

Rowde Village News



October/November 2022



Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Rowde Village News.

On behalf of myself and the magazine team I would like to express our sorrow and with deepest sympathy give sincerest condolences to everyone affected by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We thank you Ma'am for your lifetime of selfless and dedicated service to us all.

We now wish King Charles III the very best for the future, he could not have had a better role model to follow!

You will find tributes to her majesty on the covers and throughout the magazine.

I must also say how shocked and saddened I was to hear of the recent passing of Melody 'Mel' Dalley, she was a wonderful person and a friend to everyone in the village. Please see the beautiful words and photographs submitted by her great friend Sharon Marshall on page 26.



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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Queen Elizabeth II

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

Over the past couple of months we have enjoyed some real Wiltshire Poems about old Wiltshire Life, read by Dennis Powney. Lacey, the beautiful Labrador, has visited with her owner Neil. Neil gave us a fascinating talk about his life as a police dog handler. We have also been on a trip to Moscow with John Drew, from the time when not many tourists visited Russia.

Monday Club is still waiting to hear more from Wiltshire Council about future funding. All we know is that there will definitely be some money available!

Our lunches continue to be excellent. Thank you Serena. Recently we have enjoyed fish pie followed by sticky toffee pudding and cottage pie followed by treacle tart and cream.

To find out more about Monday Club, please contact Carol - 01380 850925 or Caroline - 01380 850531.

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

Members met in the Village Hall on August 16th and all enjoyed a Games afternoon playing darts, quoits, bean bags and a quiz.

The winner of the Rose Bowl was Mrs Pauline Bale and runner up winning the small cup was Mrs R Stevens.

The Booby winner was Mrs B Watson.

Raffle winner was Mrs P Phillips.

On September 13th the ladies met again and this month brought along either a photo of themselves when younger or an unusual object or a treasured possession. It was interesting to hear about these items and how members obtained them.

Raffle winner was Mrs K Brock.

Next meeting is October 11th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall when it is hoped to have a musical afternoon.

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THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

A bit about ivy, more about bumblebees

As we teeter on the edge of autumn, the ivy is coming into flower. I know many gardeners, myself included, see ivy as a bit of a nuisance. However spare a moment to watch a patch of flowering ivy on a sunny warm afternoon and see the diversity of insects feeding there. It will be positively alive with flying wildlife. This is the last big forage crop for bees of many types, flies, hoverflies, wasps, butterflies and the occasional hornet. So if you can, spare a patch or two for the wildlife. This plant alone gets many insects through the winter and the berries that follow sustain many species of birds.

Last time I wrote about solitary bees. This time I would like to cover bumblebees. These are the bees beloved by cartoonists – big, fluffy and stripy. They are the most obvious bees in the garden, with their big fur coats allowing them to fly earlier in the day and later at night when it would be too cool for honeybees.

There are over 20 species of bumblebee in the UK – some common and familiar and some vanishingly rare. The rarest bumble bee in Britain is the great yellow bumblebee found only in the northernmost parts of Scotland, but common types you might see in your garden are buff-tailed bumblebee (and the white tailed and red tailed), the garden bumblebee, the early bumblebee and the common carder bee.



Buff-tailed bumblebee: black body, yellow stripes and a buff tail!



Red-tailed bumblebee : black body, reddy orange tail

Increasingly common is the tree bumblebee. Unusually these nest higher up (hence the name) and a favourite location is a bird box. Relatively new to the UK these bees were first seen here in 1992,



Common carder bee : ginger 'shoulders', brown body arriving from France. They have a black body, white tail and a reddish brown mantle high on their backs.



Nest of Tree bumblebees - chaos!

Most bumblebees live in small colonies in nests in the ground, perhaps an old mouse hole (some queen bumblebees are attracted by the smell of mouse urine!), between the bales in haystacks, but even a tussock of grass will do. The colonies numbers a few hundred at most and do not survive winter. In the spring, the mated queen emerges from her solitary hibernation. She starts the colony and raises the first few bumblebees by herself. When she has enough workers (child labour is alive and well in the world of bees), she will stay in the nest, lay more eggs and never emerge again. The worker bumblebees tend to be quite a bit smaller than the queen. This is why we see big queen bumblebees early in the year, then they disappear only to reappear at the end of summer and early autumn. The reappearance is due to the last generation of bumblebees the colony raises which are drones and virgin queens. The drones fly out of the nest and hang around outside other bumblebee nest and wait for the virgins to emerge! Mating occurs and the young queens fly off to fatten up ready to hibernate and repeat the process next year. The nests are not reused so if you get a bumblebee nest in your garden, try and leave it alone and it will be gone by the end of summer. In answer to a common question, bumble bees do make honey but it is only stored in very small amounts and used to keep the colony going on rainy days.

For the quizzers and Harry Potter fans amongst you, Dumbledore is an old English word for bumblebee!

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ROWDEY COW NEWS



As I write this we are officially mourning the death of the Queen and we will be closed all day for the day of the funeral on Monday. It is a sad and unsettling time for everyone especially for her family of course and we wish them all our condolences.

After the busiest Summer on record it has started to quieten down now and we have time to start creating our exciting plans for Halloween and Christmas. We are looking to recruit a Father Christmas if anyone knows of anyone suitable for the role please put them in touch with us! We hope to run pumpkin carving and craft sessions through out half term and our Halloween Trail which we do each year for our customers.

We enjoyed having Jefferson's Mini Fair here over the holidays and the new kiosk was a popular new addition complete with bar and ice creams!

Last month we attended the Fulltone Festival over the Summer Bank Holiday weekend with our Ice Cream Trailer which we really enjoyed and sold a lot of ice cream. We then finished of the Summer Holidays with a wonderful outdoor celebration where we had a large outdoor cinema screen and showed the classic film the Lion King. There were also bouncy castles, football games and a disco for the children. It was a really lovely way to finish the holidays.

Karen has had great fun inventing new ice cream flavours over the Summer and we also had a very successful run at the Mid Somerset Show Ice Cream competition where we not only won



the vanilla section but took the top 3 places in the flavours section with all our entries with blackcurrant cheesecake taking top place then salted caramel then jammy dodger in 3rd place!

We were very happy to hear the news that Furlong Close has been saved and the friends and families have won their battle to keep the residents homes safe. We have 3 of the residents helping out at the café on quieter days during the week Matthew, John and Jackie and they are all doing so well and we are so relieved that they can stay!

We would like to thank everyone for their custom throughout the summer and hope to keep welcoming you back in the Winter months with our new Winter Warmer Menu we are launching this month! 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.

BOOK REVIEWS

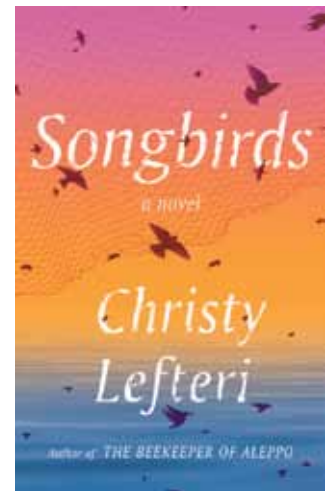
‘Songbirds’ by Christy Lefteri

Nisha has crossed oceans to give her child a future. Now she spends her days caring for someone else’s daughter while her own awaits her return half a world away. Nisha is employed by Petra as a housekeeper, their lives have nothing in common other than the love they have for their daughters.

When Nisha disappears no one else apart from Petra and Nisha’s secret lover cares about the disappearance of Nisha, a foreign domestic worker. Whilst searching for Nisha her friends realise how little they really knew about he and her life.

When writing this book the author was inspired by true stories of love and loss, hope and refuge and the enduring love of a mother for her child.

The Songbirds was the least popular of the two selected titles and the opinions of those who did read it varied. It was acknowledged that it was a well written, thought provoking novel but some thought it was at times too graphic .



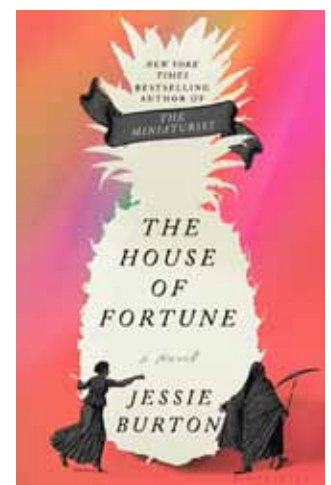
‘House of Fortune’ by Jessie Burton

This is the sequel to The Miniaturist which was broadcast on terrestrial TV and this perhaps accounted for it being a more popular choice to read.

In the golden city of Amsterdam in 1705 Thea Brandt is turning 18 and welcoming adulthood with open arms.

At home on the Herengracht all is not well. The family are desperate to keep up appearances despite their declining circumstances and the secrets from the past threatening to overwhelm the present. There does appear to be the promise of a better future, that is until thoughts and memories from the past resurface.

A number of the readers felt transported to Amsterdam as they read the well written novel and those that had not finished, or indeed yet started the novel found themselves driven to seek to immerse themselves in this story of fate and ambition, secrets and dreams and one young woman’s determination to rule her own destiny.



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Alan Watters, Editor

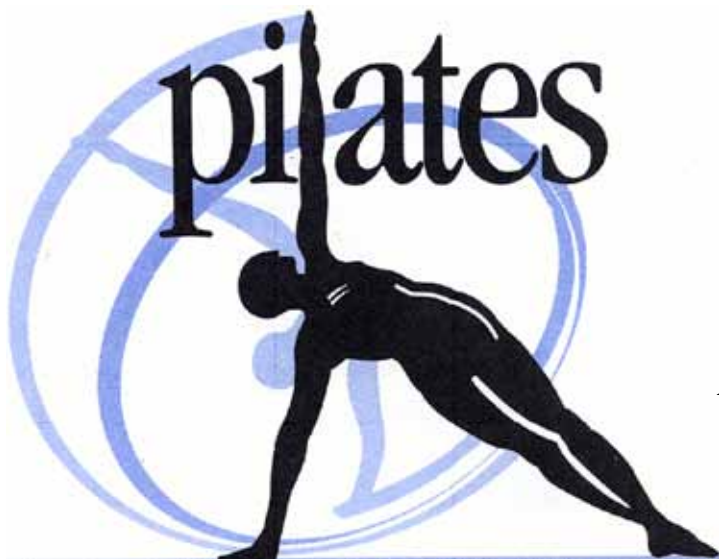
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NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

At Rowde C of E Primary Academy, we have had a brilliant start to the new school year, in spite of challenges in the media. Our first week was like no other – lots of negative news about the cost of living, a new Prime Minister and, of course, the loss of Queen Elizabeth II. We have paid our respects and celebrated our late Queen through collective worship and a commemorative space on our prayer tree. However, luckily, the school remains a safe haven for our pupils.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and children who have come into our Reception class – we are so proud of how quickly they have settled, going to full days and starting their learning with optimism and determination. We are also lucky to have a number of new teachers with us for teaching in Computing, PE and Art/DT. Mr Thomas, Miss Hyde and Mrs Petit join us for Tuesday and/or Wednesday to give our children high-quality and specialised teaching in these subject areas – we feel very lucky!

As we do every year, we have made some tweaks to our practice, particularly in regards to behaviour, to ensure that we focus on the amazing things our children do – day in, day out. We have our 'Proud Posts' and 'Work of the Week' postcards, as well as our weekly value champions. New for September 2022, we have also launched a house system where children earn individual house points and rewards, as well as contributing to their team. We aren't naming our houses at the moment, but we are going to choose charities, landmarks, significant individuals and a number of other foci to use as further learning opportunities.



Also, new for September 2022, we have launched our Play Pod. Endorsed by the Wiltshire scrap store, our teaching assistants have had intensive training in play to support the children at lunchtimes – taking safe risks and giving them greater opportunities for personal development. We feel that the photos talk for themselves! Our children are now engaged in more creative play, collaborating together across year groups, and we have significantly fewer peer disputes and first aid issues.

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future

In our classrooms, we have started our topics for the term, based on high-quality, engaging and challenging books – we ensure reading is at the heart of our curriculum.

- Birch Class: Journeys using Mrs Armitage by Quentin Blake
- Ash Class: Local Detectives and The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton
- Maple Class: South America and The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- Cedar Class: Ancient Greece and Who Let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans
- Oak Class: WW1 (Battle of the Somme) and War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

As the term goes on, we have a harvest festival, nativity, discos, a whole-school trip to the pantomime amongst other trips and visits to arrange. We will try to ensure that any community events are well-publicised if you would like to join us. For any of you in the village who have children who are set to start in September 2023, please come along to our open morning and/or evening to see our brilliant school and meet some of the team.

As always, we have an open-door policy at Rowde, and you are always welcome to come and have a visit. If you feel you have any skills or connections, or if you'd like to spend time with us, please do get in touch. I have also spent a lot of time updating the school website and it is now a wealth of information about us as a school, the classes and curriculum and our vision, values and ethos. If you have a minute, do take a look:

www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk

Alice Simpson

Acting Head Teacher



Open Morning and Evening for September 2023 Admissions

Join us for one or both of the opportunities to visit our school below. The morning session will be for a tour of the school and to see the current Reception children in action! The afterschool session will be an information evening and opportunity to spend time with staff.

To book, please call the school office on 01380 723991
Tuesday 4th October from 9.30 – 10.30
Thursday 6th October from 16.00 – 17.00

Please see more information about our school on our website - <https://www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk/>



Commemorating Queen Elizabeth II

We spent time during collective worship commemorating Queen Elizabeth II and her amazing service to our country. We read the book 'Queen Elizabeth II - The Queen Who Chose to Serve' which



taught us about how the Queen's Christian faith guided her and supported her to be the leader she was. When we asked the children for adjectives to describe her, after sharing the incredible story of her life, some of the words the children chose were: kind, strong, loyal, charitable, dedicated, a role-model, colourful, caring and hard-working. We all agreed that our British values and our country are a better place thanks to her positive leadership - we thank her for her service.



Neyn Ahmad in Year 3, went home and drew this after our collective worship.

NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



All the students have returned to school after the summer break, including our new year 7 students who are having fun exploring the site and woodland areas.

A new group of students have joined us from the Trowbridge campus; they are settling in very well and making new friends.

The building for our brand new school is well and truly underway with a lot of progress over the summer – we now have a building taking shape.

The students at school have been paying their respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, this beautiful drawing by Sidney is a particularly lovely tribute.

Teresa Ollerhead



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We look forward to seeing you soon!

Chippy & The G&D Team 01380 723 053

Your Parish Council

**We share our sadness at the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II
Our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family**



We stand united as a community at this time

Proposal to build houses in Rowde

After the Parish Council meeting in July, the Parish Council was made aware of a proposal to build on land off Sands Lane, Rowde.

The current proposal is to build up to 70 houses on this land.

The developers held a consultation meeting for local residents to view their proposal on Tuesday 6th September. The Parish Council hosted a village meeting on Wednesday 7th September for residents to discuss the proposal.

No planning application has been submitted at this time.



Intended site for the proposed development.
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The Parish Council did not meet in August. The meeting in September was delayed until 28th September due to the Official mourning period for Queen Elizabeth II.

Please note, the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 19th October 2022, 7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall (please note, this is a change of date)

Keep in touch!

Website: Thank you to A Humphreys for managing the new 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. The Chairman, Mr P Brown, can be contacted at p208brown@btinternet.com 07554 311726.

Please see the next page for a full list of contact details for all of our Councillors.

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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.

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

Dates for the diary

Parish Council meetings dates can be found in the village diary at the back of the magazine. We invite all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time at the Parish Council meetings.

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

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ROWDE MEMORIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Here's a great photo that shows a Coronation Party held in 1953 in the garage on the corner of Bunnies Lane in Rowde. Anyone know or remember any of these little angels?
 Left to right: David Dolman, John Lloyd, John Tarry, Richard Oatley, Caroline Dolman, Jane Tucker, Joy Perrett and Georgina Fennel.

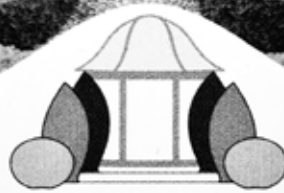
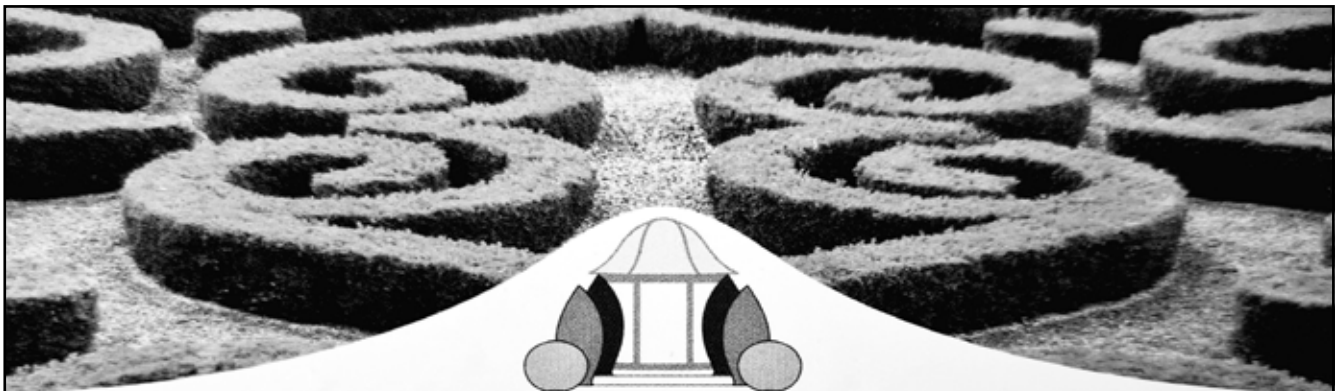
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Date/Time	Service
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October 9 8am 10am	Trinity 17 Morning Prayer (BCP), Sandy Lane Morning Worship, Rowde
October 16 10am	Trinity 18 Holy Communion, Bromham
October 23 8am 10am	Bible Sunday Holy Communion, Sandy Lane Holy Communion, Rowde
October 27 6pm	All Souls, Rowde
October 30 8am 10am	All Saints Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde Holy Communion, Bromham
November 3 8am 10am	3rd before Advent Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Morning Prayer, Rowde
November 13 8am 10am 10am 3pm 3pm	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion, Sandy Lane Holy Communion, Rowde Holy Communion, Bromham Act of Remembrance, Rowde Act of Remembrance, Bromham
November 20 10am	Christ the King Holy Communion, Bromham
November 27 8am 10am	Advent 1 Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Holy Communion, Rowde

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

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Private Prayer

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

Monday to Saturday - St Matthew's Rowde 10am – 4pm

Monday to Saturday - St Nicholas Bromham 10am – 4pm

Sundays - Rowde & Bromham Church open when possible

Every day - Sandy Lane 10am – 4pm

A Message From Revd Heather and Caroline

Revd Heather works two Sundays a month and will be taking services across the benefice. On other Sundays Caroline and Fran will be leading non-Eucharistic services, or retired clergy will be standing in for Eucharists.

During the vacancy please contact:

Revd Heather for matters relating to baptisms and weddings

Caroline for funerals.

Events

All Souls – 27th October 6pm: All Souls Service: A time to remember our loved ones

This service offers a time of remembering with music, readings and prayers. We shall light candles and read out names of loved ones.

A list will be opened in St Matthew's Church for anyone to enter the names of the people they wish to be remembered. We have already included those whose funerals have been held at Rowde in the last three years. If you would like to include other loved ones in the service, please e-mail Sarah Bowler our church administrator sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Regular Activities

Rowde Church Café on Tuesdays 10.45-12:00

Come and join us for coffee, cake and time to chat. Everyone welcome, from anywhere in the benefice!

Open the Book

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

Growing in Faith

Are meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. Anyone is welcome and if you wish to join us please contact Ruth Bray for the Zoom link for the week on 01380 859847 or ruthbray@outlook.com

Mothers' Union

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

Choir

Choir Leader: Nichola Brown

Practice: 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month - at 6.30pm. Please contact Nichola Brown nicola_brown@talk21.com 01380 722406

Bell Ringing

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

Flower Arranging

2 Oct - Harvest flowers

9&16 Oct - Caroline Keevil

23&30 Oct - Barbara Zaccarelli

6 Nov - Leah Bevan

13 Nov - Remembrance poppies - Leah Bevan

20 Nov - Remembrance poppies

27 Nov & 4 Dec - Liz Ibbetson - Advent ring

New members are most welcome to join the team.

For further information please contact: Jane Sartin j.ksartin@talktalk.net or call 01380 727446

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Benefice Facebook page: Churches of Rowde and Bromham

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/439328832796693/>

St Matthew's Crib Service

Saturday 24th December 2pm

**Come and join us at
the Rowdey Cow!**

Hear the Christmas story

Meet the Rowdey Cow animals

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ROYAL FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column where we are featuring Queen Elizabeth II anecdotes.

The younger generation of royals are known for their jokes - especially Prince Harry - but it turns out that Queen Elizabeth II was truly top dog when it came to quick-witted retorts. A common criticism of the monarchy is that the senior royals are too serious, so it's nice to know that the queen had a penchant for laughter.

As Prince Harry once revealed of his relatives, "They are very funny together. My family is the same as any other family when it comes to humor behind closed doors." So if you think of Her Majesty as prim and proper, be prepared to witness a totally different side of the queen in these heartwarming anecdotes.

Queen Elizabeth's former protection officer, Richard Griffin, recounted an amusing incident involving a group of American tourists while she was walking near Balmoral, her estate in Scotland. At the time, the queen was wearing a tweed coat and a head scarf when a group approached her, asking, "Have you ever met the Queen?" Her response was, "No," before pointing at Griffin, saying, "But he has."

Artist Juliet Pannett recalled another hilarious case of misidentification. When she was painting a portrait of Queen Elizabeth, the monarch told her about a funny run-in she had while out buying groceries. "In one of her stories, she told us she had been at Sandringham one day," Pannett said. "They were having tea when they ran out of cake. So, the queen said she had gone down to the local shop to buy some, wearing a head scarf. As she came out of the shop, an elderly lady said, 'Good heavens, you look just like the queen.' She replied 'How reassuring' and just kept walking. It was a wonderful tale."

For almost as long as she was ruler, Queen Elizabeth attended the Royal Variety Performance and in 1960, one of the musical guests was the Everly Brothers. The sibling duo performed their hit song "Cathy's Clown," but the queen was apparently not a fan. She reportedly leaned over to her lady-in-waiting and remarked, "They sound like two cats being strangled!"

In her book *The Wicked Wit*, author Karen Dolby reveals the queen wasn't blown away by Niagara Falls when she visited Canada. "It looks very... damp," the queen commented.

The queen was very rarely spotted without her purse (she needed it to send secret signals to her staff, after all!), and one time a guest decided to remark on it. When Roger Moore — aka James Bond — and his then-wife Luisa Mattioli were with the queen, Mattioli asked Her Majesty why she needed to carry her purse around Buckingham Palace. The queen wryly replied, "This house is very big, you know."

Of course, "big" is quite an understatement. At 860,000 square feet, Buckingham Palace contains 775 rooms across its five floors. Inside there's a doctor's office, a post office, and even a movie theater. Outside, Buckingham Palace is home to the largest garden in London. The lush 40 acres can fit 8,000 people comfortably. Wow!

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PHOTO FUN

This issue we have a few amusing Royal photos



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Local News



MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS CRASHES!

Councillor Iain Wallis said: “Having grown up in Devizes I am aware of many accidents along the A361 particularly at Caen Hill and the Bishops Cannings crossroads, some of which have been fatal.



A driver in his 50s from Swindon nearly caused a head-on crash after an 11-car overtake and was issued a ticket in relation to the incident on August 10th.

“Wiltshire Council has put £300,000 into this year’s highways budget to investigate a redesign of Caen Hill to make this road safer but it is likely that more work is also needed at the other end of Devizes as well as resurfacing.

FURLONG CLOSE UPDATE!

As your readers will I hope be aware, Furlong Close has been saved! After a long and hard-fought campaign, with the support of the local community, the future of the site is now assured.

We have thus moved from the nightmare of October 2020, when the site was slated for immediate closure, with its vulnerable residents to suffer the indignity and trauma of being forcibly relocated from their long-term home, to the dream of these special people now being able to remain amongst their friends and familiar carers, in the surroundings which have been their home for many years.



Getting ready to cut the ribbon

This remarkable victory was marked on Saturday, 17 September by a celebration held at Furlong Close, to thank the many supporters from the local community who contributed to it. The sun shone as 150 guests watched the residents ‘cut the ribbon’ to acknowledge the acquisition of the site by its new owner, Specialised Supported Housing and the taking over of care by a new care provider, Agincare Enable.



Long time supporter Danny Kruger MP being introduced

In summing up that wonderful occasion, I can do no better than quote the words of Danny Kruger MP, who proposed a toast in which he said: “Saving Furlong Close from closure has been a true community effort. The families and friends of the people who live there, the village of Rowde and the wider Devizes area have worked so hard to find a way to allow those



who wanted the choice to stay in their homes to do so. I have been quite overwhelmed with the turnout today and the show of love and support for this special place.”



Resounding joy at Furlong Close as the ribbon is cut!

There is much more that could be said and many people who could be thanked, but I will spare your readers. The Families and Friends of Furlong Close would, however, like to particularly thank the carers of Furlong Close, who stood by the residents through the pandemic and 22 miserable months of anxious uncertainty. By doing so, when they could have looked for other work, they allowed the special people of Furlong Close to live their lives as normally and calmly as possible. It is a very great credit to them that they did so.

We would also like to thank the community of Rowde and Devizes, who rallied round our relatives when we really needed them and gave us their unstinting support. In doing so, you made good our campaign motto; a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: ‘The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.’

Many, many thanks,

Mark Steele

Families and Friends of Furlong Close

PUMPKIN PICKING!

It's that time of year again

If you are a fan of the autumn, Halloween or are just looking for an excuse to get out and take some photos for your Instagram feed during the new



season, pumpkin picking might just be the activity for you. Be sure to check out ‘Pick of the Patch’ in Rowde where you can choose your perfect pumpkin for Halloween on October 22 and 23.

Pumpkins are priced by size (£2-£5 each).

Tea, coffee, juice, cakes and Halloween biscuits will be for sale on site and the farm is promising there to be lots of photo opportunities too.

A spokesperson for the farm said: “All children must be closely supervised by a responsible adult.

LOOK OUT, FLY TIPPERS ABOUT!



On 21st September, just after noon, 12 large bags of insulation material were dumped opposite Furlong Close in Rowde. The day before, it was reported that similar bags of insulation material were dumped at Old Derry Hill and in Chippenham. If you saw anything and can help or if you have had similar experiences please let me know on watters.alan@gmail.com.

Alan Watters (Ed)

TO MY DEAR FRIEND MEL



When I was asked if I'd like to write a few words about Mel it just didn't seem right. I never thought the day would come and I would lose Mel so soon and so early. It's a devastating loss for her family and closest friends. I first met Mel about 30 years ago. She had not long met Roger and we were introduced and the rest they say is history. Mel was living in Hillworth Road in a flat and working in Tesco's. Shortly after that she moved with Roger to Waiblingen Way and along came Laura in 1994. Mel, Roger and Laura then moved to Tower View in Rowde where many memories were made.

Mel always had an 'Open House' and anyone was welcome, tea, coffee and cake were always on the go. Mel was a very active person in Rowde. She helped out with Mothers & Toddlers, Playgroup and in church with the youngsters. I can't think of anything that Mel didn't do.

We've had a few outings over the years with Mothers & Toddlers, Bristol Zoo, Natural History Museum in London and local farm visits to name a few. Mel became a carer working for Leonard Cheshire but unfortunately gave this up after a few years due to long unsociable hours.

Her interests - top of the list "Gardening!", you would always find Mel out in her garden. She also played in a Samba Band.



Mel moved to marsh lane into her cosy little two bedroom cottage a few years ago. The garden here was very small so she required an allotment or 'plot' as Mel always referred to it. She'd send me a message 'I'm up 'The Plot', come for a coffee and a cake!' During the summer months that's where you'd find Mel until the sun went down. It was her little heaven, she loved it.

I didn't see Mel so much during the summer, but always in autumn/winter when I'd go for dinner - usually a warm hearty casserole. Mel liked traditional cooking and always had tray bakes on the go. She'd make her own chutney and jams. You'd give her fruit and veg and she'd turn it into something.

Mel had a small circle of close friends. Each of us had a shared interest with Mel. I have so many great fond memories of our friendship.

Mel had just recently retired from school patrol and was cutting back on her clients. Ready and prepared to spend more time at her 'plot' and looking forward to a new home just off Springfield Road. This was to be the next chapter in her life. I was last in contact with Mel whilst on my holiday. Sending her pictures and exchanging messages. It's heartbreaking to be writing this.

Mel, you are the most kind, generous and thoughtful person I have ever met and I'm so glad to have been your friend over the last 30 years. You will be missed so much and have left a massive hole in the Rowde community as well as your family, your closest friends and those who knew you in passing.

With all my love, Sharon Marshall

OUR MEMORIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II



THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO ROWDE!

The Queen visited the Caen Hill locks on August 8th 1990 for the opening of the Kennet & Avon Canal. It has been reported that whilst the Queen and her party were visiting the Caen Hill locks and upon being told that they were in Devizes, she pointed out to her hosts that the majority of the locks were in fact in Rowde!



The Queen's last visit to Wiltshire occurred on October 15th 2020, when the Queen formally opened the Energetics Analysis Centre in Porton Down at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory. The Queen, accompanied by Prince William witnessed a display of a Forensic Explosives Investigation, met Counter Terrorism and Security staff and military individuals involved in the Novichok incident.

LONDON TRIP TO PAY RESPECTS

On Saturday 17 September I went and paid my last respects to our late Queen in Westminster Hall.

James and I had the honour of meeting her several times while he was commanding the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment at Hyde Park Barracks in London, a job he did for three years between 2015 and 2018. He came into contact with Her Late Majesty quite regularly, but we had a few memorable encounters with her as a couple.



I thought I would share this photograph which was taken 2017 when she came with the then Prince of Wales to visit the barracks and officially name the regiment's newest drum horse, Perseus, pictured with the Queen and James. Her smile says it all! They were with us for about half a hour, had a quick tour around the stables, met soldiers and some of their families and sat for a formal photograph with the regiment.



James has now left the army but is a member of the Sovereign's Bodyguard, the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms. He stood vigil at the Queen's lying in state and, having been unable to queue due to work and family commitments, and thanks to him and his role there, I was able to gain entry to the hall through "the side door". Yes, I did feel like a complete fraud, but I wasn't going to turn down the offer and the opportunity to say farewell. The atmosphere was extraordinary - you could have heard a pin drop. Standing in front of the coffin in contemplation, I could have been the only person in the room, despite the flow of people passing through. Everyone will have their own memories of her, but we will certainly cherish ours for many years to come. May she rest in peace.

Sophie Gaselee

ROYAL CONNECTIONS

We have some Royal connections! Mum and Dad celebrated their golden wedding anniversary the same time as the Duke and The Queen and attended a garden party at the palace. Our twins were born in 1977, Silver Jubilee year, and we named them Elizabeth and Philip. My sister (Susan) was born the day the King died Feb 6 1952 and all our four children carried banners the day the queen opened the flight of locks in 1990. They represented the scouts and guides etc and our youngest daughter presented Her Majesty with a bouquet of home grown flowers.



Family photo of our twins born in 1977 with gran and grandad Eric and Marian Cross, seated with headscarf is Auntie Sue holding baby Philip and baby Elizabeth being held by their big sister Emma. Auntie Anne standing with Richard and Penny in centre. Note the picture of HM Queen proudly displayed.



Houses dressed with bunting - 94 and 95 Springfield Road which we moved into late in 1975



The above photos are fancy dress and the Silver Jubilee charity football match done in Drag by the ladies - sorry LADDIES of Rowde in 1977. The challenge is to name as many as possible!

The Rowde bells were muffled for our Mum's funeral in 2013 not long after they were rung on her 90th birthday 5 Dec 2012, she was then the oldest living person that was actually born in the village. She was born in Close Lane.
Richard Cross

FAVOURITE MEMORY OF THE QUEEN

My favourite memory of the queen is from 1977, when she visited Cardiff as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

She was going to attend a service at Llandaff Cathedral, and then process in an open carriage to Cardiff Castle, giving plenty of opportunities for the loyal subjects of Cardiff to wave and cheer along the way. Best of all, her route took her directly past the gates of my school, and we were all going to be allowed to stand along the road and wave.



Flag waving children line the streets of Cardiff for the Queen's visit to Cardiff in 1977

There was a fly in the ointment, though. The day of the Queen's visit was also the day that some of us would be sitting our Physics O Level; and we were not due to come out of the exam until after Her Majesty had passed by. Disaster!

But it was all right in the end - arrangements were made for us to start the exam early. As soon as we were allowed to leave the hall, we rushed to join our classmates outside on the pavement – in plenty of time to see everything! And we were rewarded by a wonderful view of the Queen and the Prince of Edinburgh passing by, waving to everyone – a very exciting moment!

I watched the new King and Queen Consort's visit to Cardiff on TV yesterday, and was thrilled to see footage of the Queen from that day in 1977; and even of the carriage passing my school! It was only for a second or so, and wasn't clear enough for me to recognise any faces in the crowd – but there was no mistaking our hats!

Nicola Brown

ROYAL VISITS AND GARDEN PARTY

While serving our area as a Kennet District councillor for nearly 25 years, I was fortunate to be present when our Queen came to open the renovated Kennet and Avon canal on 8th August 1990. Her majesty also opened the leisure centre in Devizes, walking through the swimming pool area where we were all lined up to see her. We all crossed our fingers and prayed that she didn't fall in!

She took a ride in a barge on the canal too. I was also privileged, when I was chair of the council, to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party,

which was truly memorable as both her majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh walked amongst us.



How fortunate we all were to have had such a hardworking and gracious queen. She will be sadly missed.

And thinking of other royal occasions, I met the Duke of Edinburgh when he came to open Crammer Court in April 2004, when I was chairman of housing and remember him asking when he arrived if there were any vacancies! That was the day when he drove one of Wadworth's drays around the Market Place!



I also welcomed Edward & Sophie, the Duke & Duchess of Wessex, when they opened the renovated Alms Houses in Victoria Road.

Of course, King Charles, when he was Prince of Wales and Camilla, Queen Consort, came to Bromham to open the renovated ceiling in the church when they were newly married and the Parish Council, of which I was a member, met them both then.

The Queen Mother used to stay at Spye Park and came to Bromham church too.

We have been so lucky to have had the Royal Family visit our area over the years.

Janet Giles

LONG LASTING MEMORIES!

In about 1953, aged 9 or 10, with my Mother and Auntie Fluff and Uncle Fred, I was treated to a spectacular ice show in London - Sleeping Beauty. The timing being that close to the Coronation you can make a wild guess at Sleeping Beauty's name. I remember British European Airways (now part of BA), provided an Elizabethan Class airliner for the finale, which travelled across the ice - WOW. Nerd info: the aircraft type was an Airspeed Ambassador. A few years later (1957), the Queen and Prince Phillip were driven along Woodbridge Road in Guildford as part of a Royal Visit. The road being lined on both sides by pupils of the various schools and colleges in the area. I was on the pavement bordering the Surrey County Cricket Ground with the 200 strong boys of Guildford County Technical School. Last Sunday, Sarah's sister, my Daughter Elizabeth, and her friend Vicky took a trip up to Buckingham Palace to see floral tributes.



They were also lucky enough to see the new King - 65 years after I saw the new Queen. Suggested by my daughters, I have also sent you photos of a Coronation Propelling Pencil, at that time "high tech", given to pupils at Fleet Junior School, plus a model of a State Coach (Landau) as used by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana in 1981.



Grahame Chenery

HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH - NOTES FROM THE PAST

I joined the Army in Autumn 1977 as an Apprentice Soldier in Deepcut Surrey. Brookwood train station was full of young men full of trepidation which for most of us was the first time we had been away from home. Hundreds and hundreds of us arrived at the RAOC Apprentice college who, once off the coaches, were placed into platoon size squads of 40 with the accompaniment of the platoon sergeants screaming and shouting just for good measure. If my memory serves me correctly, one lad simply stepped forward and said I want to go home! He was duly sent away, put in a taxi with a train warrant to back from where he came. The rest of us were marched off to our accommodation, shown our bed space then ordered to be outside within 10 minutes to collect our bedding from the bedding store, five itchy blankets, two sheets, two pillows and pillow cases and one bed spread. Back to the block, told be outside in five minutes to collect a track suit. Once collected, marched to the cook house, fed then marched back to block. 30 mins later, off to get hair cut, once done marched back to the block to make our beds and unpack.....and the rest they say is history. Fast forward nine months and HRH visited BOD Bicester, the huge MOD storage depot in the midlands. It is absolutely massive. Whole of the depot was ordered to provide guards of honour to line the route, something similar to what we witnessed this week in Whitehall. We drilled and drilled for weeks, polishing our boots and ironed our kit until the day we drew our weapons boarded the busses and whisked away to Bicester before dawn. Upon arrival off the bus! Form up and wait.....and wait.....and wait. Oh wait a minute she's on her way, whooshed past, that was it! Now the Army being what it is, we were formed up and told to get on our heels because we are going to form up again ready for the Queen to whoosh past again. By the time we arrived we were soaked in sweat and our kit was in a crap state having just ran / force marched. HRH duly whooshed past none the wiser. Prob thinking my, we do have lots of soldiers just standing about in best uniform. At this point we thought we were done.....nope, get on you feffin heals again we are running to another location to form up again for HRH to whoosh past once more. Well you could imagine after three sessions of this we were knackered and it must have showed, as we were then ordered to march to the Naafi to be given refreshment (we loved it as we were all underage, and the Queen had ordered that we were to be given a pint).

HRH knew all along what had been going on, she noted certain faces had kept mysteriously appearing further along the tour route and insisted that all the soldiers be given a refreshment, no small task as we were about 200 soldiers.

This is not the first time HRH had asked that her troops be given "refreshment" whilst out and about. And this is why I stood for 12 hours last Sunday, and why I raised a glass for her. May she rest in peace.

Finally, it was with a huge lump in my throat and heavy heart bursting with pride, that I watched the final service of our late Queen's funeral on the big screen in Devizes Market Square.



I could never be more proud of our Armed Forces and indeed everyone who have worked tirelessly over the last 10 days to produce the ultimate mark of respect to our beloved Queen. May she rest in peace. Long live King Charles III.

Wayne Cherry

ROWDE RESIDENTS PAY THEIR RESPECTS



One minute silence in Rowde

....AND FROM THE EDITOR:

The first time I saw the Queen close up was when I was about 5 years old. She came to my home town of Dunfermline after her coronation in 1953 and I remember vigorously waving my little flag at her as she passed by very close to me.



The next time I remember Her Majesty visiting my homeland was in 1964 when she opened the Forth Road Bridge.



I left Scotland in 1983 and then quite a gap until I saw The Queen again just a few years ago. I was privileged to be invited with my partner Ann to the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the occasion of me being in her service continuously for over 50 years.



It was a magical feeling to be in her actual presence and to be able to wish her well, be it from a few feet away. A truly memorable day!



National Trust Avebury: What's on

Autumn 2022



Avebury Manor

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Autumn What's on:



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3 Sep - 9 Oct, 10am - 5pm, free with entry

Once again Avebury Manor Garden becomes an art gallery, with a variety of different artists displaying their work in the different garden rooms, much of the art will be on sale. On most Thursdays, art lovers will be able to chat to one of the artists.

More info and booking at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury



Block printing workshop in Avebury Manor Garden

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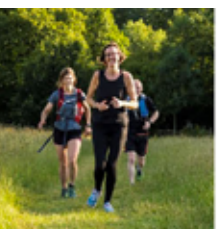


Half Term Activities

22—30 Oct, 10am—4pm. Crafts (£3 per person), Family Trail (£2 per person)

Whatever the weather there's something for children at Avebury this half term. In the Old Farmyard there's a nature trail to follow where they'll learn all about bats, with a prize for completing the trail. In the barn there are a range of craft activities, including making bat-themed finger puppets and masks.

More info and booking at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury



Trust 10

23 Oct, 8.45am - 10.30am, free

The Trust10 is a 10k trail run across the wider Avebury landscape. It's a challenging run that takes in stunning views across this iconic and intriguing landscape.

Registration from 8.30am at the Coach House (Avebury High Street, by the Red Lion).

More info and booking at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury

YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

I've now been 'in the job' of PCC for a year, and if there is one thing that's been made abundantly clear to me, it's that your confidence in policing is not where I want it to be.

Whilst there are clearly some exceptional individual officers, overall, there have been gaps in the service you receive. In the past year, I have made practical steps to address them, such as the purchasing of effective technology such as drones and ensuring more officers are deployed to the rural crime team.

The damage done by crimes such as hare coursing, criminal damage and theft have a massive impact on the rural community and history shows that at times of recession, farms become targets.

I regularly speak to farmers and I'm all too aware of the reasons why you feel that reporting crime is not worthwhile. In my Police and Crime Plan, I've committed to ensure Wiltshire Police takes these crimes seriously and deals with them effectively.

This is why I've taken steps to ensure the rural crime team has the capabilities and staffing it needs.

As part of this commitment, Wiltshire Police has introduced online crime reporting specifically for rural crime. The form takes about ten minutes and is picked up by the same people who answer 101 calls.



It's vital that to build up an overall picture and identify patterns of criminal activity, all crime is reported, no matter how small it may seem.

As this has only recently been introduced, I welcome your feedback about how the system is working. It's only through working together that we can stop these crimes from happening and make Wiltshire a safer place to live and work.

Contact Information:

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LAURA MAYES

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I am writing this having just watched the State Funeral and Committal Service for our wonderful Queen. It was a fitting tribute to her extraordinary 70 years of dedicated service, and I have never felt more proud of our country. Seeing thousands of people queuing to pay their respects at Westminster Hall, laying flowers and observing a Minute's silence demonstrated how loved she was, and how much we will miss her.

The sadness of her passing is balanced with the excitement of a new Monarch. I attended the Proclamation at County Hall which was very moving. The Queen was an exemplary role model, and I am sure King Charles III will embrace his new role with enthusiasm and dignity.

In contrast to the sombreness of recent events, I was invited to a wonderful celebration at Furlong Close.

The Friends and Family have worked extremely hard to find a long-term solution for their loved ones. They thanked Wiltshire Council officers for helping them on their way and I am pleased residents can stay in a place where they are happy. I will continue to work with FAFF to find a community use for some of the buildings that are no longer needed.

Finally, I attended a public meeting about the proposed development at Sand's Lane. It was good to hear and talk to Rowde residents and explain the planning process, but if you have any further thoughts, comments, or questions please contact me at laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk

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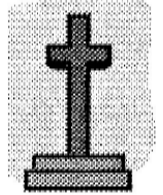
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The footpath team are ready!

We have bought the tools, read the maps and know some of the areas need attention. Our footpath team are ready to go out into the wilderness. Thank you to those people who have volunteered to join the team already - we will be in touch with you again very soon.



We could do with a few more pairs of hands though. Are you keen to work outside? Would you like to help to fix our bridges, re-instate our stiles and cut back hedges to make the footpaths accessible and safe for everyone to use?

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Other Events

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Barbara Gompels

(see advert on page 20)

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Hi there, has anyone written to you about the sad demise of the Spotty dog shop? I was really shocked when I saw the sudden announcement.

I used to go there at least once a week for meat, veg, cakes and cards. I always thought that too much of the space was taken up with posh toys, jewellery and clothes.

A local farm shop should have had more variety of foods and drinks, maybe wines and beers.

Anyway, I am missing it even if no-one else is.

Yours, Helen Pengelly

WALK THE WALK

Hello Alan,

It has been such a difficult time for everyone since the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

We send our deepest condolences and support to our Patron, His Majesty King Charles III, to all of the Royal Family and to everyone affected by this very sad news. Our Queen will be remembered with profound gratitude for the commitment that she made to us all, and to the millions of people worldwide, who will also greatly miss her.

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When gladly sing, God Save The King

Alan Pengelly



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Our policy is to correct errors of fact as soon as possible and, where appropriate, apologise. If you find an error of concern, please contact the editor (contact details on page 3).

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Alan Watters, Editor

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		6	9				7	5
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Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (difficult this month)

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

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

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

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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.

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01380 698993

or 07968 634689

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

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£10 01380 721422

LARGE COMPOST BIN

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Contact Pat on 01380 723436

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This year I have decided to close down my eBay fine art shop (I'm getting too old) so I have greatly reduced the starting prices of all my listings. Grab a bargain plus save on postage too by going to <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/alansfineart> to view online or email me watters.alan@gmail.com to discuss anything you are interested in.

How to advertise here for FREE:

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Lisa Wills from Rowde went to Windsor and saw the floral tributes



*Our Beloved Queen
1926 - 2022*

*"... we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."
- HRH Queen Elizabeth II -*



The Queen's corgis Sandy and Mick waiting for her at Windsor Castle



The Queen with 007



The Queen's pony Emma watches the funeral procession at Windsor Castle



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