the email address below.

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](mailto:head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

**Alice Simpson, Acting Head Teacher**





# Swine of Passion

## Annual Murder Mystery and Hog Roast in aid of Wilton Windmill



On Saturday 24 June Smoke & Mirrors are returning to the Windmill this year for the ninth Murder Mystery and hogroast. The event is a fundraiser for the Windmill, it's always popular, and tickets are on sale now! This year's plot is "Swine of Passion". For several decades, the Peter Irving Gifford School has been going nowhere fast. Now, under inspirational new leadership, this once shameful establishment is to become the Gloucester Old Spot Academy for Girls. All that's needed is the small matter of thirty million pounds. As luck would have it, eccentric local pig-breeder Sir Hamish St. John Hattersley has come up with the last of the cash. As luck wouldn't have it, Sir Hamish's generosity is about to prove spectacularly misplaced...

The murder mystery will take place throughout the evening with a mix of prepared scenes and opportunities for you to interrogate the actors about who's been up to what. They'll be in character all evening, mixing with the audience. At the end there will be a formal interrogation, followed by confessions and prize-giving.

We'd love it if you come in costume. It's optional, but it really adds to the atmosphere so break out your best St Trinian's gear (staff, pupils, caretakers, dinner ladies are all welcome!) and join in the fun!

Tickets include an outstanding gourmet hog-roast buffet (with vegetarian option); and there'll be a cash bar available throughout the evening. And of course there will be prizes of champagne and chocolates.

Large groups are most definitely welcome, and we're pleased to offer one free ticket for every group of ten booked.

**WHERE | Wilton Windmill, Nr Marlborough, SN8 3SW**

**WHEN | Saturday 24 June, 7.00pm**

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## St Matthew's Church, Rowde Musicians wanted!

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

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

If you'd like to learn more, please contact:  
Nicola Brown (choir leader) 01380 722406  
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# NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

*Building Community, Inspiring Learning*

*Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown*



Silverwood had a fabulous time celebrating the King Charles Coronation with a street party theme and lots of activities, students and staff were a sea of Red/White/Blue with their outfits. Schools Eco-Council are on track to achieve the Green Flag award, this recognises the schools commitment to secure a wildlife friendly and eco diverse environment. To mark this we have planted a Magnolia tree donated by a parent in the school grounds.



5 of our students attended the Kennett Games at Thatcham School, this included Bocchia, Table Cricket, Javelin & Basketball shoot and they were crowned the Kennett Games Champions.



**Teresa Ollerhead**





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**If you would like to receive a hard copy of the minutes, please contact the Parish Clerk.**

## Parish Council Meetings

Since the last edition of the Rowde Village News, the Parish Council met on 19th April and 10th May 2023 for Parish Council meetings. The Annual Village Meeting was also held on 10th May 2023.

### The Coronation!

On Sunday 7th May 2023, the Village celebrated the coronation of King Charles III with a fete style celebration with live music. The Parish Council expressed a huge thank you to B Zaccarelli for planning the event with her Committee (J Wills, R Berry, H Pengelly, Kirstie). Tom Humphreys was thanked for attending the event as a First Responder. Thank you to all Parish Councillors who helped on the day. Thank you also to the Village Hall for providing toilet facilities on the day.

Please see page 42 for a thank you from Barbara to all key contributors.

Thank you to C Greenwood for personally donating a gazebo to Silverwood School for their Coronation event.

### Wiltshire Council updates!

Cllr Mayes reported that 96% of children in Wiltshire have received their first choice of Primary School.

Devizes Gateway Station: It was announced recently that there will not be an equivalent of a stopping station on the main line near Devizes.

Potholes: Wiltshire Council has received an additional £3 million for the county to repair potholes. Wiltshire Council has filled 11,000 potholes this year. Cllr Mayes noted that potholes are a national issue, caused by a dry summer followed by a wet winter.

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: the opening of the new school has been postponed until approximately October 2023. Cllr Mayes is continuing to pursue a reduction in the speed limit outside of Silverwood school to 30mph.

### Rowde updates!

#### Speeding

The Parish Council has purchased and installed a Speed Indicator Device. This is currently located on the High Street by Rowde Primary School and will be rotated in due course.

#### Footpaths

The stiles at the top of Rowde Court Road, and The Common have both been repaired with thanks to Mr Mann, and to Mr Richard Crew for carrying out the repairs.

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 keeping our footpaths accessible.

### Village Appearance

Rowde has entered the Best Kept Village Competition again this year. Work continues around the village to tidy up the planters and to weed along the streets and pavements. We encourage all residents to weed and tidy the pavement outside of their homes, if they able to. It will make a huge difference to the whole appearance of the village and to the judges when they arrive.

There is a new planter on the Hill which has been planted with seasonal flowers. Thank you to J Dalley for making the planter and to B Zaccarelli for planting it.

M Somerville will weed kill the weeds along the High Street, and then cut them back when they have died off.

The Parish Council has negotiated new grounds maintenance contracts for the village. The large, grassed areas will be cut by one contractor and the smaller areas will be covered by another contractor.

### Playing fields

There has been discussion on providing changing room facilities at the large playing field. The Parish Council is looking to purchase a container which can be converted for this purpose.

- The goal mouths will be stored until the new season starts.

- Silverlands Play Area: new play equipment has been ordered. It is hoped that this will be installed in June 2023.

### Planning

Outline planning application to build up to 50 houses on land west of Sands Lane, Rowde [PL/2023/00386]

At the time of writing, no decision has been announced about the planning application to build on land off Sands Lane.

Reed Place: Wiltshire Council are revisiting the sewage connection for the development. The Drainage Engineers are looking for alternative routes. It is anticipated that construction will start on site by mid to late summer 2023. The groundwork contractors will leaflet all nearby houses affected by the development.

Planning Application: PL/2023/01643: Full planning permission. Proposed construction of two Cable Sealing End Compounds (CSEC) to facilitate the connection between new underground cables and the existing OHL, north of Devizes, and associated permanent access roads to the CSECs in addition to temporary bell-mouths created to support the cable construction along classified roads, on Land North of Conscience Lane, Roundway, Land East of Marlborough Road, Devizes, Land Adj Bridge Inn, Horton Road, Devizes.

The Parish Council had no objections to the application but asked for some conditions to be applied. The Parish Council asked for a condition to compel the developers to abide by the commitment in their planning statement not to use Conscience Lane but instead to use the Haulage Road on the site from the start of the project. The Parish Council asked if a restriction could be placed on the number and frequency of vehicle movements on Conscience Lane. The Parish Council also stated that it would like a strong condition imposed to reinstate the landscape and land drainage.

- It has been confirmed that the National Grid welcomes applications from registered charities, social enterprises and non-profit organisations to receive grants of up to £20,000. Parish Councils are not able to apply directly for funding.

Planning Applications PL/2023/02163. Chapel House,



Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes SN10 2NP: Replace 3 decayed, single glazed arched windows, north and east sides, with like design upvc double glazed windows with addition of structural enhancement of 3 courses of matching brickwork at first floor level. Replace 2 decayed, single glazed arched, non-opening wood windows on south side with same design upvc double glazed windows. Replace decayed, wood front door and surround panelling with similar upvc door and panels.

The Parish Council had no comment to make on the application.

### Allotments

Lisa Wills is the Parish Council allotment representative.

There are currently two half plots vacant. If you are interest in having an allotment plot please contact the Clerk, at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or Lisa Wills through the contacts page.

### Finance Update

The accounts for 2022-23 have been presented to and accepted by the Parish Council. They have been reviewed by an internal auditor (Watchman Accountants) and have been submitted for external audit to PKF Littlejohn Accountants.

Payments were approved for March 2023 invoices (total: £2,510.30)

Admin costs: £1,736.21

Ground's maintenance: £774.09

Additional payments £444 for track repair materials; £13.20 SID accessories.

Payments were approved for April 2023 invoices (total: £8,740.01)

Admin costs: £2,842.76

Ground's maintenance: £842.17

Insurance: £1,722.57

Playground equipment: £1,683.34

Fete celebration: £705.17

Track repair: £444.00

Donations to village groups so far: £500

- An invoice for £73.33 (exc. VAT) was accepted at the Parish Council meeting. This was for the purchase of a new battery for the generator.

Note: the next Parish Council meetings will be on:  
14th June 2023, 7.30pm, 12th July 2023, 7.30pm  
All meetings in the Village Hall unless otherwise notified.

### Stay Connected!

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

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

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

### My Wiltshire App

- The more reports that are logged through 'My Wiltshire', the higher the priority the issue will be given.
- It is easy to report problems like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting in your area using the 'My Wiltshire' online form. Reports can be made anonymously, or you can register for free. Once you have registered, you can track the reports you have made, and receive notification once the work has been completed. The more residents report issues, the more likely we are to have them fixed.
- The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

### Concerns

If you have any local concerns about footpaths, hedges, allotments, play facilities, or anything village related, we would like to hear from you. We value your input and suggestions and will try to help.

You can contact us through the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page, or by e-mail: rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 01380 501919.

### Police Matters

If you need to report a crime: Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency. It is possible to follow the Police on:

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Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

### Dates for the diary

Parish Council meetings dates can be found in the village diary on page 41 of the magazine.

We invite all villagers to attend, observe and ask questions.

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<b>Philip Brown</b>	<b>Chair/Planning</b>	<b>p208brown@btinternet.com</b>	<b>07554 311726</b>
<b>Lisa Wills</b>	<b>Vice-Chair, Social Media, Allotments</b>	<b>rpc.lisa.wills@gmail.com</b>	<b>01380 730078</b>
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<b>Mandy Humphreys</b>	<b>Website, Social Media, Furlong Close liaison</b>	<b>loireuncorked@me.com</b>	
<b>Josh Wills</b>	<b>Playing fields; Youth Co-ordinator</b>	<b>rpc.joshwills@gmail.com</b>	
<b>Chris Greenwood</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Planning, Tree Officer, Roads &amp; Transport</b>	<b>cj_g@me.com</b>	<b>07525 185514</b>
<b>Tom Humphreys</b>	<b>Speed Indicator Device</b>	<b>rpc.tomhumphreys@gmail.com</b>	
<b>Rebekah Jeffries</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com</b>	<b>01380 501919</b>

<b>Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde</b>			
<b>Laura Mayes</b>	<b>Wiltshire Councillor</b>	<b>laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk</b>	

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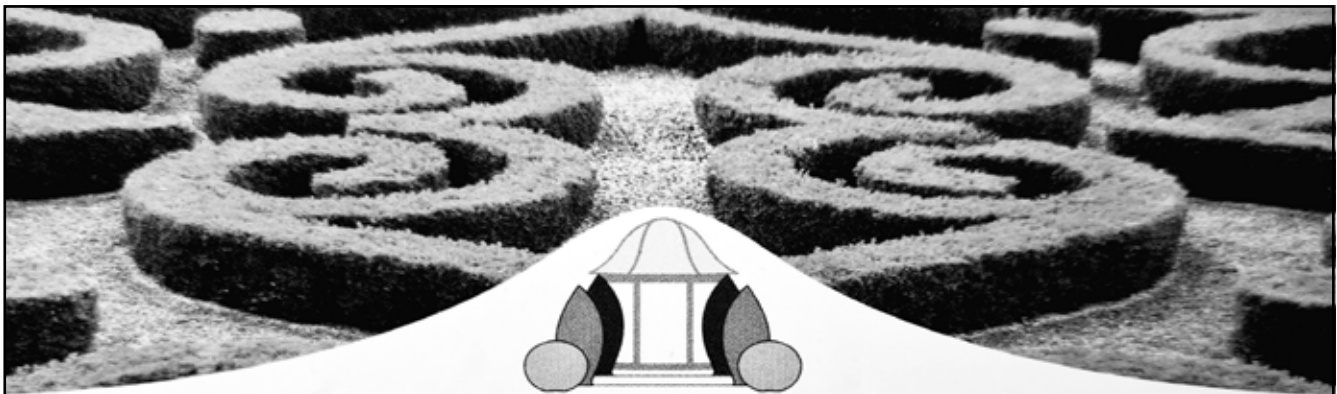
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Registration - Births, Deaths & Marriages:	01225 713007	Social care – children:	01225 773500
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**Everyone is very welcome at all our services**



Date/Time	Service
<b>June 4</b> <b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde</b> <b>Holy Communion, Bromham</b>
<b>June 11</b> <b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</b> <b>Holy Communion, Rowde</b>
<b>June 18</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 2</b> <b>Holy Communion, Bromham</b>
<b>June 25</b> <b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 3</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</b> <b>Holy Communion, Rowde</b>
<b>July 2</b> <b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 4</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde</b> <b>Holy Communion, Bromham</b>
<b>July 9</b> <b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 5</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</b> <b>Holy Communion, Rowde</b>
<b>July 16</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 6</b> <b>Holy Communion, Bromham</b>
<b>July 23</b> <b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Trinity 7</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</b> <b>Holy Communion, Rowde</b>
<b>July 30</b> <b>10am</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b> <b>Holy Communion, Bromham</b> <b>Devizes Deanery Choral Evensong, Rowde</b>

Please visit our website, for the latest information on our services: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9690/> or check the Church notice board for further information

Or contact the Administrator: Sarah Bowler  
sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com  
07876142112

**Church Opening Times**

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

Rowde Church - Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm As far as possible, will be open on Sundays.

Bromham Church - Daily between 9am and 5pm

Sandy Lane Church - Daily between 9am and 5pm

**Events**

**Regular Activities**

**Rowde Church Café on Tuesdays 10.45-12:00**

Come and join us for coffee, cake and time to chat. Everyone welcome.

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

Friday Afternoons 2pm – 4pm

Bring your own craft to do, or join in with our jigsaw All Welcome! No charge to enter, coffee available for a donation.

**Souper Saturdays at St Matthew's, Rowde.**

First Saturday of the month, 12 noon to 1pm.

Come along and enjoy a choice of two soups (always at least one vegetarian choice) with a



roll. Donation in aid of St Matthew's welcomed.  
No Souper Saturday on 6th May because of the Coronation. Next date: Saturday 3rd June.

**Growing in Faith** are meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us on Zoom fortnightly on Wednesday 7:30-9pm (school term time only) please contact Ruth on [ruthbray@outlook.com](mailto:ruthbray@outlook.com), so she can send you the Zoom links.

**Mothers Union at St Nicolas Church, Bromham** at 14.00 – 15.00 on 15.07.2023, 12.10.2023, 09.11.2023 and 14.12.2023 - Carole Myer: 01380 850706 or [ed.myer@btinternet.com](mailto:ed.myer@btinternet.com)

**Flower Arranging, Rowde:** Jane Sartin [j.ksartin@talktalk.net](mailto:j.ksartin@talktalk.net) or call 01380 727446

The altar flowers are a permanent display. Anyone wishing to place fresh flowers in the church is very welcome to do so.

**Choir - Rowde:** Nichola Brown: [nicola\\_brown@talk21.com](mailto:nicola_brown@talk21.com) 01380 722406

**Bell Ringing - Rowde:** Michael Cornwell: [michael.cornwell@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.cornwell@btinternet.com), 07388 224129

**Choir and Bell Ringing - Bromham:** Sarah Bowler: [sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com)

**Open the Book - Rowde:** Fran Hall: 07989758412

### Special Events

Devizes Deanery Choral Evensong will be sung at St Matthew's, Rowde at 6 pm on Sunday 30 July.

For those who would like to sing, please feel free to turn up to the rehearsal on the day - the rehearsal will start promptly at 4.15 pm.

### Contact Details

**Rector:** Vacant

*During the vacancy please contact:*

**Revd Heather for matters relating to baptisms and weddings & Caroline for funerals**

**Associate Priest:** Revd Heather Smith  
07702 113544 [revheathersmith@gmail.com](mailto:revheathersmith@gmail.com)

**Lay Minister:** Caroline Culley  
07557 983940 [carolineculley1@outlook.com](mailto:carolineculley1@outlook.com)

**Churchwarden (Bromham)**  
John Drew 01380 850908

**Sandy Lane (pro warden)**  
Ernest Escott 01380 850405

**Benefice Administrator:** Sarah Bowler  
07876 142112  
[sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com)

**Safeguarding Representative for Bromham and Rowde:** Phil Bayley: 01380 859569

**Website:** A Church Near You  
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9690/>

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**Next dates:**

**Saturday 3rd June**

**Saturday 1st July**

# The Arts Society North Wiltshire

We are a friendly group who enjoy hearing about a wide range of arts based subjects. Many people from this area and beyond appreciate them – do come and join us! We meet in the Assembly Hall, Melksham from 10.30am for coffee followed by a one hour lecture at 11am.  
*For more information go to [tasnorthwilts.org.uk](http://tasnorthwilts.org.uk)*

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[www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk/membership/](http://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.





## FUN COLUMN

***This issue we have some cycling jokes:***

"I've really had it with my dog: he'll chase anyone on a bicycle." "So what are you going to do – leave him at the dog's home? Give him away? Sell him?" "No, nothing that drastic. I think I'll just confiscate his bike."

***My friend rode into a tree the other day racing round his back garden. Thankfully he was able to continue, his bark was worse than his bike.***

Since things turned sour with my wife a fortnight ago, I've taken to riding 50 miles a day to clear my head. I'm now 700 miles from home and feeling much happier.

***Two bits of tarmac in a pub were discussing who was the hardest.***

***"I'm part of the M25, four lanes of stationary traffic every day, that's hard!"***

***"That's nowt," replied the other, "I'm mental me, M1 near Sheffield, always getting dug up, nowt harder than that!"***

***Just then the door opens and in walks some green tarmac. Both bits of road dive under the table, quivering.***

***"I thought you said you were the hardest?" said the M25***

***"It's that green tarmac, he's a cyclepath!"***

A tandem rider is stopped by the police.

"What have I done wrong?" says the rider.

"Perhaps you didn't notice, sir, but your wife fell off half a mile back".

"Thank god for that," says the rider. "I thought I'd gone deaf".

***A cyclist lying on his deathbed asked his best friend to do him a favour when he'd gone.***

***"Anything," replied his friend.***

***"Just don't let my wife sell my bikes for what I told her I paid for them," he begged.***

A vicar was stopped by the police at night for not having a back light.

The vicar says: "I don't need a back light, the Lord is with me".

The policeman says: "Two on a bike as well, that's another offence".

***What's the hardest part of learning to ride a bike?***

***The road!***

## PHOTO FUN

This issue we have some fun cycling images



## DISCOVER LOCAL CYCLE ROUTES

at Devizes Sustainability Fair

Bring your bike and explore the cycle routes around Devizes with our experienced guides. Meet at Cycle Friendly Devizes stand in the Market Place.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Ride times: 10:30, 11:30, 1:30

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## ORIGINAL PET and PEOPLE PORTRAITS



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## ALLOTMENT VACANCIES



Are you a keen gardener who needs more space? If you are interested in renting an allotment, please contact:

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# CORONATION FETE

Rowde 7th May 2023









# Coronation Celebrations Rowde 7th May 2023









## Local News



### AID FOR UKRAINE



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



Having packed the minibus under Scout the dog's watchful eye (standards must be maintained!) and with grateful thanks to Leominster Aid for Ukraine, the Fairfield High School community, Caffè Nero and our local Tesco, David is again on his way into Ukraine with the intention of delivering as many food bags as possible to people in destroyed towns and cities who are struggling. He will be joining a Ukrainian aid charity who help wherever they are needed in the country, including in places where the larger aid agencies don't operate. Your donations ensure that the bus keeps running - Ukraine is a very big country and getting to the places that need most help takes a lot of fuel! Thank you all for all your ongoing support - none of this would happen without you.

**Susan Gaston**

### A REMARKABLE REVOLUTION!



Antonia Field, Chair of the Families and Friends of Furlong Close, writes:

A remarkable revolution has taken place in Rowde where, just two years ago, Furlong Close faced closure and it has now been rated "Good" following a Care Quality Commission inspection this Spring. In just 12 months the CQC ratings for both care and leadership have jumped from "Requires improvement" to "Good" under the new management of Agincare Enable and area manager Pete Bates.

This turn-around in the fortunes of Furlong Close and its long-term residents comes as a resounding vindication of the hard-fought campaign by Families, Friends and the people of Rowde and beyond to Save Furlong Close without which the residents would have been moved out and the Close shut down.

And purpose-built accommodation for 28 people with learning disabilities would have been lost to Wiltshire.

In July last year the one-time residential care facility, then owned and operated by Hft, was sold to Specialised Supported Housing and transformed to become a Supported Living Community of six bungalows whose residents became assured shorthold tenants, each enabled and supported to live as independently as they can with person-centred care provided by the management team and staff of Agincare Enable and the Close of six bungalows managed by the specialist housing provider Inclusion.

Not only have the people of Furlong Close been assured of the security of continuing occupation of their homes, but many of their known and trusted carers have stayed on as members of the Agincare Enable team.

In welcoming the CQC report Pete Bates says: " The people we support are now living far more independently and are all playing active roles within the community in which they live, which is absolutely brilliant and so rewarding to see. Glowing comments in the report from people living at Furlong Close and their families were great for the team to read and it is rewarding that all their incredible commitment since Agincare Enable started delivering support has been recognised as Good by the CQC inspectors."

Former local councillor Anna Cuthbert, who championed the Save FC campaign with unstinting energy and determination, comments: "This was always the vision for the campaign so that people could stay in their homes and live their very best lives in a supportive and welcoming community. This is what outstanding leadership can do. CEO Raina Summerson and the onsite Agincare Enable team led by the brilliant Pete Bates have turned this service around in such a short time."

For the people who live at Furlong Close, for the care staff who work to provide such dedicated care and for the families, this latest inspection rating brings justification for all the effort and the highs and the lows of the campaign and everyone can look forward to an exciting future.

All that is needed is now is for a miracle to produce an entrepreneur prepared to take on the lease, in whole or in part, of the non-residential parts of the site, the Marsh Hall, the admin and craft/workshop block and the orchard and horticulture areas and to develop them for the benefit of the entire local community.

Miracles can happen....

### SPEED CHECKS IN ROWDE

Our officers have been carrying out speed checks outside Rowde Primary Academy.



PC Jake Bell and PC Ian Cooke also took the opportunity to talk to the students about road safety and give them an insight into the kit they carry with them on every shift.



The pupils asked many insightful questions with our favourite being "Is it true you keep donuts in your car?".

They were inquisitive as to how we keep our roads safe, with speed checks assisting in visible policing and road safety.

PC Jake Bell said: "Speeding affects us all, from other drivers to pedestrian road users – keep the pioneers of the future safe on their walk to school by keeping to the speed limit."

### Devizes Police 16 May

Comment from Elaine Watt:

"Conscience lane needs a speed check, just spending the day here will keep you busy."

### WING WALK FOR WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE



My second wing walk will be on the 6th July 2023 to raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance by the way of sponsorship. I will also be performing a Loop the Loop whilst stood on top of the plane! From a personal level I actually have a fear of flying, so by completing this is my way of overcoming the fear! (If I can stand on top of a plane - I can get in one!). Most of my friends think I'm absolutely crazy for doing this! I'm really





looking forward to doing it again. The excitement after doing the first one was exhilarating - I was on such a high once I touched back down to earth that I asked to go up again! I was actually quite calm and relaxed prior to climbing on the plane, It was such an amazing feeling once I was up in the air, such a totally breath-taking way of seeing the countryside.

The Wiltshire Air Ambulance is such a vital service to Wiltshire and the surrounding area and it cannot survive without the public donations they received to save lives.

I have a just giving page..Jakki's Wing Walk 2023 or you can search by my name Jakki Jenkins. Any donations will be gladly received and much appreciated by Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

**Jakki Jenkins**



The Caenhill Countryside Centre is just on the edge of the parish of Rowde (the entrance is directly opposite the turning for Rowde off the dual carriageway) - where we have recycled an old dairy farm.

Our project runs as an Outdoor Learning Centre where we give our placements, students, community groups and cared-for teams classes and school groups a chance to engage and learn in an active learning area.

We strive to link the countryside to the wider communities - locally and across the world. During the Lockdown times we needed to keep them in touch and continue sharing our project day by day, so we took to social media. Here we could connect, share the positive messages, and show them how animal life and the countryside continues. Through this our regular students and regular supporters felt part of the life still, happy they could share, comment, see the good work.



It is Springtime so we are seeing the countryside come to life - new animals born, plants and flowers coming up, trees and shrubs now in bud.

One newer area is the growing area. We will work with the students as they prepare to grow food by planting seeds - logging how they grow, the length of time taken, the amount of care needed to be able to harvest the crop - and harvest their own workbooks of the plants' lives.

From here they will then learn how to prepare and use the harvest crops and how much of the plant can be used e.g. carrots can make tasty food and also tasty food with the green tops to feed the goats, sheep, rabbits and some birds.

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**Helie Franklin**

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## YOUNG PERSONS AWARD!



My daughter was presented with The Bear Club Foundation Young Persons Award by the Devizes Mayor for her volunteering work with Wiltshire Museum - making the museum more accessible for teenagers and creating educational content for kids, teens and even adults! She is in this picture on the far right.

**Carrie Coles**

## CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT

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

## MAJOR CHANGES TO SEND SCHOOL APPROVED



Major changes have been approved for the special needs Silverwood School campuses at Trowbridge, Chippenham and Rowde.

The Chippenham and Trowbridge campuses will now only offer primary-age education and all secondary education will be done at the Rowde Campus once the new facilities being built are completed. The council do not have a definitive date for when this work will be complete but there will be an additional 33 classrooms to take on the new students. On top of this, the Chippenham and Trowbridge campuses will undergo a £3.6m upgrade plan and will now only accommodate 75 pupils each.

This was all approved at the cabinet meeting on May 2 but the £38m Rowde extension has been ongoing since 2021 along with an extensive refurbishment approved in December last year.

However, there has been some concern from parents about moving all secondary education to the Rowde campus. Councillor Jo Trigg said: "For some it can be concerning because they may have chose the Trowbridge site because they thought it would be a through school. "The transition from primary to secondary is particularly bad for people with SEND and it could be very anxiety-inducing having to travel further and get minibuses." But added she felt reassured after Cabinet Member for education Laura Mayes told her during the cabinet meeting that the school as working to give support to the concerned parents.

Councillor Mayes said in a statement: "These plans will secure the long-term future of all three sites and help address the need for SEND places in Wiltshire. Our SEND numbers are increasing year on year and this is a key part of our plan to invest."

## OCCASIONAL DRIVER WANTED

Rowde and Bromham Monday Club is looking for an occasional driver to bring some of their members to and from club. They start from 9.30am and finish at 1pm. If you think it is something you might be able to help them out with from time to time, please get in touch with Caroline Culley on 07557 983940. Thank you

## ROWDE'S SWARMING BEES!

Just to remind people - we are in the middle of the swarming season and there are a number of bee colonies living wild in the village which do swarm most years. If you see a swarm, contact me : David Brown on 722406 or Nicky Ward who lives on Springfield Road and is on 07857 420 309. If neither of us is available then our club, the Kennet Beekeepers Association has a swarm coordinator Paul Bollen who is on 07966 150 603.

Swarms do not tend to be aggressive and are just looking for a new home, however don't take any unnecessary risks and keep your windows closed to stop them flying in.



*A recent swarm in Scholars Park*



## SUNNY SPONSORED 5 MILES WALK



Recently, Furlong Close residents, staff and friends did a sponsored walk round the village. The sun shone and everyone had a great time (even though some had stiff legs the next morning). After going five times round the one mile route it was back to Marsh hall for a well earned rest and some tea and cake followed by a bumper raffle (thanks to everyone who donated prizes).



Over £700 was raised for Dementia UK so well done everyone involved!

## ONE OF OUR PUBS IS FOR SALE



The Cross Keys is currently listed for sale by Savills and on Rightmove at a guide price of £425,000.

Key features:

- Detached pub in the village of Rowde on the outskirts of Devizes
- Corner plot fronting the High Street (A342) and Marsh Lane
- Extensive 3/4 bedroom private accommodation at first floor
- Plot of 0.23 of an acre
- Benefit of an outbuilding currently occupied on a short term agreement
- Alternate use potential subject to obtaining the necessary consents
- Adjacent to the development land (separately for sale guiding £100,000 plus VAT)

Feedback about the pub from Rowde residents:

**Maggie Cerretelli** - Just asked my Mum (who has dementia) about the Cross Keys pub and she remembers it burning down when she was a girl. It was a timber framed thatched pub back then dating from c1600 and burned down in 1938. Mum was 9 years old.

**Dennis Powney** - Yes, I also remember that day. We were on our way to 'Vize and had to stop the car because the fire hoses were all across the road. The firemen were attempting to pump water from the stream. There was no mains water in those days.

## HAY! NO DOG POO PLEASE!

The fields off The Common are being grown for hay again. Footpath has been cut and will be kept short, please stick to the footpath and pick up dog poo as we don't want it in the hay.



Thank you, Louise Tovey



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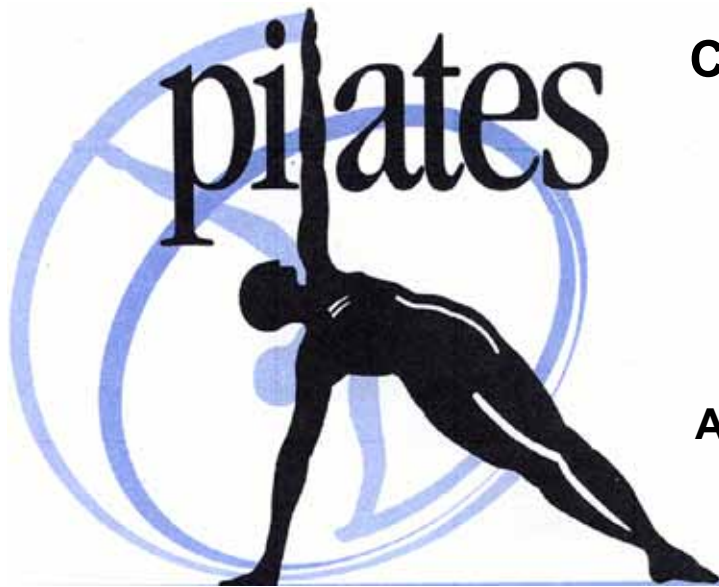
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*Alan Watters, Editor*

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# YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

## LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS CAN NOW APPLY FOR FUNDING

My office is once again looking to help fund voluntary groups, organisations and charities that tackle major issues like anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol related crimes and supporting young people.

Each year we work in partnership with Wiltshire Community Foundation (WCF) to award grants to community and voluntary groups who support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan. It's a really great way for us to give back to the community with the money raised from unclaimed property.

I wanted to make the grants even more accessible for those smaller community groups this year, so the eligibility criteria and application process itself has been redesigned as well as there now being multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year.

In previous years we have awarded thousands of pounds to some incredible causes which have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in Wiltshire and Swindon, including Youth Adventure Trust which works with vulnerable and disadvantaged children aged 11-16 from deprived areas to run activity days for young people.

Another example is Warminster and Westbury youth clubs which were forced to close during the lockdowns. The grant enabled the clubs to cover the costs of reopening in line with guidelines and to ensure they were Covid-safe.

I encourage groups to visit the fund page on [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/) to read the full eligibility criteria and get your application in. Or if you have any questions, please sign up to WCF's free Meet the Funder webinar to find out more.

## IMPROVEMENTS STARTING TO DELIVER

Wiltshire Police has faced low points in the last year but it is becoming clear some of the improvements put in place are starting to deliver - and with a new leader at the helm, the Force is in safe, steady, hands.

Chief Constable Catherine Roper's drive and commitment to delivering a quality policing service to Wiltshire residents, which is contributing significantly to Making Wiltshire Safer, has been apparent since she took the role.

Focused strategic direction introduced immediately looked to answer the criticisms in the HMICFRS PEEL report with Chief Constable Roper leading her officers, staff and volunteers from the front and with the implementation of clear priorities for the Force: Safer Public Spaces, Violence and Burglary.



Communities have been seeing focused operational work to tackle serious violence through increased engagement, highly-visible, and proactive, policing. This is alongside a commitment to attend 100% of residential burglaries. Currently, the Force detection rate for burglaries is 9.7%, which is a significant improvement, but I will always challenge for more.

I know residents want safer roads, safer communities with more police officers – this hasn't been lost on the new Chief. Significant focus has been given to consistent proactive roads policing stop checks, continued speeding enforcement in hotspots across our communities and increased engagement with all communities.

With support being given to our fantastic Community Speed Watch volunteers by the Force's Speed Enforcement Officers, and the work of the Roads Policing Unit, notices of speed awareness courses, fines and court summons have increased from 192 in 2021 to over 2,000 in 2023's first five months.

In addition, the Force recently hit government's officer recruitment targets, achieving the highest number of officers since 2010. It has also introduced a quicker, non-degree, route to get police officers through training in 20 weeks and on to our streets.

Wiltshire Police remains in the Engage process but I am confident reforms and improvements put in place by Chief will improve in those specific PEEL report areas of focus, for example: victims' service, 101 and 999 improvements, increases in justice outcomes for rape and serious sexual assault.

All of this is really promising, and excellent delivery of my police and crime plan, but I, and my office, will continue to support and challenge Chief Constable Roper to deliver on behalf of Wiltshire's residents.

# LAURA MAYES

## YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR ROWDE



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**Facebook: Laura Mayes – for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway**

The Coronation Rowde Fete was an absolute triumph! I want to thank Barbara Zaccarelli and all the Rowde Parish Councillors for organising such a happy event. It was wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate. I enjoyed the entertainment, chatting to residents, including our friends in Furlong Close, and seeing everyone's happy faces.

The Bank Holiday Monday included the Big Help Out which was a way to promote volunteering in our communities. If you are looking to give something back, have you ever considered becoming a Shared Lives carer? Shared Lives helps people with an eligible care need, to live as part of a family, within the carer's home, where they receive the support or care they need. It's a bit like fostering...but for adults! Customers are matched with a carer and location that suits, so that living together is an enjoyable, fulfilling, and valuable experience for all.

If you could support and care for an adult within your own home, on a short-term or long-term basis, then we would like to hear from you!

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- They have membership of Shared Lives Plus.

Please contact us on 01380 826451 or [sharedlives@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sharedlives@wiltshire.gov.uk) for any additional information or to start your new adventure!

More information is available on the Wiltshire Council Website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

As ever, if you need any support with Wiltshire Council issues, or have any ideas you'd like to share then please contact me at [laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk)

***Councillor Laura Mayes,  
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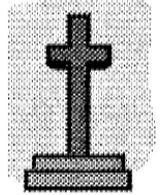
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## VILLAGE DIARY

### Parish Council Meetings 2023

(All Wednesdays 7.30pm - venues to be confirmed)  
14th June, 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th  
November, 13th December.

### Other Events

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# LETTERS

## ROWDE CORONATION FETE

Thank you to all those who helped to make the Coronation Fete an enjoyable afternoon.

Particularly those who worked hard preparing and volunteering on the day. Some ladies who need special recognition are, Rosie Berry and her helpers for the raffle and name the elephant. Helen Pengelly for the bric a brac, Kirsty McCaffray for the book stall and Caroline Keevil for the plant table. They raised £632.00 between them.

Special thanks once again to the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use their facilities, St Matthew's for delicious homemade cakes and tea and to all who lent us gazebos, tables, chairs, sound equipment, games and straw bales. Thank you to Alan Watters for the wonderful spread in April/May edition of the Rowde Village News. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Not forgetting, of course, our parish councillors, especially Josh Wills for organising the programme and bringing the cadets, Lisa Wills for the drinks, and Tom Humphreys, always at the ready with First Aid, Chris Greenwood, for announcements as well as the Parish Councillors who helped set up and run stalls throughout the day.

Finally to our villagers and their guests who came and brought the sunshine with them. We have more than covered our costs. Details will be in the Parish Council financial report when everything is settled.

If you have any suggestions, comments or ideas for next year, or for any village events during this year, please get in touch. Volunteers very welcome! [barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com)

**Barbara Zaccarelli**

## THANKS FOR HELP

I would like to thank all those who gave prizes for the raffle held at our Coronation Party. Also 'my team' of helpers on the day, who were Delia Merison, Mo Reeves, Ann Swan and Liz Ibbetson. We raised over £400 towards the costs of the event which was fantastic. Also thanks to Barbara Zaccarelli, Josh Wills and all those who worked so hard to make the afternoon such a success.

**Rosie Berry**

## PAT ON THE BACK!

After attending the Coronation celebration on the small playing field I must give a huge pat on the back to RPC for the organisation of a great day for which we were blessed with fine weather and it was great to see the community getting together to enjoy the weather and entertainment. Well done everyone involved. Thank you,

**Wayne Cherry**

## PARISH COUNCILLORS THANKED

As a councillor, I don't want to blow our own trumpet BUT I just want to acknowledge all the work that went into the Coronation

Celebrations last week by members of the Parish Council so here we go: Barbara Zaccarelli for organising it, Josh Will's for helping organise it and being in charge of the Cadets on the day, Tom Humphreys for providing First Aid cover for the event and making Splat the Rat, Mark Somerville for bringing the generator, John Dalley for sorting the generator, Chris Greenwood for the PA, Lisa Wills for doing the bar and sorting the staging (and Rich), Philip Brown for helping putting the tents up and down, Chris Stevens for being there in spirit even though he wasn't very well and Rebekah Jeffries for all her help on the day.

It was a great day of fun and community spirit and I am proud to have been part of it. I hope you all enjoyed it.

**Mandy Humphreys**

## MORE THANKS FOR EVENT

We spent a really entertaining afternoon at the Rowde village Coronation Celebration. Food and drinks were abundant and the wine flowed our way, as we watched the entertainment and listened to the fantastic music. Many thanks to the organisers of this successful event, and a special; thanks to the Sea Cadet Corps who did a fantastic job keeping the area clear of rubbish, impressive. And of course to the weather god who kept us all dry.

**Harry Angier**

## DISASTER CAUSED BY DOG OFF LEAD

Thank you all SO much for your kind comments and messages on Facebook regarding the loose dog that entered our farm recently and caused such devastation.

The last few days have been a total rollercoaster for us and we've been completely overwhelmed by the support from so many people from all over the country.

As yet, the dog has not been found and the owner has not come forward.

We continue to keep a very close eye on the rest of the girls (cows) as they were all scared witless and have been stressed over the last couple of days. We have reported it to the police and are in contact with various media representatives to raise awareness and put it to the forefront of peoples minds when out walking.

Sadly livestock worrying is far too common and is happening more and more often. Something really does need to be done to educate people and make them aware of the horrifying consequences.

We can't bring our girls we lost back but we can try to raise awareness by sharing our story far and wide.

If you see a dog off a lead, tell that owner to put it on a lead! Tell them the consequences, show them the pictures I have put on Facebook! Anything to stop this happening!

**Mat & Chrissie**



# LETTERS

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

As a Family we would like to say a Huge Thank you to everyone who came to Sharon's Celebration of Life on 11th May,



A special Thank you to Chris and Jayne Wheeler for the presentation and delivery of the eulogy. We could also like to say with the help from all of you we have managed to raise a massive amount of £924.95 which we will be donating to Macmillan Cancer. Sharon / Mum had the best send of we could have wanted.

She was and always will be, loved by so many.

**Ashley Lank Robinson**

## SANDS LANE POTHOLES REPAIRED!



A great big thank you to John Dalley, Mark Somerville, Carlo Zaccarelli and Dave Packer for their hard work repairing the numerous potholes in Sand's Lane. Should make life much easier for those visiting the playing fields and allotments.

**Rowde Parish Council**



## SEEND FLOWER SHOW

FLOWERS - VEGETABLES - FRUIT - HOME PRODUCE

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**Saturday 12th August 2023**

Doors open for public viewing at 1pm.

Community Centre Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend, Wiltshire SN12 6NS.

Held alongside the Seend Village Fete.

A traditional village flower show open to entries from outside the parish.

Never tried before? Have a look at the show programme which will be available on our website at

**[seendflowershow.org.uk](http://seendflowershow.org.uk)**

## Sudoku (difficult this month)

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

### Last Month's Solution

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

## Mini Sudoku (medium this month)

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

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

### Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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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

## Playing Fields

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

## Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

## Pubs/Restaurants

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

## Rifle Club

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

## Roads/Pavements

'My Wiltshire App or 03004560100

## Rowde Court Studios

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

## Rowde Village News

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

## Rowde Village Hall

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

## Rowde C of E Primary Academy

High Street, Rowde SN10 2ND  
Head teacher 723991

## Silverwood School

Head Teacher  
Tel: 850309

## Agincare at Furlong Close

Tel: 721309

## St Matthew's Flower Guild

Liz Ibbetson, Tel: 720630  
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Anniversaries

## TAXI

R H Reeves 725072  
J Dalley 07592 063789

## Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

## Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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

## Veterinary Surgeries

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

## Website

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

## Youth Club

Josh Wills  
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