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Please note that our Rowde Village website manager is Rebekah Jeffries and she can be contacted at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or 01380 720988.

Editorial

Welcome to the April edition of the Rowde Village News and I hope you enjoy reading it. There are some very good articles and reports this month including excellent 'reports' from both our schools (see pages 16 and 17). The governing body of Rowdeford school would like to appoint a new governor so, if you think you could take on this exciting role, please have a look at their appeal on page 46.

We have several good letters on pages 44 to 46 and, if you have a budding little Vincent van Gogh or two in your family, you may be interested to read Hayley Mitchell's letter about a new children's art and crafts class starting in the village during April.

And, if you haven't heard the good news already, our village football team have won through to their first cup final in 28 years. The game will be played on Sunday 10th April against Somerford FC at the Corsham ground so please join me in giving them some support on the day (see pages 24 and 31 for more details).

Also worthy of reading is the leaflet we have reproduced on page 19 which gives instructions on what you can do if someone collapses.

Finally, please note that the next edition will be a double issue covering both May and June and the deadline for contributions will be the 15th of April.

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 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.*

Views expressed in this magazine are those of its contributors. They do not necessarily represent those of the editorial team.

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This month's front cover is from a lovely painting of tulips by Rosie from Rowde Academy. Well done Rosie!

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The 'Ladies' met in the Village Hall on February 23rd and despite the weather had a good attendance to hear our member June Morcomb tell us about her experiences as a 'Film Maker'. We heard what she had to do in making the film which was based on the village in Yorkshire where she spent her childhood. Many hours of research had to be done to make a film of only a few minutes. With the help of our friend Pauline Hawkins we were able to see the very proficient finished result and also an old film where June had obtained some of her information.

We all thoroughly enjoyed being taken 'back in time' and seeing what most of us can remember of village life years ago!

Raffle winners were: Mrs. C. O'Rourke, Mrs.C.Sault, Miss R. Johnson, Mrs.J.Swift, Mrs.J. Morcombe and Mrs.D.Ellis

Next meeting will be held on March 29th at 8pm in the Village Hall when Carole will be showing us how to decorate a box. The A.G.M. will be on April 26th.

Di. Buckland, Secretary

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Another successful Table Top Sale was held on March 5th in the Village Hall with over £240 being made for Hall funds.

Many thanks to all who helped with this event and those who came along and hopefully found some bargains!

Raffle winners were:- Mrs.D.Buckland, Mrs.M.Hiscock, Mrs.G.Wright, - Barkham, Mrs.Y.Reynolds, Tina, Mrs. B.Plumb, Mrs.D.Ellis, Mrs.S.Hicketts, Mrs.M.Burbidge and Mrs.M.Hart.

Next event will be the Ploughman's Lunch on April 30th. (See separate poster)

B.Barrett

Dates for the Diary:

APRIL 30th - PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

JULY 2nd - VILLAGE FETE

AUGUST 6th - FLOWER SHOW

OCTOBER 15th - PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH
(please note change of date)

DECEMBER 3rd - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

B Barrett, Chairman

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Sadly we had to cancel the March meeting again because of illness. We hope we will all be fit again and will be able to have our meeting on April 5th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Monday Club Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

We at the Monday Club are planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Monday 13th June. We will be hosting a Photographic exhibition of Bromham and Rowde through the nine decades of the Queen's life. Dennis Powney, as a member of the Bromham History Society, has started assembling photos. Do you have lots of old photos of Bromham or Rowde? Would you like to help us put the exhibition together? If so, please contact me. We will be opening our doors to all comers on 13th June, so come see what has been going on in the villages over the last 90 years!

Caroline Culley, 01380 850531 or 07557 983940

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HIWAY CLUB

Members of the Hiway Club (for the Hearing Impaired) met in the Village Hall on February 24th and were 'transported' to Spain in a visual presentation given by member William Llott. We all enjoyed seeing the lovely places he and Jane had visited and the photos of the delicious food made everyone quite hungry!!!

Raffle winners were: Mrs.R.Talbot, Mr.B.Barrett, Mr.W.Ilott, Mrs.D.Buckland, Miss N.Drew, Mr.C.Bown and Miss G.Harris.

The next meeting will be a Games Evening on 30th March in the Village Hall and the A.G.M. will be held on April 27th.

Di. Buckland (Secretary)



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Perpetual motion... stops

The recent burst of beautiful spring sunshine made me think about the perpetual motion of life around the village and the world in general. The Lolly Pop lady does her duties, the shop opens and the passing traffic comes and goes relentlessly. Life never stops. Children play, birds sing. From moment to moment, day to day, life rolls on.

Whilst living in a beautiful place like Rowde is a blessing, I, like many others, still take part in the Rat Race in which we seem to tirelessly work and strive just to survive. I often get so caught up in the next priority that the rest of the world ceases to exist and the passing of my own life and the life that's around me isn't given a second thought. Whilst I'm always racing against a clock, it's almost like time in the wider world stands still.

When the sunshine hit me the other day it made me pause and think. Spring has come around again. Another year has gone by, another lies ahead. I was so absorbed in the mundane that I thought life had stood still. But ultimately there are only a finite number of springs for each of us. We should pay more attention, take courage when it's needed, and live life to the full. At some point our perpetual motion will stop.

...and here's a thought for the day you are reading this:

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Einstein

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PHOTO FUN

This month we have some amusing photos that have been taken at just the right moment.



Do you have any amusing photos of people or pets? Send them in!

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the internet. We therefore apologise for any
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us as soon as possible.

Alan Watters, Editor

ROWDE BOOK CLUB

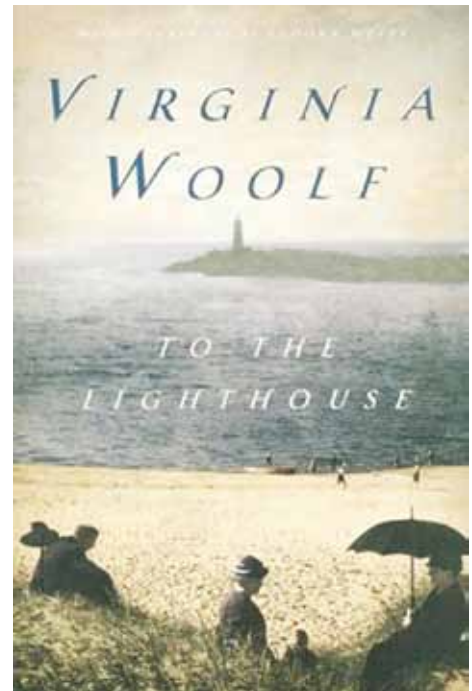
The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th April and it will be a free read. ***Please note that, due to the popularity of the Rowde Book Club, we are unable to take on any new members for the foreseeable future.***

BOOK REVIEWS

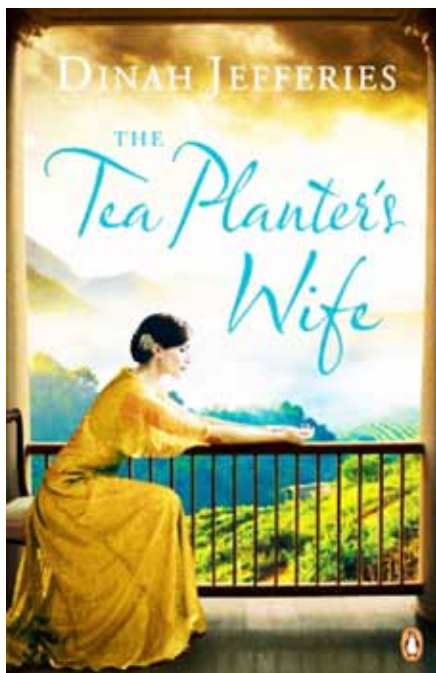
To The Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

The majority of the group read the other book this month, I did attempt to start this book but it is not really a book for late night reading when tired and about to fall asleep. I think it deserves more attention and will endeavour to read it when I have more time to devote to it.

Ann Swan



The Tea Planter's Wife by Dinah Jefferies



Most people who read this thought it was an easy read and quite enjoyed it. The descriptions of Ceylon and of life in Ceylon as the wife of a tea planter in the 1920s are interesting and at times quite vivid. The story is of a young and inexperienced wife (19 years old) married to a much more mature man (37 years old) and transported from rural England to tropical Ceylon. It unfolds as she tries to understand the different cultures and the working of the tea plantation her husband runs and the family secret that nearly tears their marriage apart.

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Your Parish Council

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meeting in March 2016 were:

Village Infrastructure

New noticeboard in Tanis

A new noticeboard has been installed in Tanis. Thank you to the Parish Council Chair, S Mundy, for installing the new board.

New fencing around toddlers' play area (Tower View)

Three quotes were considered for new fencing around the toddlers' play area next to St. Matthew's Church. It has been agreed to replace the existing timber post frame with metal hooped top fencing. The existing timber posts have rotted and the fence is unstable. A new gate will also be installed.

Defibrillator training

Thank you to those people who attend the defibrillator awareness session on Tuesday 23rd February 2016. Sixteen people in total attended the session. Please see lifesaving information on the Community Heartbeat Trust leaflet, featured on page

Fibre-optic Broadband

There are no further updates on fibre-optic broadband coming to the village. It is assumed that BT are still on schedule to supply fibre-optic broadband to Rowde by the summer (2016), as has been previously stated.

Drainage on the Large Playing field – purchase of new trees

It has been proposed that ten semi-mature trees are purchased and planted alongside the bridle path off Sands Lane to help improve the long term drainage on the large playing field. The Parish Council agreed to investigate the proposal further. In addition, it was suggested that three quotes should be obtained for digging out the ditch in that area.

Safety

Community Speed watch

The Community Speed watch Team & the Police have been active monitoring speeding vehicles through the village during the month of March.

T Jeffries, Team Leader of Rowde Speed watch, has confirmed that the Police are currently acting on the data supplied by the Community Speed watch teams within 13 days. Guidelines recommend action is taken within 14 days.

The Parish has been allocated its own Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D) for permanent use in the village. The Clerk is investigating the cost involved in putting up and taking down the S.I.D device after the time specified for use.

Part-time night lighting in the Village

There is still time to comment on Wiltshire Council's suggestion to switch off some lights overnight in the village. Maps showing the lights proposed to be switched off can be viewed on the village website at: rowdevillage.org, through the Parish Council Facebook page, or on the village noticeboards. The Parish Council thanks A. Watters, Village News Editor, for including the maps in the February edition of the Rowde Village News.

Highways update

- The ditches along Devizes Road, near to Conscience Lane, have been dug out by Wiltshire Council. It was suggested that English Landscapes are asked to seed the mounds of earth left behind in order to firm up the bank.
- Wiltshire Council are seeking an engineering solution to the problems caused by the narrow pavement along Devizes Road towards Dunkirk Hill.
- A suggestion has been made to gravel the footpath area outside of Furlong Close to ease use by pedestrians walking to and from the canal. The Clerk is investigating the ownership of the land and possible collaborative improvements to the path.

Community Resilience Planning

Two Parish Councillors recently attended a Community Resilience Planning workshop. Wiltshire Council is encouraging parishes to amalgamate their existing local Emergency, Snow and Flood plans in one comprehensive plan. A small group of Parish Councillors has been tasked with drafting a response to the document which will be shared at the Parish Council meeting in April

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Cleaning up the Village

Dog fouling

Concern has been raised about dog waste that is being left on pavements, mainly in Marsh Lane and Springfield Road. Dog owners are reminded of their legal obligations to pick up after their dogs. It was agreed by the Parish Council to produce an awareness poster and to deliver leaflets to the affected areas in an effort to reduce the unpleasant effects of dog mess in the village.

New Equipment

It has been proposed to replace the street orderly cart used for litter collecting in the village.

Clean for the Queen & Village Clean Up day

In response to requests for help to clean up the village and to 'Clean for the Queen', one person volunteered (thank you to Rosie). St. Matthew's Church and Rowde Primary Academy School were also willing to be involved in projects.

It has been suggested that 'cleaning up the village' becomes task based instead of being based around one day's activities. A volunteer has already kindly offered to paint the Church gates and the kissing gate. The Parish Council hopes to devise a list of task specific projects which will run over the summer months.

Due to the lack of support from the village, the Parish Council decided not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. However, the Parish Council hopes to encourage residents to clean up their own gardens and the area immediately in front of their house.

Planning

16/01910/FUL - 31 Tower View Rowde Devizes:

New vehicular access. The majority of Councillors had no objections to the application. The Parish Council agreed to the application subject to the Highways Department at Wiltshire Council dealing with issues surrounding land ownership of the grass verge, the existing footpath and any issues that arise from losing the existing parking bay there.

16/01671/FUL Greenfields, Bath Road: Conversion of Greenfields into 2 flats, erection of a new 3 bedroom dwelling attached to Greenfields and associated works. This was sent by Wiltshire Council as a courtesy planning application. The Parish Council thanked Wiltshire Council for their consideration and agreed with the application in principle.

16/01941/FUL 12 Devizes Road: new vehicular access. The Parish Council had no objections.

Proposed bungalow development – Silverlands Road

The proposed start date of the construction of the new bungalows behind Silverlands Road is 27th June 2016, although this will be confirmed once the contractors have been appointed. The interests of safety are secured by condition no. 9 of the Construction Method Statement (CMS) which must be submitted and approved by Wiltshire Council prior to any commencement on site. This details:

- a) Parking of the vehicles of site operatives and visitors.
- b) The access route to the site of the vehicles and of the site operatives and visitors.

c) Loading and unloading of plant and materials.

d) Storing of plant and materials used in constructing the development.

e) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction.

f) Measures for the protection of the natural environment.

g) Hours of construction, including deliveries.

The approved CMS shall be complied with throughout the construction period, the Parish Council will receive a copy of the document when it has been drafted/submitted.

Bus Service Consultation

People are invited to have their say on a review of subsidised bus services in Wiltshire. The review is being carried out as part of wider plans to help Wiltshire Council save money.

The consultation can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-servicesconsultation. Paper copies can be picked up in council offices, libraries, on buses operating contracted services, or people can call 0300 456 0100 to have one posted to them. The consultation runs until 4 April 2016.

Parish Council Facebook Page

The Parish Council Facebook page is increasing in its number of hits. The most popular item in March was the installation of the new noticeboard in Tanis. Other items raised included concern about dog fouling and continuing safety concerns on Conscience Lane. The page can be accessed through the Rowde Parish Council Facebook Page.

Finance

o Monthly invoices for February totaling £1473.07 were approved (proposed by A Seedhouse, seconded by C Stevens. All Councillors were in favour)

Admin costs/stationery £986.02

Grounds Maintenance £451.05

CPRE membership £36.00

Total: £1473.07

Get involved!

The Parish Council has vacancies for three Parish Councillors. If you are interested in matters that affect your village and would like to be involved in making decisions that impact on your local area, please get involved. No previous experience is required and training will be provided. Please contact the Clerk for more details

Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm, and then on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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

Everyone is welcome

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

You are very welcome to join us at the next Parish Council meeting or to contact any of the Councillors directly – please see contact details on opposite page.

ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello Everyone,

With spring now here we are stocking a few bedding plants and various pot plants, so do come see what there is. It is useful not to have to rush off to town for that forgotten present should you require flowers.

We are trying different lines so have a look.



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| Bank Holidays | 9:00am – 12:00 |

Don't forget Oscar's diet dog and cat food for your special friend.

We also do a ticket selling service for village events.

It is with sadness that we are losing our Rev John Rees who volunteers on a Thursday lunch time for us. We wish him well in all that he does.

We are also looking for someone to help us with the Marina deliveries' this would be just an hour or so two or three days a week.

Kind regards to you all

The Shop Team

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JAN'S RECIPES

Our recipes are following a more summery feel this month.

Spaghetti pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounces thin spaghetti
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup diced pepperoni
- 1/2 cup diced fully cooked ham
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup diced tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped cucumber
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
- 1 avocado, peeled and diced, optional
- 1 bottle (8 ounces) Italian salad dressing

METHOD:

1. In a large saucepan, cook spaghetti according to package directions. Meanwhile in a large salad bowl, add the cheese, pepperoni, ham, green

pepper, tomato, onion, cucumber and olives. Add avocado if desired.

2. Rinse pasta with cold water; drain well. Place on top of salad ingredients. Drizzle with salad dressing; toss lightly to coat. Chill until serving. Yield: 15-20 servings.



Special Rhubarb Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
- STREUSEL TOPPING:
 - 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- VANILLA SAUCE:
 - 1/2 cup butter, cubed
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating just until moistened. Fold in the rhubarb. Pour into a greased 9-in. square baking dish.

2. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over batter. Bake 40-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

3. For sauce, melt butter in a saucepan. Add sugar and milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2-3 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Serve with cake. Yield: 9 servings (1-1/4 cups sauce).

Editor's Note: If using frozen rhubarb, measure rhubarb while still frozen, then thaw completely. Drain in a colander, but do not press liquid out.

(all or most ingredients are available from the village shop so remember to get them there, Ed)



EATING OUT - THE JOLLY HUNTSMAN

The Jolly Huntsman is a privately owned, traditional village freehouse, situated in the peaceful and picturesque village of Kingston St Michael, just 2 miles from Junction 17 of the M4 and close to other popular local villages such as Castle Combe, Badminton and Lacock.

The building dates back to the 18th Century and the premises were originally used as The White Horse Brewery in the 19th Century before becoming an inn. One of the old wells, used in the brewing process is still in existence today. The property was re-named as The Jolly Huntsman in the early 1970s.



The Jolly Huntsman, Kingston St Michael

The restaurant is open and serves food every lunchtime and evening.

Opening hours are:

Monday - Thursday: 11.30am-2.30pm and 6.00pm - 11.00pm.

Friday and Saturday: 11.30am - 2.30pm and 6.00pm - 12 midnight.

Sunday: 12 Noon - 3.00pm and 7.00pm - 10.30pm.

Lunch is available from 11.30am - 2.00pm from Monday to Saturday and 12 Noon - 2.00pm on Sundays.

Dinner is served from 6.30pm - 9.30pm from Monday to Saturday and 7.00pm - 9.00pm on a Sunday.

REVIEWS:

“Mothers day evening meal”

Six of us dined here Mothering Sunday evening and all in all it was superb lovely welcome from the staff and orders taken without feeling rushed. all the meals were piping hot and of good quality which was shown by six empty plates, 3 deserts ordered and those all very again great tasting and excellent portion size.

An added treat for both mums was two lovely pot plants which was a nice touch from the owners. It was my first time there as other members of the party had been in the past but this is a place that we will be headed back to soon.

The bill was great value as five adults and one child's meal, three deserts and eight drinks along with two children's drinks was £110 so great value.

Review by Paul R

Visited March 2016

“Impulse stop during a busy day”

Lovely meal and very nice atmosphere. The food was really very tasty and the staff very helpful. We have been before and now go there as often as possible. Especially on a busy day as it is very relaxing to be there.

Reviewed by Ana B

Visited March 2016

“Lunchtime ”

Always a fantastic place to go for lunch. We visit here regularly and are always greeted with a very warm welcome and always accommodated even when busy. Pub is warm 'n' cosy, staff friendly and efficient and food delicious. We have only had a few evening meals here but will def' do that again as food was amazing. Only disappointment we found was don't open 'til 7. My dog Alfie is always welcomed and made a fuss of which is an added bonus. Fantastic pub and we'll done to all staff for making it that way.

Reviewed by Lisa C

Visited February 2016

REVIEWS NEEDED!

If you have eaten out lately and could write us a review please send it to Suzan at suzijj@rocketmail.com, thanks, Ed

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Services in St Matthew's, Rowde, *unless otherwise stated*

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| Date/Time | Service |
|--|---|
| Sunday 03 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am | Easter 2 Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service |
| Wednesday 06 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 10 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am | Easter 3 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Family Communion, Bromham</i> Parish Communion |
| Sunday 17 8.00 am 9.30 am 10.45 am 11.00 am | Easter 4 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Family Communion and Junior Church (see Church Warden's Notes) Rowde APCM <i>Family Service, Bromham</i> |
| Wednesday 20 8.00 am | <i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i> |
| Sunday 24 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am | Easter 5 - St George <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Morning Worship |
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| Thursday 5 7.30 pm | <i>Holy Communion, St Mary's The Virgin Potterne</i> |

In addition, a short service of Morning Prayer is normally said on Tuesdays at 8am; please join us if you are able to.

Please note that the Church is open every day from 10.30am – 4pm

Coffee is available from 10.00 to noon on Tuesdays.

Do come and explore our beautiful village Church or come in to sit quietly and pray. Please note that, although we try to avoid this whenever possible, times of midweek or special services may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please check the Church notice board for further information.

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The Reverend John Rees

Thoughts from The Rectory

I love spring; after the damp and chill of winter it is wonderful to see shoots appear in the hedgerows and in the trees and bushes in our gardens and to see the lambs begin to appear in our fields. All around are signs of new life – and many of us find that our mood lifts as we begin to feel the warmth of the sun on our backs.

We have just celebrated Easter. The key themes of this season are also new life and new hope. On that first Easter the darkness of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday was replaced by joy as the word spread that Jesus has risen! The disciples didn't understand the significance of what had happened at first; but through the power of the Spirit of God they came to understand that through Jesus God's love for all had been revealed in a new way.

They began to tell everyone they encountered that through Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection all people are offered a new beginning. The Good News of Easter remains unchanged: we are loved and accepted by God with all our faults and failings - and God calls us to be forgiven and renewed.

As I look back on my life I have been particularly aware of God's sustaining presence at times of change – and this gives me confidence to face the future. Many of you will now know that Anne and I will be leaving Rowde at the end of May as I have been appointed Rector of the Canalside Benefice to the east of Trowbridge from late June. We will find it hard to say goodbye – but I'll come to that next month.

None of us, of course, can know exactly what the future holds. But there is certainty within this uncertainty. God longs to Bless us wherever we go and whatever our circumstances. I pray that we may all be more and more aware of this in the days ahead.

Best wishes, John

Notes from our Churchwardens

Children's Church: Primary School age children are welcome at Children's Church on Sunday 17th April. We start in the Village Hall at 9.30am and come into Church for the end of the Communion service.

Pilgrim Group: The Pilgrim Group will meet again on Tuesday 12th April in The Rectory at 7.30pm to study the course on The Bible. Everyone is welcome.

Mothers' Union: MU members are invited to the Diocesan Festival Service in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 16th April at 11.00am.

On Saturday 23rd April MU members are having a coffee morning in St Nicholas Church Bromham from 10.30 to 12.00 to raise funds for MU projects.

Tuesday Coffee Morning: It would appear that on the first morning we suspended the Tuesday Coffee morning a group of mothers and toddlers had turned up hoping to bump start the Tuesday morning sessions. So on the basis that their attendance will become a regular feature the Tuesday morning coffee sessions will be re-installed.

Toddler Groups in Bromham and Rowde

We would like to welcome all parents, carers and toddlers to three toddler groups running in our parishes. You are all very welcome. The groups run fortnightly during school term time. The April and May dates are as follows.

Little Angels: at St Nicholas Church, Bromham 9.15 -11: No dates provided please Contact: ed.myer@yahoo.co.uk

Shooting Stars: Rowde Village Hall 9.30-11: due to reorganizational and personnel changes there will be no Shooting Stars in Rowde until October Contact: Audrey.pye@4children.org.uk

Tiddlywinks: Caroline Culley will just be in St Mathews on Tuesdays in term time. The dates we will be there in April are 12th, 19th, 26th April. Toddlers will be welcome every Tuesday and will bring activities for toddlers each Tuesday: contact: carolineculley1@outlook.com

Stewdsday: Firstly, on behalf of all those who attended, we would like to thank Gavin and Jane for their organisation in producing yet another fantastic evening's fare and to Gavin's team of young helpers who not only learnt how to prepare the dishes but did a sterling job behind the serving tables. Secondly to you all for the magnificent support you continue to give to the Stewdsday evenings. Your support raised £460 which is not only very much appreciated but will most definitely assist with the upkeep of your village church.

Cluster Services

Please make a note of the following Services being held within the Cluster of Worton and Marston, Rowde, Bromham, Chittoe and Sandy Lane and Seen, Bulkington and Poulshot:

Ascension Day Thursday 5th May Holy Communion at 7.30 pm at St Mary's The Virgin Potterne, an opportunity to celebrate this Festival together.

Cluster Praise of Service at 6 pm Saturday 17 September at Christ Church Worton, an informal service of worship for all the family.

Songs of Praise at 6pm Sunday 20 November at Christ Church Bulkington, a special "Songs of Praise" for Christ the King, joining Bulkington for their Patronal Festival.

Church Recording: St Matthew's is very honoured to have been offered an opportunity to have a Church recording carried out by the local branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society (NADFAS). So over the next few months on a given day in the week the NADFAS team will be recoding everything of interest within the Church, and this will include conducting some research so the church will eventually be in the proud possession of a factual record, which will be available for anyone to view.

Pastoral Care: I would imagine that by now most of the Village magazine's readers may be aware that John and Anne Rees are moving to new pastures. Obviously the parish of St Matthew's is still coming to terms with this news and once Anne and John have moved away there will be a period, known as an Inter Regnum, whilst the PCC seek to find a replacement priest. During that time there may be some minor adjustment to the number of services we hold as we will be reliant on other clergy in the Deanery to help us provide cover for the services. Until such time as John departs please continue to contact the Rectory for matters to do with Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Once John has departed the initial point of contact will be either of the Church Wardens until such time as we get an administrator in post. So please be patient during the Inter Regnum, the Church Wardens will be treading new ground and learning as we go. Finally, we would like to thank Anne and John for all that they have brought to St Matthew's during John's ministry, those of us who go to St Matthew's have always

**Annual Parish Church Meeting
Sunday 17 April at 10:45 am**

If you are not sure whether or not you are recorded as being on the roll you can check with either of the church wardens or you wish to join the roll please contact Jenny Lund, the PCC Secretary on 01380.

Contacts:

Priest in Charge: Rev John Rees Tel: 859646 Email: revjohnrees@btinternet.com

Churchwardens:

Gavin Moss Tel 01380 729160

Michael Cornwell Tel 01380 722855

***For more information about St Matthew's -
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CHURCH ROTAS

Brass Cleaning

Now being done on a bi-monthly basis and the next will be April as there was none in March

Contact is Jane Moss 01380 729160

Flower Arranging

3 April - Use Easter Flowers

10/17 April - Theresa Morcombe

24 April/1 May - Barbara Twiner

Church Cleaning at St Matthew's, Rowde

We had another good cleaning session on Friday 26th February although we only had 4 of us, plus two little helpers who are 1 and 3 years old. We were able to give the church a good clean and polish followed by Cheese scones and Cherry slice kindly make by Jo.

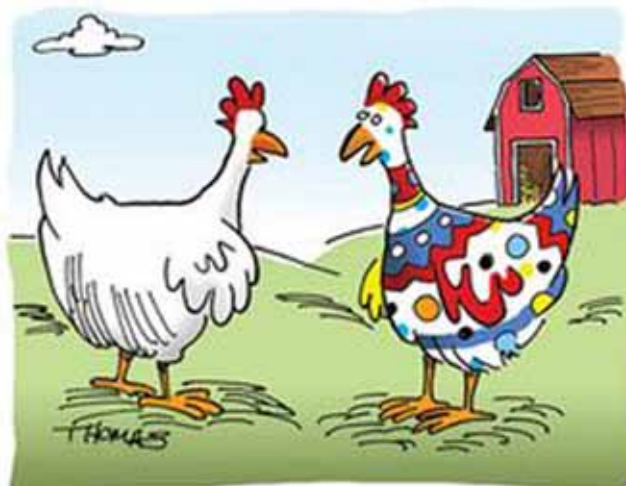
The next cleaning session will take place on Friday 1st April at 10.00 am, this is in the school holidays and we are always happy to have children come along to help as long as they bring an adult with them. Bob Hill will bring his special brush to sweep away the cobwebs in the roof of the Nave and Chancel.

We need a few more people to join our cleaning group (even if you can only do one or two sessions a year) so If you would like to come and help please contact Jane Moss 01380 729160 or Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406 or just turn up on the day.

Jane Moss 01380 729160 mosscaDET@lineone.net

FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's Easter fun column.



"I was an Easter egg"



NEWS FROM Hft

I do believe spring has finally arrived, but with Easter just around the corner I have heard we may be in for some wet weather! Although by the time you all read this, Easter and all the chocolate that's been consumed, will be a dim and distant memory, no doubt.

As usual everything here is very busy, and with new projects in the pipeline we are working to lots of new deadlines.

Our Grow and Sow project will be launching on 27th May so no doubt you will see lots of posters and publicity around that.

Our monthly Saturday Drama sessions will be starting on 30th April, again there will be posters and publicity around and about.

We are just about to start our new set of 12 week sessions, where the people we support will be trying their hands at Veg Gardening, Upcycling picture frames and Spring Painting to name a few new sessions.

Members of our Drama group recently had a trip to Bristol Hippodrome to watch 'Hairspray', which is a happy coincidence as they are performing a version of this at our music festival in June. The member of staff who organised the trip also organised a 'meet and greet' beforehand with the cast which they all loved. A big thank you to all those involved.

On a very positive note our lovely receptionist Lisa has been contacting local charity shops and has secured an interview for one of the people we support who was no longer able to

Pictures made using sun dying techniques



work in the Village shop, so we are all keeping our fingers crossed this goes well.

Finally it's that time of year when thoughts turn to spring cleaning so please don't forget our Laundry and Duvet cleaning service, it's cheaper than the laundrette in Devizes and much more friendly. Please phone us or call in for a quote.

Jan Emm

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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring

World Book Day 2016



World Book Day was on Thursday 3rd March, and this year the theme was SPACE. Some children came to school as space travellers, engineers and even TV reporters. We had some aliens and characters from Star Wars.

Sport Relief

Friday 18th March was Sport Relief day with various sports related activities taking place for each tutor group, including completing circuits of the trim trail, following the 'get fit' circuit exercises on the playground, timing laps of the main house playground. They also donated coppers to form a letter of the words 'SPORT'S RELIEF' with coins on a table top.



Rowdeford's Annual Quiz

Many thanks to all who came and took part in the Annual Quiz, the fantastic sum of £220.59 was raised which will go towards further developing the outdoor learning areas.

Bags2 School – Thank you

Many thanks to all those who sent in donations for our Bag2School fundraiser. The bags have now been collected and we raised £68.00 for the Green Team fund. We will collect again in the autumn.



Sainsbury's Active Kids



We are once again collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's to get sports and play equipment for the children. If you have any vouchers please could you send them into school.

Rowdeford Garden Fair

Rowdeford Charity Trust will once again be holding their annual Garden Fair here in the grounds of Rowdeford School. The date for this year is Sunday 15th May; where there will be the usual splendid selection of plants and garden ornaments.

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NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



Raising Money and Having Fun

This past term has been an exciting time for Rowde Academy. We have redesigned our garden with the help of parents, children and staff from Wickes in Trowbridge. We have had donations of seeds, soil and tools from Townsend and B&Q and our new poly tunnel will be arriving soon. Our gardens are looking incredible and ready for planting fruit, vegetables and herbs.



We have held a whole school Morris Dance in support of Sport Relief in which the children and staff danced to the amazing accompaniment of Mr Stevenson and Mr Barlow. How much fun it is to have everyone in the Spring sunshine, dancing and smiling



together. Thank you to the parents who came to cheer us on.

Those of you who read the Gazette and Herald will have seen that we were visited by Dr Nicola Winstone and Alison Wilson from Against Breast Cancer, as our school has raised over £2,500 so far for the charity just from the sale of our school calendar. This is of course a charity close to our hearts and we continue to have our Think Pink Fridays to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Two Year 5 teams visited Nursted School on Friday 18th March to take part in the Rotary Club Public Speaking competition which was an incredible experience for them – especially as they were amongst the youngest taking part. We are so proud of their achievements in this competition and look forward to taking part in the competition again next year.

Our football, rugby and netball teams have been doing incredibly well too, with the 2016 football trophy being awarded to Rowde Academy. Our sporting achievements are going from strength to strength and will be celebrated in a whole school sports tournament and Summer Fayre in June.

Lastly, we have ended our term with an Easter Bonnet Parade in which staff and children showed off their creations with great pride and enthusiasm. The children, staff and parents never fail to amaze me with their creativity, sense of fun and pure enjoyment of the extended curriculum. We have had World Book Day, Fair Trade week, school discos and a rather funny Easter Bingo.

For an unusually short term, we have certainly managed to fit a lot in here at Rowde Academy! Have a wonderful Easter!

Chris Fox

JOHN'S FARM



The last of the 2015 harvest wheat should be moving from the farm in the first half of April. This consignment is going to ADM at Avonmouth, where it is ground into flour. ADM supplies the baking industry with more than 400 staple baking ingredients to meet a wide range of customer applications. The prices we are paid this year are around 30% below that which we obtained last year – I haven't noticed much of a drop in the price of bread in the supermarkets! EU wheat markets have been pressured by rising production and slow export demand, as a result of very aggressive pricing from the Black sea and Baltic regions, again mainly due to increased production and increased stocks from the previous season.

We have managed to apply the first dose of fertiliser on all the crops to try and wake them up from the winter. The recent cold weather has not helped plant health, and there are some very scorched-looking fields caused by the chilly winds. The oilseed rape has been under constant attack from hungry pigeons since the end of February. Some fields are looking quite bare and it remains to be seen if they will recover. Interestingly they have left the ones on to of Roundway Hill alone - presumably it is too cold even for pigeons to feed up there!

Our training course have continued and a number of candidates have passed their telehandler certificates (JCB Loader), as have some sprayer operators who have achieved competences. In addition we have had some candidates for a certificate in animal transport over short journeys up to 65 kilometres – another new legal requirement. The latest qualification we are now geared up to offer is for vertebrate control (rats and mice) by rodenticides. Most farmers and growers will require this by 2017.

Planning is underway for Open Farm Sunday which this year is on 5th June. We have a few new ideas to add to the success of last year's event so hopefully the weather will be more summery by then. Today (Easter Sunday) is certainly not very spring-like! Our Archaeology event has been very well supported by the people of Rowde and Bromham and we are looking forward to meeting around 60 of you on 30th March.

The farm website www.rowdefieldfarm.co.uk has recently been updated and you can also see what we have been up to on Facebook.



Ploughing ready for spring planting under Roundway Hill



Skip and Edward relaxing after a long day's work!



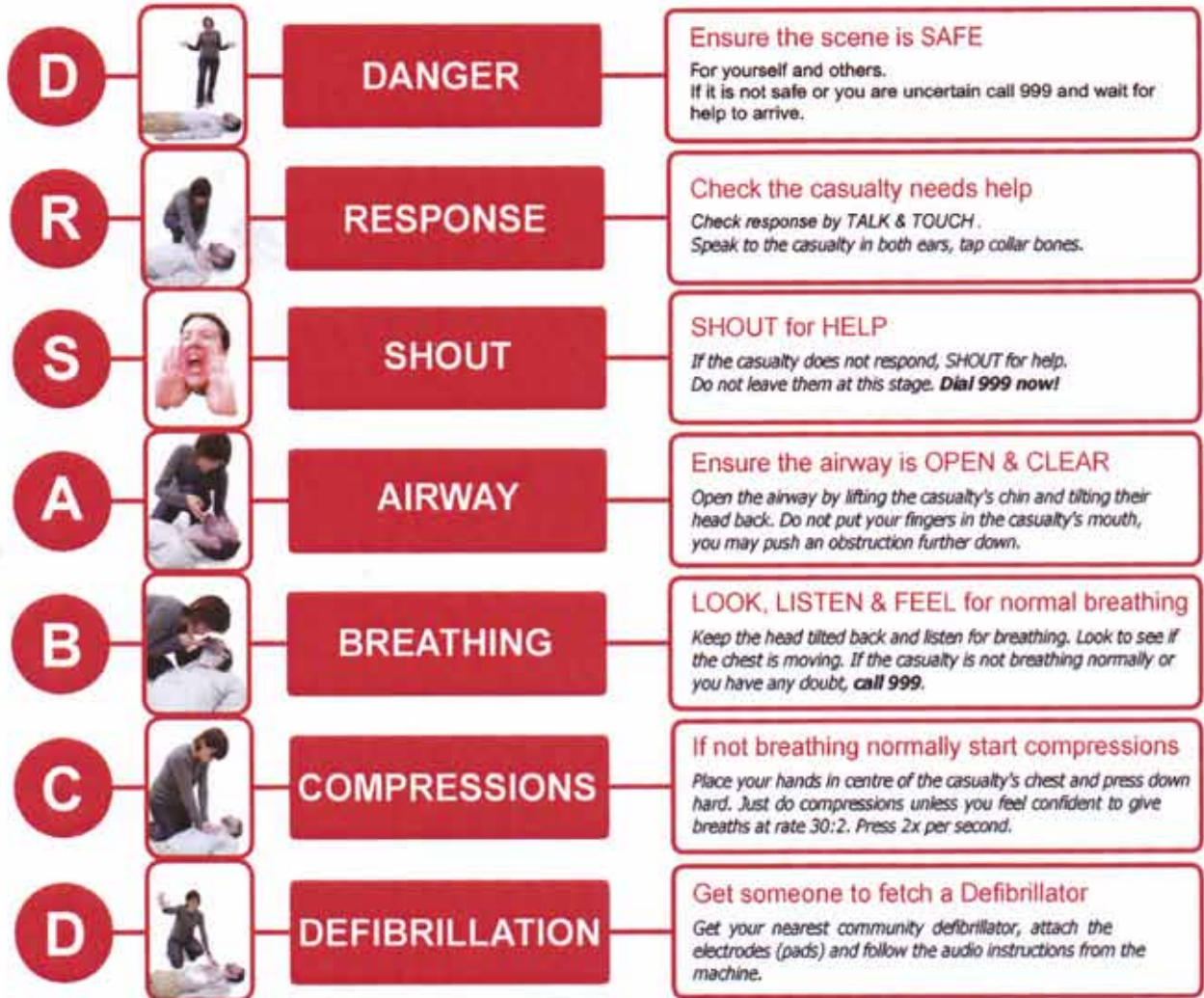
This Case tractor is 29 years old and comes out of retirement occasionally. Here it is rolling the fields on Roundway Hill. In its day at 145 horsepower it would be considered a large tractor. Our main tractor today is 235 hp.

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm

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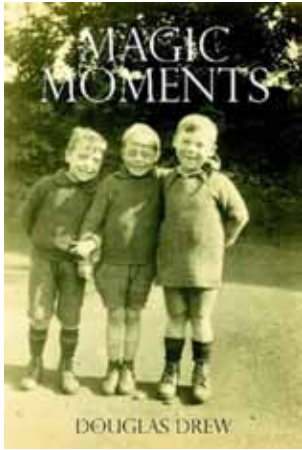
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SHORT STORY

'Where Something Might Happen' by Carl Eugene Moore

Stephen Dunn called his court to order. The Pulitzer Prize Winning poet sat at a blue cloth draped folding table in front of a small auditorium, a poetry craft seminar that was beginning five minutes late.

"I have an essay here to read. It's about twenty minutes or so. We can do that. But I was thinking that we might start with you. If you'd like to ask some questions, I'll answer them and then we can move on to some poems I brought to read. Then we can get your reactions and discuss them." He stopped and looked around for an up stretched hand.

Most rooms are filled with people who want to ask questions, but here there was palpable reticence filling the air. No one wanted to be the first to risk embarrassment.

No one but me.

"How do you write a poem?" I asked, innocence wrapped around the sentence, which I blurted out clear and concise so it would carry to the front of the room. I saw the words make their way slowly from my mouth, over the heads of those in front of me; they were in rainbow colours, like a clown's wig, a last minute costume from the dollar store on its way to Stephen's Pulitzer Prize-Winning ears. I tried to recover from my idiocy.

"I mean, how do you write a poem? What is your process? What happens when you get up in the morning and say, 'I want to write a poem today?' I hoped words like 'process' might overtake the clown words.

They didn't.

Stephen smiled in knowing benevolence. I held my breath. Everyone held their breath. I prepared to receive my sentence for having the unmitigated gall to ask this poet such a naive, amateur question as "how do you write a poem?"

"Well," he began still smiling, "I certainly don't get a poem every day. Sometimes I go days without something new. Every day I do try. I sit and make myself ready to receive a poem."

He paused to let this sink in. The collective began to breathe once more. I realized I was to be spared for my naivete.

"The most important thing," he said, teeth showing through the wide smile under his full graying beard, "is to put yourself in a place where something might happen."

The words shot into me and rattled around like a bullet.

"Put yourself where something might happen," he said again. "Too often we approach a poem or some other writing with some notion of what

we want to happen. Those are usually the flat poems, the didactic poems, preachy things with no life. We already know what happened and we're simply trying to press the moments into verse. Contrivances. Doesn't work. You can't pull that one over on a reader. They see it before they get to the last line. No, you have to find a place where something might happen, where something unexpected might sneak up on you and smack you in the back of the head. It's that surprise, that inspiration that makes a poem good or even great."

He leaned back into the red, plastic chair, allowing us time to scramble for the jewels he had tossed in our direction.

"Where," he continued after a moment, "is elusive and personal. Where may be a physical location, perhaps the steps of the Parthenon in Greece. Perhaps it is a garden in your back yard. Maybe it's on a subway train. Maybe it's simply a quiet place you use or visit regularly. The point is that you must find a place and use it, visit it regularly. Let what shows up surprise you."

Four words "where something might happen" had grabbed me by the neck and shaken me. How often had I approached writing poetry as an act of informative reflection, a recounting of some personal tale meaning nothing to anyone save me? I remembered Stephen's keynote address the day before. To paraphrase, "Writers are narcissists endeavouring to involve the reader in what involves them. The truth of it is that only the meaning of what involves the writer is important to the reader."

Too often I have tried to merely report facts and events in a journalistic fashion, hoping the reader will indulge in my self-interest. Seldom have I been able, or willing to pursue the meanings of events, or to convey such to the reader, to connect with him across the page.

Stephen went on to answer other questions about the mechanics of craft, but his most important words remained with me.

Then, I had occasion to chat privately with Stephen before he left for the airport. He was sitting alone at a glass table in the deserted, sunlit student commons area. I walked over and asked if he minded some company. He said, "Please," indicating the chrome chair opposite him. I dropped my backpack and sat.

"You ask great questions," he said, smiling from behind mirrored sunglasses.

I don't remember the rest of the conversation.

ROWDEY COW NEWS



Now Spring is here and (at time of writing this) Easter is approaching things are picking up at the cafe. Mothering Sunday was our busiest yet and we are looking forward to Easter next weekend and the School holidays. The fields are beginning to dry out so hopefully all the animals will be able to go out again soon.

We do recommend booking a table for lunch at weekends and during school holidays as it can get quite full over lunch times. Our Cream Egg flavoured ice cream is proving popular as ever and we will be creating some other seasonal flavours throughout the holidays.

We are having some arts and craft days for the children over Easter and may continue these on a regular basis if they prove popular. The Easter Bunny will be making a few appearances over the Easter Weekend. Pyjama Drama are also running a session but this is already fully booked.

Our opening times are now back to the Summer hours which are 10am – 5pm (last food orders at 4pm).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sue



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The 2015 village fete seems a distant memory now and amazingly the time has arrived to start organising the 2016's event. The date has been set for Saturday 2nd July 12-4pm on the small playing field and we hope that it will be as successful as the last two years have been.

We still need volunteers in several areas of the fete so you could help with either:

- Setting up on the morning of the fete between 9:00am-10:30am
- Running a games stall for 1-2 hours in the afternoon
- Selling raffl tickets for 1-2 hours during the fete
- Storing toys/brick a brac for the fete
- Collecting toys/brick a brac for the fete
- Run the toys/brick a brac stall for 1-2 hours during the fete

These are just some of the ways you can get involved but any suggestions are welcomed. The fete only works with your support so we really need you contact us and let us know what you can offer. If you were unable to come along to the meeting we had on the 8th March but would still like to get involved then please contact us via Facebook or call Lisa Mundy on 01380 727598.

Wiltshire Sight offers Online Today Project



Wiltshire Sight is to help blind and partially sighted people – and or people with hearing loss – across Wiltshire get online and enjoy the benefits of the internet.

The Wiltshire charity is helping to deliver the nationwide Online Today project which is being led by The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and funded by a £5.8m Big Lottery Fund grant.

Online Today aims to help those with sensory loss get online. This could be someone living with hearing loss, sight loss or both. The programme enables people to get the most out of being online. Wiltshire Sight will help people with sensory loss learn everything from sending emails to keeping in touch with family and friends to browsing websites to keep up to date with news and leisure interests. Introductions to social media are also available with Online Today, assistance with Twitter and Facebook can be provided as well as setting up a skype account.

Online today is led by RNIB and 37 other groups. These include Guide Dogs and Sense and Action on Hearing Loss. The scheme will help more than 200 adults with hearing or sight loss feel the benefits of technology across Wiltshire. In total, Online Today is being delivered to 125,000 with sensory loss across the UK.

Neil Heslop, Managing Director of RNIB Solutions, said:

“Technology has changed the way we live our lives, from how we communicate and socialise to the way we look for jobs and pay our bills. For people who have sight or hearing loss, being able to get online can make a huge difference to being able to live independently but it can be quite daunting if you don't know where to start.

“Online Today will deliver the skills, training and confidence that will make a huge difference to so many people's lives and will make sure they're not being excluded from today's digital world.”

Wiltshire Sight aims to use this programme to arrange introduction taster sessions throughout the year to inform over 200 people across the county, including Swindon, about the advantages of getting online. The information will be available at all of the charity's monthly drop-ins, technology sessions and at their main office – St Lucy's Sight Centre in Devizes.

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Special thanks to 'The Boys' – Mike, Tayte, Bernie, Michol, Josh & Wesley for helping



Gavin with all the cooking and serving up, and to everyone that made a pudding, to Lusi for the wonderful curry. To Caroline and Richard for the loan of the tables, to 'The girls' – Amanda, Mo, Jenny for helping with setting up in the afternoon and the serving out of the puddings, to everyone who helped clear up at the end of the evening and to John who came and washed up the following morning. Without you all we wouldn't be able to do it.

Also thanks for all the Raffle prizes that were donated and to Jo, Mary and Kiah for organising it all – we made £104 on the raffle alone. The total profit for the evening after costs was £460.

Please keep an eye out for our next foodie events – two consecutive Spanish nights which will be on May 24th and 25th (Tickets are limited for this and places will only be confirmed once you have paid for your ticket) and our Salads & Puddings night which will be in the summer.



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Sunday 28th February

Both Rowdey Cow Rowde and Bath Road made a welcomed return to action after managing just one game each in the last two months but unfortunately for Rowde it was the latter who emerged victorious thanks to a 2-0 win.

Jordan Jones scored in the first half and Tim Knight wrapped up the points with a second-half penalty, both of them claiming their first goals of the season.

Sunday 13th March

A 7-1 victory for Rowdey Cow Rowde away at Calne BFC gave Josh Scott's side the perfect result ahead of their WG Parr Trophy semi-final meeting with Melksham Cosmos.

Matt Lever and Jamie Wallen were on target for the villagers in the first half, Lever added a second after the break and singles for Bradley Whitbread, Robbie Whyte, Rory Collins and Cory Smith made up the seven. Mark Dolman replied for Calne.

Sunday 20th March

Rowdey Cow Rowde FC played their WG Parr semi final on Sunday 20th March and with a convincing display booked their place in the final with a 4 goals to 1 win over premier division Melksham Cosmos. Rowde fell behind midway through the first half but were soon on level terms when Bradley Whitbread scored to make it 1-1 at half time. The second half saw Rowde dominate for long spells and Brad Whitbread out-jumping the Cosmos keeper to take the lead on 67 minutes. A superb save by Rowde's keeper ensuring the cows held on to their slender 2-1 lead. With Cosmos pushing forward for an equaliser, Rowde caught them on the break in the 85th minute as Robbie Whyte picked up a loose ball 30 yards from goal and smashed the ball past the helpless Cosmos keeper to make it 3-1 and Whyte wasn't finished there; with the last kick of the game he tucked away from the penalty spot after being hauled down by the Cosmos keeper and thus putting Rowde into their first final since 1988.

They will now play Division One opposition Somerford FC in the final at Corsham Town FC's Southbank ground on Sunday 10th April. Kick off will be 2 pm so please come along and support your village team on this exciting occasion.

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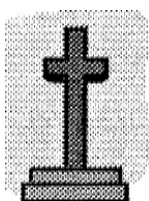
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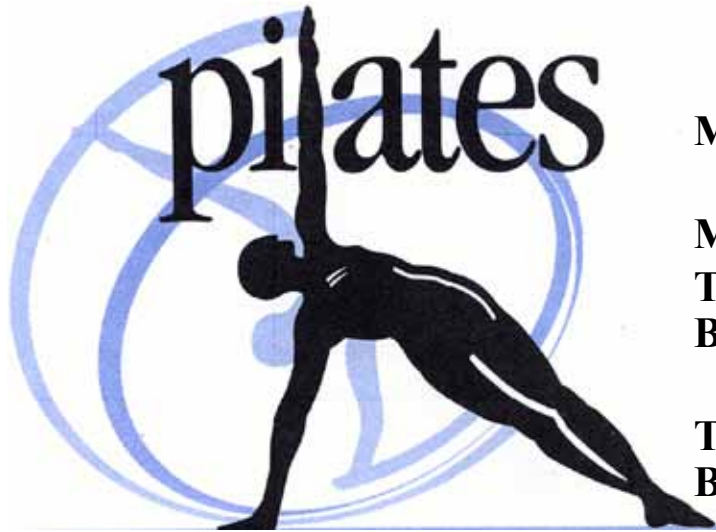
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Hi,

I am starting a children's art and craft class in the village from Tuesday 26 April 2016 and i was wondering if you could add me to your what's on listings?

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My contact details are:

Hayley Mitchell

**Facebook: The Creation Station
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hayleymitchell@thecreationstation.co.uk

www.thecreationstation.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hello Alan

My name is Sue and I work for the Befriending Team at Age UK Wilts.

We arrange for volunteers to visit older people who are experiencing social isolation. They may have a chat over a cuppa, go out for a walk, or join in a community club. The benefits for the older person and also the volunteer can be huge.

We need more volunteers in the Rowde area and I am contacting you to see if you would be happy to put something in Rowde Village news about Age UK Wiltshire and our Befriending service?

I have attached a link to our website so you can see a little bit more about what we do, but we also have articles and photos we could send over if this is something you could help with.

http://www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/what_we_do/befriending/

Best wishes

Sue Sullivan

(see article on page 39)

SPRING CONCERT

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

White Horse Opera is dedicating its Spring Concert to Vince Gaiger.

"A Night at the Opera" will be a concert of your favourites such as the Easter Hymn and The Brindisi from La Traviata to name just a couple.

We are delighted to welcome back guest tenor Carlos Alonso.

Devizes Town Hall Saturday 23rd April at 7.30pm
Tickets £10 from Devizes Books and on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

Thanking you

Best wishes

Barbara Gompels

DONATE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO WILTSHIRE SIGHT

Press Release

Rather than putting your unwanted Christmas gifts away and forgetting about them, consider donating them to Wiltshire Sight. They can sell your wrong sized clothing or the CD you don't like via their eBay shop to raise money to fund their services supporting those living with sight loss in Wiltshire and Swindon.

There are 3,750 people registered as blind or partially sighted in Wiltshire, however it is estimated that there are 15,350 people living with sight loss in the area. There are also 620 people in Swindon who are registered as blind or partially sighted and there are an estimated 5,300 living with sight loss.

Wiltshire Sight provides practical support, delivered directly into the community to help people with sight loss lead full, independent, healthy and socially active lives.

They work hard to fill the increasingly large gap left by the reduction in local health and social care services and for many people, are a valuable lifeline as they struggle to come to terms with their sight loss and learn how to remain independent.

It costs about £250,000 each year to run Wiltshire Sight and make everything they do possible, so any amount you are able to donate will help to maintain all of their services.

Here are just a few examples of what a donation could fund;

- £10 would pay for an individual to receive emotional support via the telephone.
- £50 would pay for one of their community drop in's for up to 20 individuals to receive information advice and access to resources.

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- £100 would pay for an assistive technology workshop.
- £500 would cover the costs of their home visiting service for two weeks.

Maggie Hemmings – Direct Services Manager at Wiltshire Sight – had this to say: “Donating unwanted presents is an amazing way to be selfless and give something back at this time of year. Consider the fact that we may support your friend/family currently or in the future with sight loss and their independence.”

She continued: “We greatly appreciate any donation, it all enables us to continue the amazing services we provide every day for those living with an eye condition. Thank you for your support in 2015, we hope it continues into 2016 and beyond.”

For more information, please telephone the Wiltshire Sight team on 01380 739113 or email info@wiltshiresight.org

TRUSTEES WANTED

Wiltshire Sight is an independent charity supporting people living with sight loss in Wiltshire and Swindon. We assist more than 2,500 people of all ages, as well as their families and carers.

We aim to achieve our goal of being the first point of call for anyone in the county who needs information, advice and support around sight loss. We are now seeking new Trustees to sit on our Board and help guide the charity into the future.

We are particularly interested in recruiting local people with skills in Change Management, Human Resources, and Ophthalmology, who have the strategic leadership and operational experience to help us make a difference to our members. Applications from people whose lives are affected by sight loss are warmly welcomed.

Commitment and Duties

- Actively commit to the charity for, initially, a period of three years
- Attend around six board meetings a year and take part in other events
- Advise, mentor and guide the management team.

This is an exciting opportunity to use your skills to make a real difference.

Contact:

Informal discussions with our Chief Executive, Leanne Hubbard, are welcome. Expressions of interest and CVs should be emailed to lhubbard@wiltshiresight.org

George Wilson

PR and Engagement Officer

Tel: 01380 723682

THANKS

Dear Alan

Many thanks for including the tribute to my late wife in the February Village News.

Best wishes

Frank Daniells

SCARECROW TRAIL

Hi Alan,

I hope all is well with you. I am wondering if you're still involved with the Rowde village magazine as last year you kindly included a poster advert for the Keevil Scarecrow Trail for us. I'm wondering if you can help again! This year's charity event is taking place on the 14th and 15th of May and it would be amazing to if you could include us in April/ May magazines. It always makes such a difference having the event mentioned in the local village magazines, helping hugely towards getting the word out! It's a very popular family day. A huge thanks in advance for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Charlotte Martin

Keevil Scarecrow Trail organiser

EASYFUNDRAISING HELPS OUR SHOP

Hi Alan,

Just to let you know we recently sent donations to Rowde Village Shop. We wanted to say a big thank you for your support - it really is appreciated and helps make a big difference. £125.05 raised so far.

From,

Jenny, easyfundraising.org.uk (register for free to start fundraising for our shop)

CHARITY BREAKFASTS

Dear Alan, could you please put this in the next magazine.

“We would like to thank everyone who has once again supported our charity breakfasts over the winter. Despite a slight price increase to £12, of which £8 went to the RNLI, we still

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had to turn people away again this year, all places were booked in November, by about the 3rd week of 10. Even when we had some cancellations they were soon snapped up. It was lovely to see returning guests and even better some of the new faces this year, I think it is fair to say that everyone had a fun experience whether they were with friends or people they had never met before.

So we are thrilled to announce that this year, with a few extra donations as well, £693.40 has been raised for the lifeboats, plus another £45.70 worth of souvenirs and Christmas cards were also sold.

So look out for our announcement in the autumn, for next year's breakfast dates, but in the meantime if you would like to add more help to this worthy cause in any way, whether collecting or joining our very sociable committee then please contact one of us on the number below.

Ben Bentley Chairman

Mary Bentley Secretary

01380 728360"

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Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (difficult this month)

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

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Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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| 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
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Easter Jokes

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| Why did the Easter bunny hide the egg? | |
| Because it was a little chicken. | |
| How do you catch the Easter bunny? | |
| Hide in the bushes and make a noise like a carrot. | |
| What do you call a rabbit with fleas? | |
| Bugs Bunny. | |
| What do you call a row of bunnies walking backwards? | |
| A receding hareline. | |
| What do you call a rabbit that tells good jokes? | |
| A funny bunny. | |

Quick Reference Contacts and Village Guide

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

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Chris Stevens, Tel: 01380 738438

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Friday evenings, Bell Tower, St Matthew's Church at 7pm
Contact Richard Heath
on 01380722379

Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

Charities

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

Church

St Matthew's C of E
Rev. John Rees - Tel: 859646

Church Choir

Junior Choir Practice Thursdays at 6.15 pm
Sally Wadsworth 01380 859052
Senior Choir Practice Thursdays at 7.00 pm
Gavin Moss 01380 729160

Church Wardens

Michael Cornwell Tel: 01380 722855
Gavin Moss Tel: 01380 729160

Doctor

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

Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

Footpaths

Ben Bentley 01380 728360

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

Parish Council

Chair - Mr Steve Mundy
Tel: 01380 727598
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries
Tel: 01380 720988

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

Playing Fields

For playing field bookings please contact the Parish Council Clerk on 01380 720988
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

Pubs/Restaurants

Cross Keys, Tel: 739567
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

Rowde Rainbows

Meet: Tuesdays 6.15 to 7.15pm
Contact: Pam Ridley 01380 730442
Email: RowdeRainbows@gmail.com

Rowde Riders

Wendy Williams, Tel: 721554

Rowde Runners

Meet Sundays at 9.30 am at the G&D. Tel: 723053

Rowde Village Hall

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

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

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Mrs D Ellis, Tel: 722655

Veterinary Surgeries

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

Village Fete

Enquiries - Tel:

Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

Website

www.rowdevillage.org
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or contact Rebekah 01380 720988

Youth Club

Iain Marr 01380 738096

Village Diary



| | |
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| 10 April | Parr Trophy Final - support your Rowde team! (see page 24) |
| 12 April | New Lunch Club (see page 33) |
| 13 April | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| 16 April | Wootton Bassett Brass band Concert (see page 36) |
| 24 April | Plant Fair (see page 28) |
| 26 April | Ladies Club AGM (see page 4) |
| 26 April | Children's Art & Craft Classes begin (see page 44) |
| 30 April | Ploughman's Lunch (see back page) |
| 10 May | New Lunch Club (see page 33) |
| 11 May | Parish Council Annual Meeting & the Annual Village Meeting - 7.00pm in Village Hall |
| 15 May | Rowdeford Garden Fair (see page 32) |
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| 13 June | Monday Club Queen's Birthday Celebrations (see page 4) |
| 5 June | Open Farm Sunday |
| 15 June | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| 2 July | Rowde Village Fete (see page 28) |
| 2 July | Scarecrow Trail (see page 20) |
| 13 July | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| 6 August | Flower Show (see page 4) |
| 14 September | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| 12 October | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| 15 October | Ploughman's Lunch (see page 4) |
| 9 November | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| 3 December | Christmas Bazaar (see page 4) |
| 14 December | Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall |

Updating the Diary or Village Guide

If you would like to add an event to the Village Diary (this page) or amend an entry in the contacts page (opposite page), please email details to watters.alan@gmail.com or phone 01380 724788

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 Chippenham Bus Stn 0817 0839 1007 ----*-- 1204 ---*-- 1404 ---*--- 1634 1734 1819 ---*-- (* ends at Calne)
 Rowde, Cross Keys 0720 0750 0840 0845 0923 1015 1044 1215 1244 1415 1444 1640 1720 1820
 Devizes, The Pelican 0728 0803 0848 0858 0931 1023 1050 1223 1250 1423 1450 1653 1733 1833
 Additional journey on Schooldays only 1525 Rowde School via Marsh Lane and Caen Hill to Devizes market Place

Saturday

Rowde, Cross Keys 0741 0821 0946 1126 1306 1516 1656 1801 1836
 Chippenham Bus Stn 0819 --*--- 1024 1204 1344 1554 1734 1839 ---*-- (* ends at Calne)
 Rowde, Cross Keys 0725 0805 0914 0930 1110 1250 1500 1640 1820
 Devizes, The Pelican 0733 0815 0920 0938 1120 1300 1510 1650 1830

Note: If going to Chippenham Railway Station, add 6 minutes to times shown
Times correct as at March 2016

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Ploughman's Lunch

12.00 to 2.00

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY APRIL 30th

**Tickets £6.00
to include
Lunch & Dessert
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