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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 June edition of the Rowde Village News and I hope you enjoy reading it.

There's all the usual reports from the schools and the various village organisations but prominent is the great sunny photos I managed to get at the Rowdeford Garden Fair. See them in the Local News pages which includes a centre page spread in glorious colour!

Amid the happy atmosphere and beauty of plants and animals there was also worry among the crowd about the recent news that Rowdeford school could be under threat. Wiltshire Council is considering the future of Rowdeford along with two others, St Nicholas in Chippenham and Larkrise in Trowbridge. Campaigners made the most of the crowd to drum up support for a petition and set up a stall to give people information. Headteacher Mike Loveridge has pledged to fight hard and strong to keep his beloved school, which looks after children with special needs, safe from closure. If you would like to show your support by signing the petition you will find hard copies of the forms in both pubs, in the village shop and in the Spar shop on Bath Road. You can also sign online at https://www.change.org/p/save-rowdeford-special-school. I'm afraid I also have to inform you that we have great

I'm afraid I also have to inform you that we have great concerns over the future of your magazine. With increased printing costs and reduced advertisers we are having to look at how we can stay viable and continue to deliver a quality magazine free to every household in the parish of Rowde. Do have a look at our appeal on page 47 and help if you can.

We have some news on the previously unidentified old photograph of an event that took place at The Hill in Rowde and was featured in last month's issue. Read what we found out on page 37.

Finally, if you are responsible for any ongoing magazine content, please do let us know if and when any information changes so that we can update it.

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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Cover Photos

The superb front cover photograph this month was sent in by Jason Wheller. It shows a swan and her two sygnets at the Caen Hill locks, Rowde. Well done Jason!

The back cover photo was taken by Alan Watters at the Rowdeford garden Fair.

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members met again on May 1st in the Village Hall and as there were no birthdays this month we only had tea with cake and Sausage Rolls! A General Knowledge Quiz was won by Mrs.D. Reeves and Mrs. S. Elvin. Card Bingo winners were: Mrs. D. Ellis, Mrs. M. Noad and Mr. B. Chorley.

The next meeting will be held on June 5th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

HIWAY CLUB

(for the hearing impaired)

The AGM of the HIway Club (for the Hearing Impaired) was held on May 30th in the Village Hall. Prior to the business part of the evening everyone enjoyed a Fish or Sausage and Chip Supper. The President Mr.K.Jacomb presided over the meeting and both him and the Vice President Mr.W.Ilott agreed to continue in their positions. The Officers and Committee were elected en bloc. A programme for the next year was arranged with the next meeting being the Annual Dinner which will be held on May 26th at The Bell, Bowden Hill.

If you have a hearing problem or know someone who has, why not come along and see what we do?

Di. Buckland (Secretary) 723049

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Another successful Ploughman's Lunch was held on May 5th in the Village Hall with over 50 meals being served to 'hungry diners'. This event was organised by the Committee with the assistance of our always willing volunteer helpers and made £294 for Village Hall funds.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.I.Brown, Mr.B.Cross, Mr.M.Handy, Mr.S.Rutherford, Mr.N.Frost, Mr.A.Reynolds, Mrs.Y.Reynolds, Mrs.D.Buckland, Mr.G.Stevens, Mrs.H.Noyes and Miss.D. Cunnicliff

Lucky door ticket: Mr.G.Underwood.

Many thanks to all our diners, helpers and raffle prize donors.

Our next event will be the Annual Flower Show on August 4th. The subjects for the Photograph classes will be ADULTS: BIRD LIFE CHILDREN: HORSES OR PONIES so get busy with your cameras over the next few weeks and lets have some good photos!

Barrie Barrett, Chairman

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club held their AGM on April 24th in the Village Hall. It was decided to continue the club this year and hopefully attract more members. As this is their 50th Anniversary, members were asked what they would like to do to celebrate this. After discussion it was decided to have an afternoon coach trip in June, stopping for Tea before returning home. Several suggestions were made for a future programme to include Craft evening, Games evening, Christmas party, etc.

The Committee and Officers were elected en bloc apart from Mrs.J.Handy who did not seek re-election. The next meeting will be held on May 29th in the Village Hall at 7.45pm when we will be having a talk about the Scrap Store, at Bowden Hill. Come along Ladies we would love to see you!

Di. Buckland, Secretary 01380723049

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People Our spirits have been lifted by the improving weather this month. We have had two excellent speakers, firstly Forbes came to sing a selection of songs to us. Leslie Ecapo demonstrated how to make some beautiful flower arrangements, she makes it look so easy. On 11th June a speaker from Julia's House, the children's hospice, will be coming to tell us about the work they do. If anyone from outside the club would like to come and join us on this occasion, all are welcome and the talk will begin at 2pm.

We would like to thank all of our many regular volunteers for setting up, washing up, driving and making many cups of tea. We are looking for more lunch time volunteers who could help out occasionally over the holiday season. Please contact me if you think you could help out.

If anyone would like to come and join us at club, do come for a visit any Monday morning.

Contact Caroline Culley for further information, 07557 983940 carolineculley1@outlook.com

The Monday Club is a community day centre and lunch club for older residents of Bromham and Rowde. It is grant aided through Wiltshire Council.

Volunteers required

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Please note that the information given and views expressed in this magazine are generally as supplied by the contributors. Our personal comments may sometimes be expressed in the editorial on page 3 and if our views are given elsewhere, they will be credited as so. In addition, much of the local news items is sourced directly from other publications and the internet. We therefore apologise for any inaccuracies published but regrettably we have no control over this possibility happening. We will however publish any corrections notified to us as soon as possible.

Alan Watters, Editor

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Your Magazine Needs Your Help

After 7 years of being the Advertising Manager of the Rowde Village News I am afraid the time has come for me to pass the role onto someone new. Life has become so busy and my circumstances have changed so I do not have the time I used to for me to continue with this rewarding voluntary role. The role of Advertising Manager takes up on average a couple of hours a week and can easily be done from home with your home computer. It would really suit a full time stay at home mum or a retired person who is fairly computer literate. You would need to have a basic understanding of Word and Excel. Everything you would need has all been set up and is very easy to use, full training and support would be given by me for as long as you needed.

If you are interested or would just like to find out a little bit more about the position before you make a decision please do not hesitate to contact me on: juliebaker72@yahoo.co.uk or call me on 10380 724159 or 07796 690413.

I look forward to hearing from you! xx Julie Baker

EATING OUT - THE GREYHOUND, BROMHAM

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Danny is assisted by Tara who heads the front of house with her team, they pride themselves on a warm welcome and memorable visit.

All the delicious food is cooked to order by Danny using fresh local produce where possible, delivered daily. The fish is delivered fresh from Cornwall, even the fish and chips is battered to order!

The Greyhound welcomes children. There is a beautiful garden with a children's play area and if its a bite to eat you are after there is a separate children's menu where you can find favourites like sausage & chips and homemade burgers to name but a few! There is something to suit everyone's taste.

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RECENT REVIEWS

Met some Old Friends for a lovely lunch...

I hadn't been there for over 10 years but had heard some good reports. Met our friends there and some excellent service getting me a pint of the local Wadworth 6X almost before I reached the bar... I only normally drink ale on a lunchtime and this was a lovely pint. The restaurant was busy but not too busy and so we were promptly offered our table... I chose the calves liver as this is a good benchmark choice for any country pub restaurant. My wife had Wiltshire Ham (what else!) with eggs and chips... we all really enjoyed our fare. I suspect you will need to book for an evening meal but definitely will be returning...

Bobbie, Chippenham

A joint birthday meal, with a special meaning

We have just had one of the best meals of our life... Well portioned, well cooked, served hot and promptly. The atmosphere is exceptional and it's nice to see good customer service being given freely by some of the friendliest staff I have ever encountered. Even better was the price, all three courses with drinks and coffee came to less than we pay at more "chain" pubs.

Peter R

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

Rowde Village Shop Veg/fruit box

Are you interested in a weekly fruit and/or veg box supplied by your village shop (local produce where possible)?

Please pop in or phone 01380 739 800

NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring

Rowdeford Annual Garden Fair



The Garden Fair was again a huge success; the first count of money raised is approximately £6,000 but after all donations are in the final count is hopefully in excess of £10,000!

Royal Wedding Celebrations



Celebrations for the royal wedding saw most of the staff and students dressed in red, white and blue. Students had decorated bunting and made posters to be displayed and throughout the week, lessons have been linked to the wedding with dress designs and singing, it was a great day!

London Marathon



Pictured are a very proud year 9 group with Miss Osborne, TA, and her London Marathon

medal, which she ran in aid of Diabetes UK. Abby ran the Marathon in 5 hours 11 minutes; a fantastic achievement.

Student Leaders



The student leader role is getting much more popular. There are now six students who want to lead games for other students at break and lunchtime.

Animal Care

Alpaca's come to School as part of the students Animal Care Group. They are handled by the students who absolutely love this time with them.

Drama Performance



Year 11 performed their play at the Wharf Theatre in Devizes which goes towards their BTEC Performing Arts. The play is called 'Trouble at the Old King Bill' and was fantastic; they performed in front of around 80 people and it was highly entertaining.

Special Schools Consultation

Consultations on the future of complex needs schools in the north of the county that will have an impact on the future of Rowdeford School have been held. Please support the school by writing to councillors and MPs, and signing and sharing our online petition via Facebook and Twitter.

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

May at Rowde Church of England Primary Academy has been another busy, action packed and fun month full of learning and joy and has heralded the beginning of the sports tournament season.

The Reception and Year 1 children have taken advantage of the early summer weather and have enjoyed learning about life on Rowdefield Farm, and have observed the changes within the schools nature garden and pond during this exciting time of year.

Year 4 have had a wonderful time on their first residential to Croft Farm. Children were able to support each other in facing new challenges and activities, such as; climbing, fencing, raft building and katakanuing. The children developed in confidence, independence, team work, communication skills and leadership skills. Olivia said: "I liked being at Croft Farm because the instructors were really kind and funny. The activities helped lift my confidence and keep me on my toes." Everyone had a great time and caught up on some well-earned rest on their return.

Rowde fielded a number of netball and football teams at the Wansdyke and Five Lanes sports tournaments with two netball teams and one football team winning first place in their competitions. All the children played fantastically and represented their village and school very well, displaying sportsmanship and grace that was recognised by many.





In competitions closer to home, Stonehenge house won the 2018 Rowde Sports Day in a hotly contested event that again saw determination, commitment and sportsmanship. Thank you to all of the children and adults who came to support and helped make the event really special.

Sally Stevens

You can now follow us on twitter at Rowde C of E Primary @RowdeSchool or on Facebook



Your Parish Council

Parish Council meeting - Update

The information below is current at the time of the Parish Council meeting. If events or information have changed since the meeting, they can not be reflected here. Please note, this a representation of the meeting and not the minutes in full. A full set of the minutes can be viewed at: www.rowdevillage.org, on the village notice boards, or by application to the Clerk.

If you would like further information on any Parish Council matter, please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01380 720988, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 9th May 2018 were:

New Leadership & roles

- John Hawkins was elected as the new Chair of Rowde Parish Council, after Stephen Mundy stepped down from the role. The Parish Council would like to thank Steve for the three years that he has acted as Chair for the Parish Council and for all of the work that he has done for the village. Steve remains a member of the Parish Council.
- Ivan Whittaker-Axon was elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.
- The Parish Councillors agreed to take on the following responsibilities:

Finance - Ben Bentley, Data Protection Compliance - Ivan Whittaker-Axon, Roads & transports, footpaths - Whittaker-Axon & P Lucas, Sports and playing fields - J Dalley, Allotments - C Stevens, Planning - John Hawkins, Rowde's Future (Neighbourhood Planning) - Vacancy, Social Media - Lisa Wills, Youth Co-ordinator - Lisa Wills, Village Hall Liaison - Vacancy, Village Appearance & Safety - Vacancy.

Village Appearance

The Village Clean up morning took place on Sunday 29th April 2018. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who worked to pull out weeds, shovel dirt from the kerbside and sweep pavements amongst other tasks. We thank Wilf Fudge, Josh Wills, Pete & Wendy Williams, Sue & Geoff Edwards, Robin Eccles, Kate McPharland, Jess, Howard, Jenson & Harriet Wright, Liz Ibbetson & Rosie Berry (in the advance party), and the following Parish Councillors: John Hawkins, John Dalley, Ivan Whittaker-Axon, Chris Stevens. Further work has been carried out on Rowde Court Road & Springfield Road by J Dalley & C Stevens in advance of the road sweeper coming to the village on Monday 14th May.

A huge thank you is given to Nigel Grist and Grist Environmental for very kindly donating the use of the road sweeper on 14th & 15th May to the village free of charge. It is hugely appreciated in our efforts to compete in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Planters

Thank you to Lexi Lemon for planting the planter on Marsh Lane at the junction with Rowde Court Road. All of the planters look fantastic now! Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the project so far.

An offer has been received and gratefully accepted to build and maintain a further planter near the Hill.

Judging

The first round of judging for the Best Kept Village competition will take place from 14th May onwards. We encourage anyone who can to tidy up, sweep, and weed outside of their own house. This will help us to show the village in its best light and hopefully will make it a nicer environment for everyone.

Damaged Road Signs

The Bunnies Lane road sign has been damaged in a road traffic accident, as has the 'Rowde' village sign on Marsh Lane. Wiltshire Council has already committed its budget to replace signs for 2018-19. The Parish Council is pursuing the matter further with Wiltshire Council.

Please forward requests for highway repairs to the Clerk or report them through the 'My Wiltshire App'. The more reports that are logged through the App, the higher the priority will be given to the issue.

My Wiltshire App

- It is easy to report problems like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting in your area using the 'My Wiltshire' online form. Reports can be made anonymously or you can register for free. Once you have registered, you can track the reports you have made, and receive notification once the work has been completed. The more residents report issues, the more likely we are to have them fixed.
- The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at:

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm

Collaborative Working

- A meeting took place on 25th April between representatives of the Parish Council, Rowde Primary School and St. Matthew's Church to discuss plans to commemorate the end of World War 1. Several ideas were discussed including creating a pebble sculpture to form a giant poppy on The Hill. There is also work being carried out on the names of the men from the village who lost their lives in the war. It is hoped that there will be a trail around the village showing where those who died in the war had lived in the village. It is hoped that these events will culminate near 11th November. The group will meet regularly to progress the plans.
- L Wills and Mrs Hulford, Acting Headteacher at Rowde Primary School have met with representatives from the twinning association. The association is keen for Rowde to be involved and are seeking families to host visitors from France in October. There is a joint skittling event in the Cross Keys on Friday 11th May to help raise money for the event.

Finance

The Parish Council will end its fixed three year tie-in with the current insurers Hiscox Insurance, on 1 June 2018. Insurance brokers, Came & Company provided quotations from three companies and they have recommended that the Parish Council takes up the cheapest option with a further three year tie-in agreement. The Parish Council agreed to insure with Inspire, via Axa, to provide 'rradar' insurance.

Donations to Village Groups:

Donations from the village precept were made to support the following village organisations:

St Matthew's Church (clock maintenance): £800
Rowde Village News: £500
The Village Hall: £330
Bromham & Rowde Monday Club: £150
The Village Shop: £130
Rowde toddlers group: £100
Link: £200
Total: £2, 210.00

Monthly invoices for April were as follows, proposed by Chris Stevens, seconded by L Wills:

Admin costs £1, 098.93
PC insurance & audits £1,539.40
Grounds Maintenance £362.42
Village donations: £2,2100.00
Total: £5. 210.75

Legislation

- Notification of new planning legislation has been received from Wiltshire Council. 'Permission in principle' can be applied for by landowners and developers for minor residential developments of up to nine dwellings. It is intended to make it easier for small developers to build houses.
- Work continues on policies and consent forms to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25th May 2018.

Neighbourliness

- Please can we remind everyone to park with respect for your neighbours and residents who live in the village. Everyone should be able to easily access their own drives.
- Please be aware of any hedgerow/bushes/ trees that may over hang your property and cause obstructions and dangers for pedestrians.
- There is no such thing as the 'dog poo fairy'.
 Please keep our streets and grassed areas clean for everyone to enjoy.

Parish Council Vacancies

We have vacancies for three Parish Councillors.

If you are interested in shaping the future of the village and would like to become a Parish Councillor, you can be coopted onto the Parish Council. You are invited to attend a Parish Council meeting in the first instance as an observer.

At the following meeting, the Parish Council would vote to co-opt you onto the Council. If you would like more details on how to join the Parish Council or about being a Parish Councillor, please contact Rebekah Jeffries, the Parish Clerk (01380 720988, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Mobile Library

Please remember to use the Mobile Library which will be stopping in Maundrell Close on Thursday 7th June & Thursday 5th July 2018.

The mobile library will be parked from 9.30 – 10am and can be used by everyone. Please support your library service.

Police Matters

If you need to report a crime:

- Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

It is possible to follow the Police on:

- Twitter https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice
- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/
- Or sign up to Community Messaging https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/

Dates for the diary:

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Council meetings dates can be found in the village diary on the inside back cover of the magazine.

We would like to encourage all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

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Saturday 2nd June

THE HOOT - ACOUSTIC MUSIC NIGHT

Phil King

Ian O'Regan

We loved this guys performance so much last year that we had to book him again. Americana blues and folk with his own original works thrown it. Amazing singer and guitarist. If you didn't see him last time make sure you don't miss out again.

This guy is coming to us from Bristol and is an amazing folk/roots artist. He performs regularly in Paris and Copenhagen has also played in Lille, Zurich, Barcelona, Berlin and New York. Phil has had his music played on many local radio stations and also by Bob Harris, Steve Lamacq and Alex Lester on BBC Radio 2.

Al O'Kane

Hailing from Frome, this amazing artist is really making a name for himself. Rock and roll, part Waterboys, part Velvet Underground. Great vocals and lovely songs.

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FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column which features a couple of funny stories:

The smart way to catch Burglars

It was late and Charlie was about to climb into bed when his wife informed him that there was a light on in their garden shed. Charlie started to go outside to turn off the light but noticed some people in the shed who were busy stealing his things.

He ran back inside right away and called the police, who asked him "Are the intruders inside your house?" to which Charlie replied no and explained his circumstances. The police told Charlie that all their cars were otherwise occupied, and that he should just lock his door and a uniformed policeman would be at his house when one was free.

Charlie answered, "Alright," hung up, waited 30 seconds, and then called the police again.

"Hello, I just called a short while ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. I want to let you know that they're not a problem anymore because I've just shot every one of them."

Charlie then hung up the phone. In five short minutes, three police cars, a team of detectives and an ambulance arrived, and of course, the police caught the burglars in the act.

One of the policemen then snapped at Charlie: "I thought you said that you shot every one of them?" And Charlie answered "I thought you said there were no police cars free!"



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Just follow the Tracks

Three men are stranded in the middle of the Canadian Forest and they don't know where they are at. They decide that they have to find some food. So the first man leaves and tells the other two that he is going to get some food.

Several Hours later, he comes back with a deer over his shoulder. The other two are amazed and ask him how he got a deer with no weapons. He replies, "I find tracks, I follow tracks, I get deer". They both are slightly confused but let it go.

One week later, they have eaten the deer, so they need to get more food. The second guy leaves and says that he is going to get food. He comes back a couple hours later with a elk over his shoulder. The other two ask how he got the elk. He simply replies, "I find tracks, I follow tracks, I get Elk".

Five days later, they have eaten the elk, so they need more food. The third guy, feeling very cocky, thinks to himself, "This is going to be a piece of cake. The other guys got the other animals so easy. I'm going to get an animal better than their's put together!". So he leaves to get some food. They wait a couple hours... he doesn't come back. They wait another couple hours, he is still missing.

Finally, after nine hours of waiting, they see him coming back. His clothes are torn rags, he is covered in dirt with scrapes and bruises all over his body. He is bleeding from different gashes in his arms and legs along with one on the side of head. They ask, "What happened?" He looks at them, wide-eyed and confused, and replies, "I find tracks, I follow tracks, I get hit by a train".



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This month we need to update you on the latest amendments to the cash back option we have previously provided. We have now ceased this



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RECIPE Bacon Stuffed Courgettes

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 Courgettes,1oz butter, 1tblesp. oil
- 1 Onion, peeled, chopped
- 12 oz (350) coller bacon soaked
- 3 large tomatoes, peeled, chopped.
- 1/2tsp mixed herbs or Basil, salt & pepper

METHOD:

- 1. Cut a deep wedge from each Courgette, place in a greased casserole dish.
- 2. Melt the butter/oil in a pan and fry the onion until soft.
- 3. Mince the bacon and add to the pan then stir fry for 10 minutes.
- 4. Add tomatoes, herbs and seasoning and spoon into courgettes.
- 5. Set Oven to 350f /180c/gas 4.
- Cover with foil and cook in oven for 45 minutes.
- Serve hot!

Vegetable marrow can also be used for this recipe. Remove a slice from the top and scoop out seeds, fill with stuffing, top with lid, brush with melted butter and bake for one hour.

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



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SHORT STORY

Silence

"We forget memories if we don't have anyone to share them with." The words from the movie would not let Naina sleep. Moonlight filtered through the fluttering window curtains. She stared at the shadows playing on the wall. They reminded her of her childhood.

Whenever there was a power cut, a hunt would begin for the candles. Her mother would look for one under the stove where she had "kept it last time." Her father would hunt around in the old wooden cupboard for his toolbox, where he had "kept it last time." Finally, her grandmother would light the oil lamp and a few diyas. Then she and her older sister Vani would gather around their grandmother. She would make a shadow of a deer drinking water as she would narrate the story of King Dashrath and his curse. Later, as they grew up, Vani would tell her scary stories and make the most incredible shadow puppets.

Power cuts still happened but the inverter would always step in. She would realize there was a power cut only when she opened the fridge. She had no one to tell these stories to now. Her kids would groan if she told them and her husband would only pretend to listen. When someone close to you goes away, a part of you goes with them.

She had not cried when she lost her sister. Vani had suffered years of pain in her long battle with cancer. Death was a release they had all prayed for. Naina

closed her eyes and tried to feel her sister's bear hug, Vani had been a lot larger than her. Sobs wracked through her body as she allowed herself to cry for the first time. "Vani is in a better place now where she won't suffer," she tried to comfort herself as she tried to remember the good times they spent together. All she remembered was the regret, that she could not be with Vani in her last minutes.

Naina got up to turn over the wet pillow. An edge was wedged behind the mattress, she tugged at it hard. Something flew out and hit her face, it was an old art pencil. She wondered how long it had been there, she hadn't sketched in years. She looked at the alarm clock, it was already 1 AM. She had never been awake at this hour. Everything was quiet except for the faint sounds of her husband Sameer's breathing. She wished he snored, the silence was oppressive.

Stories told around a fire were as old as human imagination. Today's kids would never experience them. She wondered if she could sketch some figures and make puppets. She could play with them in front of some candles and amuse a few kids. She laughed. Could she ever entice them away from the latest 3D game or cartoon? She would try anyway. Maybe, one day, someone would make a shadow puppet app?

She drew the window curtains aside and stared at shadows on the moon.

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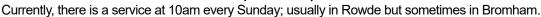
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June Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

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Date/Time	Service			
Sunday 3 8.00 am 10.00 am	Trinity 1 Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde All Age Service with Junior Choir, craft, songs, small children's play area and refreshments (No Eucharist), Rowde Holy Communion, Bromham			
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP, Bromham			
Wednesday 6				
11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP, Rowde			
Thursday 7 8.30 am	Marning Prover Pourde			
	Morning Prayer, Rowde			
Sunday 10 8.00 am	Trinity 2 Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane			
10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion, Rowde			
6.00 pm	Songs of Praise, Rowde			
Thursday 14				
8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde			
Sunday 17	Trinity 3			
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham			
10.00 am	Holy Communion, Rowde			
10.00 am	Family Service, Bromham			
Wednesday 20 11.00 am	Holy Communion, Angell House, Bromham			
Thursday 21				
8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde			
Sunday 24	Trinity 4			
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane			
10.00 am	Morning Worship, Rowde			
10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion, Bromham Evensong, Bromham - Carnival Songs of Praise			
Thursday 28 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde			
Sunday July 1	Trinity 5			
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde			
10.00 am	All Age Service with Junior Choir, craft, songs, small children's play			
	area and refreshments (No Eucharist), Rowde			
10.00 am	Holy Communion, Bromham			
6.00 pm	Evensong BCP, Bromham			

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 or contact the Administrator Sarah Bowler 07876142112.

Revd Ruth's Morning Prayer Groups

Please come and join Ruth for a moment of calm and prayer in Church .

Tuesdays 8.30am, Bromham. Thursdays 8.30am, Rowde. Everyone is welcome 07738 858909

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Mothers' Union Please contact Jo Partt for details: 01380 850435 parttsofbromham@internet.com

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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 jmosscadet@gmail.com (Brass cleaning Rota)

Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406

Choir

Choir Leader: David Grove dgrove9814@btinternet.com Choir Practise for Adults is on Thursday Evenings 7.00 – 8.00pm

Junior Choir Practice is on Thursday 6.15pm-7.15pm. New members are always welcome.

Bell Ringing

We meet from 7.30pm-9pm on Friday evenings at St Matthews Church, please join us the more the merrier. Contact: Richard Heath rich.p.heath@gmail.com/ 01380 722379

St Matthews Cafe

Coffee and chat. St Matthews Coffee Shop will be opening on Tuesdays 10.30 am-12 noon. If you might be free to make drinks and host, please contact Caroline carolineculley1@outlook.com or Revd Ruth

Open the Book

We have groups who go into both our primary schools to act out Bible stories. We are looking for more volunteers to join both teams. For more information, contact Revd Ruth.

Flower Arranging

3 June - Caroline Keevil

10th - 17th June - Jill Myerscough

24th June – 1st July – Yvonne Larkin

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

Worship review

We are reviewing our pattern of worship. In particular, we would like to introduce an evensong once a month on the 2nd Sunday, by turns BCP evensong and a lighter service such as Songs of Praise or lona style worship. We would like to hear from you, particularly what you find helpful and unhelpful about our current pattern of worship. Please let Revd Ruth or PCC members know your thoughts on this.

Recent Theft of Lead from Churches

We have been advised by Church House that unfortunately there has been a significant theft of lead from a church roof near Salisbury, and near Warminster, and a break in through a leaded light window to another church near Salisbury.

Please be vigilant and report any unusual activity immediately to the Police.

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and Gavin Moss 01380729160 Administrator: Sarah Bowler

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Dear Friends,

On 8th May we celebrate an English saint, a woman from Norwich, who had a series of visions in May 1373 when she was thirty years old. Her name is unrecorded, but she became known as Julian of Norwich. The visions, which she described as "shewings", revealed to her different aspects of God's love, while she was suffering from what was expected to be a terminal illness. However, she recovered and spent the next twenty years of her life thinking about the visions and writing about them. Her writings became the first book written by a woman in English, "The Revelations of Divine Love".

These writings have inspired countless Christians through the years, and three of the themes are particularly well known:

The hazelnut: Julian imagined holding in her hand a thing the size of a hazelnut. She wrote

'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.

Julian reflected that this is true for all of creation, that God made it, loves it and keeps it.

Sin as the wrong path: Julian noted that shame about our past faults can trap us into feelings of despair, so that we are unable to experience God's love:

For just as by the courtesy of God he forgets our sin from the moment that we repent, exactly so he wills that we forget our sin, as regards our unskillfull heaviness and our doubtful dreads.

Julian suggests that it is helpful to think of sin as the wrong path, and once we know that it is wrong, we turn back onto another path and know not to walk that way again.

God's love: As 'Julian' considered her vision, she felt that the meaning of it was God's love for her and for all of creation. It was apparent to her that although we have a beginning, the love that made us has no beginning, because God is eternal. God's ultimate power over us, and God's ability to forgive and to put things right where we have failed also led her to say that "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".

Revd Ruth



NEWS FROM Hft

I am writing this a bit earlier in the month than usual, with the weather having been amazing for the last couple of weeks. By the time you read this it will be 'Flaming June 'I hope as we are pushing on with the plans and preparations for our annual 'Mini Music Festival' on the 15th and 16th June. Hopefully there will be a poster elsewhere in the magazine with more information on it, please come along and join us to celebrate Summer Solstice and Learning Disability week.

Everyone is welcome and if the weather is anything like last year it will be a lovely day out in the sunshine.

Things as usual here have been very very busy, we have celebrated someone we supports significant birthday with a disco and buffet, earlier in the month, and I have just taken a booking for another party in July.

We have all been trying to understand the new finance systems which were introduced in April, I am sure in time it will become imbedded in our brains but at the moment there are a lot of staff with very baffled looks on their faces!

Everything in the Grow and Sow project is looking amazing, we still have plants for sale so do come along and see what we have on offer, one of the more unusual things are Cucamelons, apparently a cross between a Melon and Cucumber . I'm looking forward to trying some of the fruit from that.



Cucamelons!

The raised beds are looking very colourful and the herb garden planter is something I'm trying to persuade my husband to build for me at home, what a good idea.





So, hot off the press from yesterday (20th May), a group of people we support went to a celebrity football match! A lot of our guys went to Bristol, some of them having bought tickets for the meet and greet plus meal which they thoroughly enjoyed and others just went along and enjoyed the football.

Today (21st May) three of our RDA riders had an extremely early start (thank you Alan) and headed off to Bristol to take part in the regional championships. They all had an incredibly successful day with Matthew and Alasdair gaining firsts and Lucy a first and a well-deserved second. They competed in the Countryside Challenge and the Dressage with all three of them qualifying for the National Championships in Harpbury in July.

We wish them lots of luck for that.



Lucy, Matthew and Alasdair after receiving their prizes

If you think you could support someone to go horse riding or any other activities they might want to take part in, it can be such a rewarding job and we do still have vacancies. We are holding an assessment day on Thursday 24th so by the time you read this we will have hopefully recruited some more staff. I have just employed 1 full time person and someone to work 1-1 with a couple of people, but am now on the lookout for some volunteers as I have just had a longstanding lady volunteer decide she is going to give up after about 7 years . A huge thank you to Angela you will be missed.







And here's three more photos of Matthew, Lucy and Alasdair taking part in the competitions at Bristol.

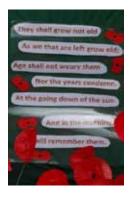
Again, if you have a few hours to spare where you could do some support work, please do get in touch.

I think that's it for this month so hopefully I will see a lot of you at the Music Festival, until then enjoy the sun – although we have just had a thunderstorm and downpour! **Jan Emm**

Do you remember this event?









In 2014 we, as a village, commemorated the start of WW1 through a number of activities; one of which was to cover the village with poppies. It was a fantastic sight with homemade poppies outside houses and businesses, in gardens and on walls.

Now 4 years on it is time to celebrate the **end** of WW1. A small group of villagers from the parish council, church and village school have started planning what we can do but we know we would like to recreate the 'poppy trail' around the village in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday in November.

So look out for information about the events that are planned and start thinking about how you can make a poppy to display outside your house.











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THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

June Quotes

"Green was the silence, wet was the light, the month of June trembled like a butterfly."

Pablo Neruda

"June has never looked more beautiful than she does now, unadorned and honest, vulnerable yet invincible."

Marie Lu

"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."

Maud Hart Lovelace

"I have laughed more than daffodils and cried more than June."

Sanober Khan

"That day was the beginning of my friendship with Sebastian, and thus it came about, that morning in June, that I was lying beside him in the shade of the high elms watching the smoke from his lips drift up into the branches."

Evelyn Waugh, Brideshead Revisited

"June suns, you cannot store them To warm the winter's cold, The lad that hopes for heaven Shall fill his mouth with mould."

A E Housman

"At midnight, in the month of June, I stand beneath the mystic moon."

Edgar Allan Poe

"I walked back to the front of the bakery to see a knot of people stalking our display for June. Apricot and lavender might seem like an unusual pairing, but it made perfect sense to me. Luscious, sweet apricots taste best when they're baked and the flavor is concentrated. On the other hand, lavender likes it cool; the buds have a floral, almost astringent flavor. Lavender was a line drawing that I filled in with brushstrokes of lush apricot."

Judith M Fertig, The Memory of Lemon

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have more amusing photos.







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



The sun is finally shining and we have had the busiest May in history which will help to make up for the rainy Easter! The ice cream trike and cart have been out to some beautiful weddings and the opening of St Marys new Sports Hall and the amazing Rowdeford Garden Fair.







We are currently preparing for the second bank holiday weekend and half term week which we are keeping our fingers crossed for more sun! We will be open every day as normal throughout the bank holiday weekend and half term.

We hosted an evening barn dance where the Rotary Club welcomed visitors from our twinned towns in Germany and France and they enjoyed some American styled food and live music for barn dancing.



We had some really exciting news this weekend when we found out that we are the winners of the Best Local Food Producer in the the Muddy Stillettos Awards and we are going to our



awardceremony next week! A huge thank you to anyone that voted for us it means a lot.

The animals are all enjoying getting some sun on their backs and the ponies and horses are slowly coming back into work being ridden in the early mornings and evenings.

We are excited to welcome some new students to our Rowdey Cow Team who are learning the ropes in time for the Summer holidays and getting on really well.

The Senior Citizens deals which are on every Tuesday are becoming Increasingly popular although they will stop during the Summer half term.

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

Sue







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THE SUN SHINES ON THE ROWDEFORD GARDEN FAIR

The 13th annual Rowdeford Garden Fair was held on a glorious sunny day in the beautiful surroundings of Rowdeford School. The traffic on the A361 was backed up in both directions as cars were pouring in and the keen gardeners were soon queuing to get to their favourite stall well before the official opening time of 10 am.

The organising committee is confident that they are well on the way to reaching the £10,000 target which will go towards further improvements of the school's Outdoor Learning Centre which was built with funds raised by Rowdeford Charity Trust.











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ROWDE ARTIST ON SHOW IN JULY

Local artist Ann Swan will be taking part in the Marlborough Open Studios 2018. The art trail takes place over the first four weeks of July where artists open their studios to visitors free of charge.

Rowde Court Studios will be open Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm on the first three weekends in July and all are welcome to come along, browse or buy Ann's work and have a stroll around the gardens. Refreshments will be provided at all times. Enter through the green door in the high wall on Marsh Lane, opposite the entrance to Springfield Road. See you there!



'Pencil Drawing Rocks!' by Ann Swan

The event will also have a preview show in Marlborough from 7th to 10th June.

See page 36 for poster and check out Ann's website www.annswan.co.uk for more information and examples of her work.

DEVITERA: NEWS FROM THE MICROBREWERY

Wow I've been busy since my last update going all across the county and beyond selling. In fact that is how most of my time is spent and I've been really fortunate to continue to visit lovely places across the South West. Trips to Bath, Bristol, and now Bournemouth are becoming more regular.

Ceres Springs



Somehow I have found time to launch a new beer. Have you tried it yet? It's called Ceres Springs and named after the Roman goddess of Agriculture. Her status looks down on you as you walk into the Corn Exchange in town.

The beer is an American Pale Ale at 4.8%. Essentially I have used American hops, rather than English hops from Herfordshire or Kent to make a Pale Ale. It's available locally in CW Butchers in town.

Planting Hops

Talking of hops did you know we now have some growing in Rowde? I helped plant some at HFT's garden (what an amazing place). Simon guided the team on planting them, and we have about four varieties that I hope can be harvested, dried and then used in beer (fingers crossed).



On tap in G&D

I've also been fortune enough to be on cask at the George & Dragon this month (thanks Chippy). Some breweries use a horse drawn dray. Others use vans. Devitera uses a hand pulled cart with me pulling the beer some 100 yards across the road. It doesn't come much fresher than that!

Tap House

The freshest beer is directly from the microbrewery, and as some of you may know I attended the recent Parish Council to discuss potentially opening a tap house.

This would be open once or twice a month, typically a Saturday afternoon, and allow people to visit try a few beers and take some home. I will need a bar, freshen up the building, and of course serve beer on tap.

This is all very early days so exactly how it would work isn't set in stone. I would however welcome your thoughts and any offers of help

RowdeFest

Finally just a brief update on RowdeFest (11th August 2018). I'm currently looking at live music options and asking Vinyl Realm for their help (great shop if you haven't yet been in). I've

also got other start-up businesses interested in attending which will provide something completely different.

Kelly (from the Cross Keys) has kindly offered to help with arranging a Chilli Off, and I've had a few other offers of help and entertainment (more on that later).

As said last time RowdeFest will be very family friendly, bouncy castle etc., hopefully live music (licenses permitting), food, and of course beer (other drinks will also be available)!

I'm going to try and make this as best value for money as possible, and am looking for help. So if you think you can help in any way, no matter how small it seems, please do contact me.

Cheers for now!!

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CAFE CELEBRATES MUM'S CANCER ALL CLEAR

A celebration was held at a Devizes café to mark a huge milestone in the life of Marion O'Brien who works at Rowdeford School in Rowde and who, ten years ago, was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Alice O'Brien, Kim Feltham-Morley, Marion O'Brien and Emma Soellner at Times Square

Mrs O'Brien is now 10 years free of cancer and a party was held to raise money for Pembroke ward at Salisbury District Hospital where she received her chemotherapy treatment.

Her stepdaughter Alice O'Brien, 25, who runs Times Square hosted the event which raise £550.

She said: "The party was 70s themed with a local DJ who also donated his fee to the charity. We hope to hold another charity night of our popular butlers in the buff later in the year."

GET BAKING DURING AIR AMBULANCE WEEK

If you like cakes then why not host a bake sale or bake off and help Wiltshire Air Ambulance to keep flying and saving lives? Bake Off for Lift Off is our theme for National Air Ambulance Week, 10 – 16 September 2018.

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Preparing for Air Ambulance Week are (I-r) Cas Loudon, Donor Relationship Coordinator at Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Zoe Miller, Jack Winter, Maddie Winter and Wiltshire Air Ambulance Paramedic Keith Mills.

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It's been a hectic time now that the weather has improved. All the spring cereals have been planted and are growing well. They have had their first dose of nitrogen fertiliser so hopefully they will catch up on lost growing time due to the late arrival of spring. Last week we planted some soya beans. This is a new venture and we are one of a small number of growers throughout the country trying the crop for United Oilseeds who are based in Devizes. The seed has to be treated with a live inoculant to encourage high-nitrogen nodules on plant roots which increases yield potential. The soil temperature needs to be 10°C for planting. We delayed drilling a bit so that we could get the best possible seed bed and they went into perfect conditions. Some of the maize has also been planted but one field is very cloddy and could do with a soaking of rain to break them down. The maize will be harvested for Bromham Biogas and will be used in the anaerobic digester plant.



Chain harrowing the horse paddocks



Planting the soya beans



Adding inoculant to the soya bean seed

We have held training courses for car and trailer, telescopic handlers, tractor mounted sprayers and animal movements over the last couple of weeks and the room has been hired by a number of companies for meetings as well as some school visits. The Melksham Beekeepers have been using it for evening training sessions. We are looking forward to visits from Rowde Academy, Bellefield School and Lavington School in the next couple of weeks Looking ahead there will be plenty to do in the weeks before harvest with fungicide applications to the cereal crops, haymaking and preparing the machinery for the summer.

The farm website has more information – have a look at www.rowdefieldtraining.co.uk and you can also see what we have been up to at Rowdefield Training on Facebook where there are also details of upcoming courses and events – not all of which are farming related!

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INFORMATION RECEIVED ON UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH

Since we published this photograph in last month's RVN we have received a letter from Barrie Barrett with the following information:

Dear Ed, I am sure this is not a record of a "international event" but it was an annual event. It shows some of the Rowde Drum and Fife Band and some of the members of other organisations assembling

on The Hill ready to march off, being lead by the Rowde Band, to join the Devizes Hospital Carnival to parade round the town collecting money for the Devizes Hospital. That was before we had a National Health Service This was known as "Hospital Week" with various fund raising events through the week.

The exact date of this photograph is impossible to say but it was most probably taken some time between 1902 and 1908. No-one in the photo will be with us today, but



I did know some of them; Fred West, Charlie Ferris Senior, The Hurn Brothers, Jim and Andrew Wiltshire and Fred Dean (a local character). The others are in carnival dress.

The Large Drum you see in the photograph was hung in the Bar of the Cross Keys for a number of years. It was then moved to the adjoining garage which is now the Village Shop.

Many thanks for info Barrie! If anyone has any old photographs from in and around Rowde, please do send them in. Ed

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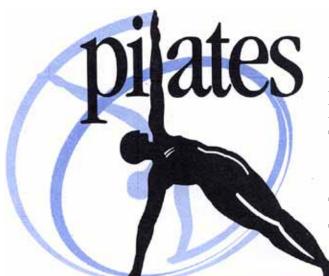
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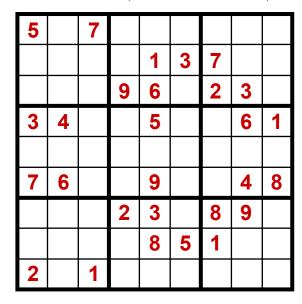


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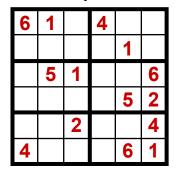


Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (easy this month)

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



Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Chris Stevens, Tel: 01380 738438

Bell Ringing

Friday evenings, Bell Tower, St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm Contact Richard Heath on 01380722379

Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

Charities

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

Children's Art & Craft Classes

Hayley Mitchell 01225458679 hayleymitchell@thecreationstation.co.uk

Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator: Sarah Bowler 07876142112

Church Choir

Junior Choir Practice Thursdays at 6.15 pm, David Grove 01672 539358 / 07825152753 Senior Choir Practice Thursdays at 7.00 pm, David Grove 01672 539358 / 07825152753

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

Ivan Whittaker-Axon 01380 728669

Garage

Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

Hospitals

Devizes Community Hospital

Tel: 723511

Chippenham Community Hospital

Tel: 01249 447100

Trowbridge Community Hospital

Tel: 01225 711300

Ladies Club

Held in Village Hall on last Tuesday in the month at 8 pm.

Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council Tel: 0300 4560100

Devizes Town Council 722160

Neighbourhood Police Team

Jo Newbury Rural Beat Manager **PCSO Fiona Marlow PCSO Ellen Carter** Google devizes npt to contact the

team on

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk>devizes

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 Village News

Alan Watters, Tel: 01380 724788

Rowde Village Hall

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

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

High Street, Rowde SN10 2ND Head teacher - Lorraine Colguhoun 723991

Rowdeford Special School

Head Teacher

Mr M Loveridge Tel: 850309

Hft (ex Self Unlimited)

Rosa Lancaster, Tel: 725455

Sewing Circle

Ring Yvonne on 01380 728745

St Matthew's Flower Guild

Liz Ibbetson, Tel: 720630 Flowers for all occasions, Weddings, Funerals & **Anniversaries**

TAXI

R H Reeves 725072 J Dalley 07592 063789

Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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

Veterinary Surgeries

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

Village Fete - Lisa Wills

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 730078

Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

Website

www.rowdevillage.org rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or contact Rebekah 01380 720988

Youth Club

lain Marr 07540017184

Village Diary



2 June **Top of the Ops** (see page 35)

2 June The Hoot - Acoustic Music Night (see page 12)

7-10 June **Open Studios Preview Show** (see page 29)

13 June Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall

15/16 June Music Festival (see page 35)

22 June Lifeboats Dinner and Presentation (see page 34)

7 July First day of Ann Swan's Open Studio (see page 51)

11 July Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall

4 August Flower Show (see page 4)

11 August RowdeFest (Note: the date for this event has yet to be confirmed)

10-16 September **Bake Offs** (see pages 30 & 45)

12 September Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall

? October Ploughman's Lunch (Note: date to be announced)

1 December Christmas Bazaar

All Tuesdays **St Matthew's Cafe** (see page 20)

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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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Rowde, Cross Keys 0747 0923 1007 1037 1137 1237 1337 1437 1722 1806R Devizes, Market Place 0755 0929 1013 1043 1143 1243 1343 1443 1728 1811R

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Additional journeys on 1510 Devizes School via Caen Hill and Marsh Lane to Rowde

Schooldays only: 1525 Rowde School via Marsh Lane and Caen Hill to Devizes Market Place

Saturday (all journeys are on service 33)

Rowde, Cross Keys 0807 0922 1022 1222 1352 1622 1752 Devizes, Market Place 0813 0928 1028 1228 1358 1628 1758

Rowde, Cross Keys 0820 0935 1105 1235 1435 1635 Chippenham Bus Stn 0851 1006 1136 1306 1506 1706

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