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Editorial

Welcome to the March issue of the Rowde Village News. Another big issue but with a noticeable focus on the weather I'm afraid, it being a recurring theme in many of your articles as it has affected all of us in the village. I certainly can't remember a worse start to the year but hopefully March will see things getting better.

Nevertheless we have some good reading for you this issue with the usual excellent contributions from individuals as well as our clubs, schools and other organisations.

There's a good report on the recent Art Exhibition and Cheese and Wine evening organised by Hft. Read all about it and see some of the wonderful paintings on pages 24 and 25. And congratulations to Natalie, you can see her winning painting in full colour on the front cover.

And there are more congratulations in order, this time for Ozzy who sent in the winning entry for the Art Picture Quiz in the last issue. Did you know all the artists? See the answers on page 15. And there is another prize quiz on page 38, this time for the adults!

I must also mention the continuing adventures of Tara and Barnaby in the 'Agreeable Friends' series. These clever dogs really amuse me. I already can't wait to read next month's episode!

The local news pages (26 to 28) and letters pages (52 to 54) continue to be good reading and one interesting letter on page 52 is from a couple who need your help to identify a cottage they are trying to find in the local area. And do check out the photos on page 54 where an incredible sellout 105 people turned up to Stewsdays Tuesday!

No 'Photo Memories' again this month I'm afraid. If you have any old photos from in and around Rowde please send them in with a few words to accompany them.

Finally, can I remind everyone that your free magazine is funded by advertisers so please use them and remember to say where you saw their advert when you contact them.

See you at the special village meeting in the village hall on 5th March?

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.

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This month's front cover shows Natalie's wonderful winning painting taken from a Renoir masterpiece. See report on pages 24 and 25.

photograph by Alan Watters

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

We started the New Year back at club on January 6th after a two week break. It was good to be back and catch up on all the news, and by then our Christmas activities were just a memory. We had enjoyed a most delicious Christmas lunch at The Owl cooked by Christine on our last Monday before the break, which had followed the morning visit of the schoolchildren's choir. This is one of the highlights of our year as we so enjoy listening to and watching the children during their performance. They obviously enjoy themselves immensely as they sing, and this of course is quite infectious! We had enjoyed the Busy Kids children the week before when they paid us a visit, and treated us to their latest songs in relaxed style. So we were well blessed with our "end of term" activities.

Back to January again, and two weeks in we were well stoked up on a magnificent lunch of roast lamb followed by apple crumble brought along at noon by Kevin, when we settled down to enjoy a welcome return of "End of the Tracks". Eleven gentlemen singing songs we know and love in close harmony takes a lot of beating, and the afternoon was very much enjoyed by us all.

The following week Ann Walsh, a representative from Aster Living, came along to talk to us about the help and care that can be supplied in the home for all the jobs that prove too difficult in advancing years.

In the weeks leading up to our AGM on February 10th, we have had afternoons of Kurling and also games of whist. Our commitment to regular exercise sessions is still holding good with a group of seven joining James' chair-based workout on our first Monday back.

So then on Feb 10th we assembled for our Annual General Meeting and reviewed the past year. We were joined by Dina La Vardera from Age UK. Wiltshire Council funding has been promised for this year at the current level. Following reports from the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Organiser, Brian Amor was re elected as Chairman, Moya Wallis as Vice Chairman, James Ladd as Treasurer and Caroline Culley as Secretary. The Committee was re elected en bloc. Current members are Nina Ricketts, June Reeves, Margaret Bray, Margaret White and Arnold White.

All of us at the Monday Club have appreciated the support that David and

Christine at the Post Office have given over the years, having been the fortunate recipients of their Notice Board fund. We would like to wish them both a long and happy retirement.

If you are elderly or house bound or need some company because you live alone, it may well be our club is right for you. It's a wonderful place to make new friends (and probably find some old ones) and enjoy some company. So if you would like to come and join us on a Monday at the Social Centre do give me a ring. We can provide transport if you live in Bromham or Rowde.

THE MONDAY CLUB IS A COMMUNITY DAY CENTRE AND LUNCHEON CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND RESIDENTS OF BROMHAM & ROWDE. IT IS GRANT AIDED THROUGH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL, AND SUPPORTED BY AGE UK.

Claire Ladd (Organiser) on 01380859166

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club met in the Village Hall on February 4th and celebrated the birthdays of two members, Mrs.S.Elvin and Mrs.P.Baker, with cakes, sausage rolls and a 'little tippie! After this there was 'silence' while everyone was busy testing their 'brain power' with an Anagram puzzle of Birds, Animals and Flowers. The winner was Mrs.P.Baker with Mr.Vic Reed runner-up and they both received a prize for their efforts!

The next meeting will be held on March 4th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall when Mr.B.Barrett will be giving a Slide Show.

New members always welcome.

D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On January 28th members of the Rowde Ladies Club met in the Village Hall and were pleased to welcome back Mr Alan Truscott who gave a most interesting talk about Blue and White china and the Willow Pattern design. He also gave information about the various pieces of china members had brought along.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.Y.Atkins, Mrs.C.Sault, Mrs.D.Buckland, Mrs.C.O'Rourke, Mrs.M.Bliss and Mrs.P.Connell. The next meeting will be a Pancake Evening on February 25th in the Village Hall.

Di Buckland (Secretary)

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The A.G.M. of the Village Hall was held on February 4th. Mr Barrett, Chairman, presided over the meeting and in his report stated that the two projects undertaken this year were the installation of a new heating system and a new entranceway into the main room with a disabled ramp and a new half glazed door. Both of these had been accomplished. The top end of the car park had been grassed and to add colour, wild flowers and shrubs had been planted.

Our projects for this year are to clean and re-varnish the floor in the main room which will hopefully be done in the next few weeks and to install three new exterior doors, one the main entrance in from the car park, the fire door from the kitchen and the door from the small room, all these will be in accordance with all regulations required. Mr Barrett then thanked everyone who had helped in any way with the various fund raising events and also those who helped with the upkeep of the Hall both inside and outside.

The Treasurer Mrs.M.Burbidge presented the Financial Statement and stated that the letting fees and profit from the Bingo sessions and the Bingo refreshments again covered the main outgoings which included the Electricity, Gas, Water, Servicing etc. Also the fund raising events organised by the Committee were again very profitable. She continued by saying that the funding of the new ramp and door had come from a bequest left by Mrs Kay Alford an old resident of Rowde who had always enjoyed coming to the Village Hall, also money given in lieu of flowers in Memory of Jean Barrett, and an anonymous donation and a Grant kindly given by Rowde Parish Council.

The Secretary Mrs A Stradling reported that the 'regulars' still come along each week to the Bingo session and thanked all who helped in any way to keep this evening going for those to enjoy. Bingo is held every Monday evening at 8pm in the Village Hall with good prizes, raffle and refreshments.

Committee elected were: Mr.B.Barrett, Mr.B.Cross, Mrs.M.Burbidge, Mrs.S.Elvin, Mrs.D.Ellis, Mrs.A.Stradling and Mrs.D.Buckland.

Next Fund raising event will be The Table Top Sale on March 1st - 2pm to 4pm with Teas and Raffle. Admission 20p.

B Barrett, Chairman

HIWAY CLUB


The Hiway Club (for the Hard of Hearing) now meet in the Rowde Village Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Their first meeting at their new venue was on January 29th when a member, Williams Ilott, gave a most interesting illustrated talk on Italy and showed a DVD on Rome.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.D.Buckland, Mr.B.Barrett, Mrs.L.Porter, Mrs.J.Ilott, Mrs.D.Varney, Mr.J.Meech, Miss E.Harris, Mrs.A.Starr, Miss T.Wilson, Mrs.M.Dean, Mr.C.Bown and Miss G.Harris.

The next meeting was held on February 25th in the Rowde Village Hall when there was a Quiz and Games evening.


The Hiway Club is a social club for anyone with a hearing problem and their family and friends. Each month we have either a speaker (there is a loop system in the Hall) or a slide show, BarBQ, Annual Dinner and a Christmas evening.


Anyone with a Hearing problem who would like more information about the Club please contact either Barrie Barrett 722186 or Di Buckland 723049.




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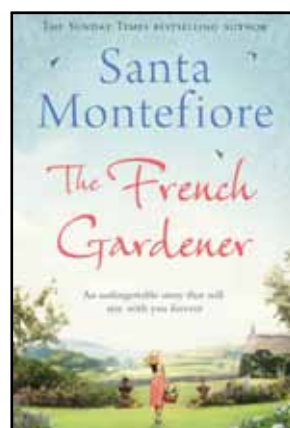
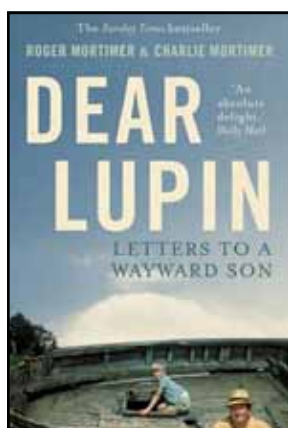
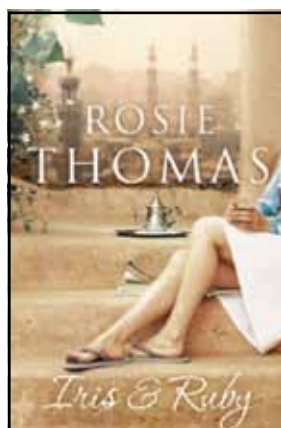
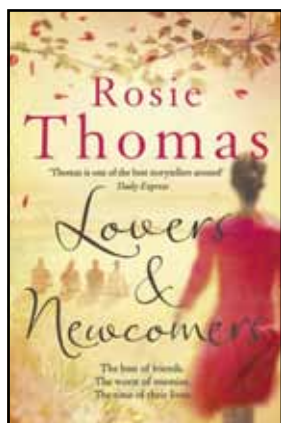
ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next book club will be on 19th march and the book for discussion is 'Any Human Heart' by William Boyd. ***If you would like to join us or have a suggestion for a good read please contact Ann Swan on 01380 724788.***

BOOK REVIEW

Last month was a free read month and listed below are some of the books members read with their ratings from 1 (not good) to 5 (excellent):

- 'Lovers and Newcomers' – Rosie Thomas (4)
- 'Iris and Ruby' – Rosie Thomas (4)
- 'Dear Lupin' – Roger Mortimer (3)
- 'Stolen Child' – Laura Elliot (4.5)
- 'The French Gardener' – Santa Montefiore - Two members read this book and rated it (3) and (4.5)
- 'Snow White Must Die' - Nele Neuhaus (4.5)



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

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Alan Watters, Editor

Mobile Library Service



A mobile library van visits Rowde (Village Hall) on alternate Mondays, from **3.20pm to 3.50pm**.

You can borrow books for adults and children of all ages, plus story tapes/CDs. It is also possible to reserve items that are not available on the van. The library van is wheelchair accessible.

For more details on Wiltshire Library Service, log on to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

What you will need:

Either a Wiltshire Library card or proof of your name and current address (for example an allowance book, bank/building society statement, driving licence or official bill/invoice).

Next dates for the Library van (all Mondays):

March 10 & 24, April 7, May 19, June 2, 16 & 30.

ROWDEY COW NEWS



I cannot remember having such a wet winter, however, we are still grateful that we have not been as badly affected by the floods and gales as other areas in the UK.

Our Valentines Evening went well although there was a brief moment of panic when the electric went out just as everyone arrived! Luckily Dad came to the rescue and powered the generator with a tractor and got us some electricity back and the evening went well after that. Thanks also to our chef for providing a lovely three course meal and to Izzy and Morgan, the singer and guitarist, who braved the journey from Bristol and back to provide the entertainment for the evening.

We had the busiest day of the year so far on Sunday when the rain stopped and there was a strange bright light in the sky! We even had a horse and cart in the car park. However, this was short lived and the rain has returned.

We have reached the regional finals of the Countryside Alliance Awards for Rural Enterprise which is very exciting.

Don't forget to reserve your table for Mothers' Day as last year we were fully booked.

All children's lunch time meals now include a drink and ice cream. We also have loyalty cards for both coffee and ice cream. We have a senior citizen discount day every Tuesday.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Sue

Developing our sports field

Do you or your family use the village sports field (off Sands Lane)?

Would you use it more if there was a wider range of facilities – social area, indoor sports, changing rooms, kitchen?

How would it be funded?

Come and have your say about how the plans are developing at a special meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 5th March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Rowde Parish Council

Your Parish Council

The key areas discussed at the monthly Parish Council meeting in February 2014 were:

Chairman's Announcements

- The Chair noted that the public consultation on the draft Devizes Neighbourhood Plan is open until 3rd March 2014. It is available for comments at: www.devizesareaplan.org.uk

Highways Update

- Wiltshire Council has arranged for the Community Steward to work in Rowde on 18th February to tackle outstanding grounds maintenance issues.
- Clerk had a site meeting with Rockstone Surfacing (12/2/14) which confirmed that its repair work on the potholes on Sands Lane remains intact. New potholes have developed since the work, due to problem with the infrastructure of the road and consistently bad weather.
- A letter was sent to the developer of the Old Bakery site to ask for contractors to remain considerate of residents in Maundrell Close when parking near the site. Communication has also been made with Aster Housing Association and the Community Police about the problem and letters have been sent to the residents of Maundrell Close to update them.
- Two pairs of kerbs have been identified and prioritised to be dropped. Wiltshire Council has guaranteed to match fund one pair of kerbs. A request for funding towards the second pair will be presented to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting on 10th March.
- Complaints have been received about the condition of Marsh Lane. The worst of the potholes have now been filled. Resurfacing will take place now in May.
- A complaint was made about travellers camping on The Common, Rowde. Wiltshire Council's Traveller Liaison Officer met with the travellers who were due to leave the site within a few days of the meeting.

Village Safety

Consultation on proposal for crossing on Caen Hill

- The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for the Devizes Area has submitted a proposal to provide a safe place to cross Caen Hill, near the junction with Marsh Lane. The proposal includes dropped kerbs and a crossing point in the central reservation. If installed, it will mean that walkers or cyclists will cross two lanes of traffic at any one time rather than 4 in places.

- Rowde Parish Council agreed in principle to having a crossing place on Caen Hill. Councillors were concerned about the level of speed on the road. Suggestions were also made for safety rails around the areas, chevrons/ large warning signs, and a hatched area around the Marsh Lane junction to make a single lane. These recommendations will be forwarded to Wiltshire Council.

Police

- PCSO Gareth Cole is leaving WC for Derbyshire Constabulary. Our Community Beat Manager will be PC Helen Clarke.
- PC Helen Clarke will be available to talk to at the Cross Keys car park on Friday 07th March 2014, between 2pm and 3pm, on Saturday 08th March 2014 from 2pm to 3pm.
- There were no incidents of note during January 2014

Finance

- Parish Councillors agreed to remove the damaged double spring rocker in the toddlers' play area and to replace it with a bench. The Clerk will check the proposal with RoSPA before proceeding.
 - Maintenance work on the Oak trees in the Large Playing Field was approved (£350). A quote for £300 has already been passed for work on the Oak tree on the allotments.
- Monthly invoices for total of £1785.75 were approved
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| Admin, inc stationery, room hire | 1084.50 |
| Grounds & Village Maintenance | 567.70 |
| Additional skate park liability | 133.55 |
| Total: | £1785.75 |

Sports Field Development

- A public meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm to gauge opinion on a range of concepts for the development. EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to attend.
- There was discussion around the name of the project. It was suggested that the development should have a more inclusive, community name, for example 'The Activity Centre' to reflect the fact that the centre will be for everyone.

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie Bawden	Chair / Future Action in Rowde, DCAP Rep	01380 720856
Pam Evans	Village Appearance	01380 727820
Ben Bentley	Roads and transport	01380 728360
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Rebekah Jeffries	Clerk	01380 720988

Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde, Bromham & Potterne

Liz Bryant	Wiltshire Councillor	01380 850316
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- It was agreed that the village tractor should be sold, as it is no longer used to maintain the grassed areas in the village. If there are any objections or interested parties, please contact the Clerk (Rebekah, tel: 01380 720988)

Planning Applications

The following applications were reviewed by the Parish Council:

- 13/06903/FUL Curry's Motors: Refurbishment of existing garage building including raising eaves height, new cladding and roofing. The Parish Council found no objections.
- 13/06882/FUL Rowdeford School; Installation of a fitness trail to include a tarmac pathway to access the trail from the car park area and a combination of sensory and easigrass pathways. The Parish Council supported the application.
- 14/00688/DEM Canal & River Trust; Demolition of mechanical and engineering workshop building at Canal and River Trust. The Parish Council found no objections.
- 14/01215/TPO Scholars Park: Work to TPO Trees. The Parish Council found no objections.

Village Website:

- Councillors agreed to work towards creating a new village website. In the meantime, Cllr A Boorman will maintain the existing website in its current format.
- It was suggested that local businesses may be asked for a contribution if they wish to advertise on or through the site. It was also suggested that there should be a discussion forum on the new website.

Village Fete

- The first meeting of the village fete Committee will take place on 27th February. If anyone is interested in

helping organise the fete, please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01380 720988.

- An offer has been made to help with games/equipment at the village fete.

Wiltshire Council update

- The adoption of WC's Core Strategy has been delayed by a minimum of 9 months. This leaves the Devizes Area vulnerable to new development. Wiltshire has been notified by central government that it will need to find land to build an additional 5000 houses.
- Devizes Campus project is moving forward. The next consultation is planned for the end of 2014. Sites are being considered.

Dates for the diary -

PUBLIC MEETING: Sports Field Development

Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall.

For more information see notices below and on page 7.

POLICE VISIT:

PC Helen Clarke will be available to talk to at the Cross Keys car park on Friday 7th March 2014 between 2pm and 3pm and on Saturday 8th March 2014 from 2pm to 3pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 8.00pm**, in the Village Hall. **Future Parish Council meetings can be found in the village diary on the inside back page of the magazine.**

Everyone is welcome

A full set of minutes is available on the Parish noticeboards and on the Village website (www.rowdevillage.co.uk).

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.

Activity Centre: Village Meeting



5th March 7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to a meeting to discuss the options for the replacement of the Sport Field Pavilion. Options will be presented with estimates of costs and funding sources. This is your chance to influence what we do by stating what you would like to see on the sports field.



ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello again,

Wow what a windy and rainy February, we had to keep the A frame shop sign in at times due to it using the high street as a runway whilst trying to fly. I must thank all our volunteers and especially Jan who held the fort whilst I was away for the half term week. We had a fab time away missing most of the bad weather and I notched up another 10 geocashes!



Opening Hours

Mon to Fri	7:30am – 6:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 12:00
Bank Holidays	9:00am – 12:00

We had a very positive AGM many thanks to those who attended and for the great comments during and after the meeting.

We have the results of the veg box draw... Hazel Aitken being the lucky winner of two £5 veg boxes. We will have another draw soon for another two boxes so keep an eye out for information. Our veg sales are rocketing due to the fantastic quality and price of the items. Do come and try some the quality has really improved since we have been using WPL and the prices are the same they charge in the market. Of course you are welcome to book a veg box for each week or fortnight please come in for a form or email me your requirements. This is a fabulous way of:

1. Supporting us,
2. Getting your five a day
3. Using your fun five card
4. Buying five items from your grocery list per week.

Fresh Meat and Fish is available for you to order for a next day delivery. We hold a small amount of fresh meat which is changed every day or so but if you would like something specific we can order it and have it in-store the following day. Fish is the same, please order the day before and it is delivered the following day. If we get a large enough number of people ordering we can start stocking it again, we had to stop ordering it routinely due to the wastage. I know one comment from the AGM was to have more fresh

fish, meat and veg in-store. Our veg order has increased dramatically due to demand which enables us to buy a larger more varied amount and you more choice when you shop. The same will happen with the fresh meat and fish, so please try our local meat and freshly caught fish, the quality is great.

We have had another couple of new volunteers, thank you for coming forward. We could still do with people prepared to open, collect the papers on a Sunday and do things away from the shop like applying for grants and looking after our website or facebook page. Please email, phone or pop into the shop to have a chat with me for more details.

As always a recipe follows the article, if you have any ideas for recipes using ingredients from the shop please forward them to me, I love using ideas from others, look at the success of Lawrence Plumbs recipe!

As ever, thanks for reading and I hope to see you in the shop soon,

Veronica Seedhouse 01380 739800
rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com

VERONICA'S RECIPE

BACON PASTA:

INGREDIENTS:

- 200g bacon chopped
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 800g tinned tomatoes
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 350g pasta
- Grated cheese to serve

PREPARATION METHOD:

1. Heat the oil in a large sauté pan over a medium heat and fry the bacon until crisp, then remove to a plate lined with kitchen paper using a slotted spoon. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and sweat until soft. Stir through the tomatoes, squashing them with the back of a wooden spoon to release the juice. Add the balsamic vinegar and cooked bacon to the pan. Bubble for a few minutes until reduced and thickened, then season to taste.

2. Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large pan of salted boiling water according to the pack instructions. Drain and add to the sauce. Stir to coat and divide among bowls. Serve with grated cheese and crusty bread, if you like.

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

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Good Neighbour News POETRY CORNER

I'M VERY WELL THANK YOU

Author unknown

There is nothing the matter with me, I'm as
healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees and when I
talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak, my blood is thin, but—I'm
awfully well for the shape I'm in,

Arch supports I have for my feet or I wouldn't be
able to get out on the street,

Sleep is denied me night after night but every
morning I find I'm alright

My memory's failing, my head's in a spin,
but—I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as my tale I unfold that for you
and me who are getting old

It's better to say 'I'm fine', with a grin, than to let
folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well,
my get up and go has got up and went...

But I really don't mind when I think with a grin of
all the grand places my 'get up' has bin.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said but
sometimes I wonder, as I get into bed

With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup, my
specs on a table until I get up.

'Ere sleep overtakes me I say to myself, is there
anything else I could lay on the shelf?

When I was young my slippers were red - I
could kick my heels right over my head

When I was older my slippers were blue - but
still I could dance the whole night through;

Now I am old, my slippers are black. I walk to
the shop and pull my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, I
pick up the paper to read the 'obits'

If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead;
So I have breakfast and—go back to bed!

*If you would like to talk to me about anything
do ring or email me.*

**Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour
Coordinator for Devizes villages
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The Reverend Norma Fergusson

Thoughts from The Rectory

What's the point of fasting?

It's nearly Lent (and may well be so by the time some of you are reading this) and that is the time when many people traditionally give something up. But "Why should we fast if the LORD never notices? Why should we go without food if he pays no attention?" These words are from the Old Testament – giving up something for Lent has clearly never been popular!

Why do we do that – give up something we enjoy? The people of ancient Israel seemed to think that was what God wanted – but God wasn't impressed: "All that happens is you get cranky and grouchy and take it out on people who were worse off than you to begin with."

OK, I paraphrase, but the Old Testament tells people they shouldn't save up the food they're not eating so they can stuff themselves later (like some of us when we give up chocolate for Lent!) but to share what they don't eat with people who are hungry; to care for the homeless; to give away clothes they don't need to people with nothing to wear.

So, perhaps, instead of thinking negatively about what we're going to give up for Lent (perhaps making ourselves grumpy – or worse, smug! - by going without) why don't we think positively about what we could do for other people, people who need help in some way?

For instance – what about buying something extra and giving it to the FoodBank? You can bring donations to St Matthew at one of the coffee mornings, or if you come to the Lent course on Wednesdays.

It doesn't need to be much, to make a huge difference. Think about salt - just a pinch of it when you're cooking can make a huge difference to the flavour of the finished dish.

We can be like the salt. Giving something up; making ourselves grumpy; is a bit like salt losing its saltiness. But doing something – something that helps people in need – and doing it with a smile – that's like putting the salt in the cooking – the ketchup on the bag of chips. People will smile back. God will smile back!

And, I promise, that feels much better than stuffing yourself with chocolate on Easter morning.

Richard

New at St Matthew's - Book Swap

Starting on Saturday 8 March we are inviting people to bring a book or magazine with them when they come in for coffee at St Matthew's Church between 10 and 12 and swap it for another.

Adults and children's books will be welcome.

Notes from our Churchwardens

MOTHERS' UNION

Meeting Thursday 13th March. MU will be having a Lenten "Quiet Time" of worship, meditation and fellowship in St Matthew's. Starting at 11am, finishing at 2pm, with Coffee served from 10.30am. Bring a packed lunch and drinks will be provided. All welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION TWOPENNY FAIR

To celebrate the Mothers' Union Diocesan President's Spring Walk to promote the work of MU, the Rowde and Bromham branch will be holding a special event in Bromham Social Centre on Friday 21st March from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. There will be lots of games and activities for all ages and Rowde residents will be made very welcome.

For more details see Posters around the village or speak to Anne Rees on 01380 859646.

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course in Rowde will start on Wednesday 12 March at 12.15pm, finishing at 2pm, in St Matthew's. Everyone is welcome, either to attend the whole course or just when they have a free lunch time. The course is free, but a frugal "Lent lunch" of soup and a roll will be provided for which a contribution of money or groceries for the FoodBank would be welcomed. The subject is "Christ and the Chocolate" by Hilary Brand.

The course is also being held in Bromham on Tuesday evenings, starting on 11th March. Again, all are welcome.

Please contact Norma Fergusson on 01380 850811 for information about Rowde and Heather Armstrong on 01380 850345 about Bromham.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30th MARCH, St Matthew's, Rowde
Simnel Cake and posies.

Maureen Hiscocks

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Churchwardens:

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For more information about St Matthew's -
www.achurchnearyou.com/rowde-st-matthew/

CHURCH ROTAS

Church Cleaning

Team meets at 10am on Friday 21st March

Brass Cleaning

Phil Hale

Flower Arranging

2 March - Jane Sartin

9/16/23/30 March and 6 April - Lent, no flowers

March Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

Everyone is very welcome at all our services



Date/Time	Service
Sunday 2 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.00 pm	Sunday next before Lent Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service in School <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 5 10.00 am 11.00 am 7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Prayer Group Holy Communion <i>Ash Wednesday service in Bulkington with Seend and Potterne</i>
Sunday 9 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Lent 1 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Communion with Baptism
Wednesday 12 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
Sunday 16 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Lent 2 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Holy Communion <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 19 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
Sunday 23 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Lent 3 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Holy Communion <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 26 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
Sunday 30 9.30 am 11.00 am	Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday Family Service <i>Family Communion, Bromham</i>
APRIL Wednesday 2 10.00 am 11.00 am	Prayer Group Holy Communion

In addition, a short service of Morning Prayer is normally said on Tuesdays at 8am, please join us.

Please note that the Church is open every day from 10am - 4pm and Coffee is available from 10.00 - noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays

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.**

Everyone is very welcome at all our services

Church Cleaning at St Matthew's Church

We have now set up a monthly church cleaning session at St Matthew's Church. We will vary the days and times that we do the cleaning, as we know some of you have commitments on certain days.



We have a group of people who have volunteered to help, but could always do with a few more to add to the list.

Our first session was a great success with 7 cleaners coming along, our youngest being 3 and our oldest in their 80s. As well as getting the church cleaned it was a really good social occasion which we all enjoyed.

The next session will be on Thursday 20th March at 10.00 am

Big Spring Clean ready for Easter Monday 14th April at 11.00 am

Please contact Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406 or Jane Moss 01380 729160 if you would like to help

THE ST MATTHEW'S CAFE

Please note that Coffee and Tea is available from 10.00am to noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays - come in for a cuppa and a chat.

PRAYER TREE

We have a Prayer Tree in St Matthew's Church, just behind the lectern. This is for everyone to use.

The tree is there for you to use in order to write, as anonymously as you want, your thoughts and hopes. There are "leaves" in a basket near the tree on which to write your prayer and then hang them on the tree.

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Currently Rowde tower has adults and youngsters learning to ring the church bells from 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm on Fridays. Recently there have been good efforts from teams of all ages in the Seend striking competition (aiming to place each bell in the right place knowing that bells are the longest string instrument in the World) where timing and technique are sometimes frustrated by lack of concentration or bell action.

Improvement helps better service, wedding, etc. ringing.

Trot along on Friday at 7.00 pm to see what, why, when, how.....

Rowde Rainbows (registered Charity No. 1028202) is in dire need of an extra pair of adult hands



We currently have 18 girls aged between 5 and 7 years and an even fuller waiting list, many of whom are already 5 and so missing out on the fun that Rainbows can offer them.



An extra unit helper (aged over 18) will allow us to take on more girls.

Ailsa Devon

So if you are able to give up an hour and a half a week on a Tuesday night please contact me for more information.

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4. On the third page click 'Support' in the green box opposite Rowde Village Shop.
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6. Install 'Find and Remind'.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR HELP,
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PRIZE ART QUIZ

Answers from February issue

1. Pablo Picasso (Studio with Plaster Head)
2. Gustav Klimt (Der Kuss - The Kiss)
3. James Whistler (Whistler's Mother)
4. Joseph Turner (The Fighting Temeraire)
5. L S Lowry (Coming home from the mill)
6. Salvador Dali (The Persistence of memory)
7. Claude Monet (Water Lily Pond Symphony in Rose)
8. Albrecht Durer (Young Hare)
9. Vincent Van Gogh (Vase with Twelve Sunflowers II)
10. Leonardo Da Vinci (The Mona Lisa)

The lucky winner, with an all correct entry, was Ozzy Bowler who will receive an Art Book and a £10 voucher to spend in the village shop. Well done to Ozzy! We hope you all had fun with this and thanks to everyone who entered. Look out for another prize quiz this month on page 38.

Ed

Volunteers required Help in your community shop

**Please come forward and give
us a hand. We need all ages
and all hours**

Please phone or e-mail Veronica. Or pop in!

**Phone 01380739800 or e-mail
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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Triumphant Trampolinists!

We are so proud of three of our students, Ryan Lewns, James Edwards and Matthew Beaven who took part in the West Wiltshire Trampolining competition last week.



Between them they won the Novice competition and all received Gold Medals. Ryan also won an Individual Gold Medal for his performance. Well done boys – you are great ambassadors for Rowdeford School!

Learning Outside the Classroom

We are absolutely delighted that we have won the prestigious Gold Award for Learning Outside the Classroom. Only about 50 schools in the country have managed to do this. It confirms that Rowdeford enables all its students to have frequent, continuous and progressive outside learning. We have created interesting, practical and exciting areas around the school grounds so that students can learn in the woodland, by water or with the pig! We have also developed sculpture and learning trails and the whole school is accessible to all.

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day will be on 6th March. We already have some exciting plans in place for this day and the week leading up to

it including a Dressing Up Day when staff and students are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Kate Bowerbank



TEEN TOPICS

STEREOTYPING

Stereotyping is something we all come across and arguably, as teenagers, we are the generation who receive the most judgement. There seems to be this rather skewed view that all teenagers are unfocused, lazy trouble makers, when in fact these qualities only make up a small minority of people. I think it is extremely unfair that there is generalisations of people and that one group in particular are targeted. These views have been predominantly shown by the media, although this



whole idea of us as a group being lazy is incredibly unfair due to the majority of us juggling a full time education and a part time job. As a 17 year old I, the pressure of trying to maintain a balance between a levels, work and a social life is tricky and I don't believe that it is helped by negative views of our group as a whole. It seems as though our generation is seen as an easy target for judgement and the way the media portrays us suggests we are of some other race. Like every group there are a few people who ruin the image of the majority but I do not feel that it is fair that we should all be judged to be workshy, unambitious and irresponsible.

Molly

(Any thoughts, please email me at mollydilling@googlemail.com).

NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY



The children with BBC Wiltshire Sound

This month at Rowde Academy we have been very excited because we have changed the names of our classes so that they reflected our vision of being 'Bright'. Led by the school council, it was decided that the classrooms would be named after the constellations. Now instead of class R, class 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 we are:

Cygnus, Great Bear, Capella, Hercules, Cassiopeia, Orion and Pleiades.

Each class has had its own wooden door plaque especially made, which illustrates the constellation, and these have been hung so that the children can learn what the constellations look like. We are waiting for



Bishop Edward in an Assembly

the class name plaques so that we can all learn to spell the constellations!! Later on this term we are looking forward to welcoming the 'Star dome' to the academy where the children can experience all the constellations and learn the myths and legends behind them.

Earlier in February we welcomed Bishop Edward, who visited to commemorate a year of us being an academy. Bishop Edward spent time with all the classes and led a collective worship where he used our vision word 'Bright' to tell the children that they are the 'brightest' thing that God created. We were honoured that Bishop Edward came to Rowde and we hope that he will return.

We have also had the Spellbinder theatre company come to entertain us through their use of music and storytelling. Everyone really enjoyed their visit.

BBC Radio Wiltshire's Ben Prater came to school to find out where the children thought the centre of Wiltshire ought to be; obviously it was Rowde! Ben also questioned them about their knowledge of Bible stories. Having listened to the broadcast, I am happy to share that the children were very articulate and do know a wide range of Bible stories from the old testament and the new.

As we move into spring, we are looking forward to less rain as well as developing our 'Spiritual' garden and continuing to ensure that Rowde Academy is the brightest it can be.

As always, if you would like to visit us, please call the office, we look forward to meeting you.

Lorraine Colquhoun, Headmistress

JOHN'S FARM



Another wet and windy month with more flooding and blocked drains! We have been digging up field drains which have become dislodged or blocked by root material. Many of these tile drains were laid in the late 1800's and some have become silted up and unable to cope with the heavy rainfall. Usually you can clean them out and relay them, but if they are too badly affected we lay the modern alternative - perforated plastic pipe instead. There are plenty more to do when we have some dry weather to work in.



Drainage problems

The hedge planting is now completed. A lot of this has been done in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme which comes to an end this year. A total of 3.122 metres of new hedges have been planted over this time. The field margins (strips of uncropped grass around the field edges) have covered around 22 acres and have helped the numbers of small mammals and ground nesting birds. We are looking at the possibilities of entering into a new stewardship scheme in the autumn.

The first lambs were born over the weekend (22nd February) and the pigmy goats are also starting to kid. Unfortunately they will have to remain inside until the fields are a little drier. Goats tend to give birth relatively easily and quickly. The kids are generally standing up and feeding within an hour. So far we have had one twin and one single kid with seven more nannies waiting to give birth over the next few weeks. They should be growing well by Open Farm Day on 8th June.

Normally the crops would be starting to recover from the winter and we will be thinking about the first application of fertiliser to get them growing. Some of them are looking a bit patchy after all the rain but the oilseed rape has just started to grow a little and if you look carefully the flower buds are just visible in the centre of the plants.

February is also a time for office work. At least it is a warmer task. Planning for the year ahead takes up a lot of time, and we are already starting to decide which crops will be grown next year. Different species of crop (i.e. wheat, barley,

oilseed rape etc.) need to be rotated around the fields each year. The best way to prevent a build-up of diseases and pests is to grow a different crop in each field year by year. It looks as though we will be growing more oilseed rape in 2015 and a little less wheat. Budgets also have to be completed and with the bank manager due in March - this will be the next task!



Oilseed rape springing into life



Mum and new born lambs



Learning to feed

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm



New and Exciting volunteering opportunity with Wiltshire Citizens Advice

As part of a new service offered by Citizens Advice, the Wiltshire Bureaux are seeking volunteers to be part of a team to provide basic financial education to community groups and one to one money mentoring. The project, funded by Big Lottery, aims to empower people to make better budgeting, borrowing, saving and banking decisions. We will be working with local charities and agencies in the community to reach out to those needing support and up to date knowledge of money matters.

If you are looking for the opportunity to learn new skills and develop existing ones, this project offers roles as a -

Money Matters Trainer or a Money Mentor

Volunteers will receive free training with all expenses paid, as well as the opportunity to be part of a friendly team and work closely with your local community.

All sorts of people volunteer for Wiltshire Citizens Advice, and find it challenging, rewarding, varied and you never stop learning. We are looking for a minimum commitment of a half day per fortnight.

Wherever you are in Wiltshire from Corsham to Ramsbury, Malmesbury to Tidworth, if you would like to be a part of this team then please contact:

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PETS CORNER

AGREEABLE FRIENDS

This 'doggy tale' has been submitted by author Peter Lee-Hale, who lives in Rowde. It is a longer story than we usually print so it has been serialised. Ed

Episode 5

Tara was, by now, a regular visitor to Court with the Judge whilst Barnaby preferred to stay home with Mrs Beecham and pass judgment on her latest culinary activities.

One afternoon he was snoozing in front of the fire in the Judge's study when the doorbell rang. And he raised himself up and started towards the study door. By this time Mrs Beecham had reached and opened the front door and he heard a young man's voice asking for the Judge and to be told by Mrs Beecham that it was too early and he would not be home for about an hour.

Barnaby was about to push open the study door when his instinct warned him all was not well. The youth said he was a friend of Justin's and that the Judge had told him to come and see him when he got out of prison. Justin's name had lulled Mrs Beecham into a false sense of security as did the reference to the Judge. Barnaby however did not recognise the youth as one of the Judge's protégés from the YOI. Barnaby was about to intervene but his senses told him to hold back. Mrs Beecham invited the youth in and said she would give him a cup of tea whilst he waited for the Judge. As the front door closed the Youth produced a knife and holding it to Mrs Beecham's throat told her to walk ahead of him. This was too much for Barnaby but he was fearful of what might happen to Mrs Beecham if he tried to intervene at that moment so he felt that discretion for the moment would be the better part of valour.

What was he to do? He knew that, provided she did not resist, Mrs Beecham would be safe enough at least for the moment as it was obviously the Judge he was after. He thought for a moment - yes that was it, the Judge.

He turned to the Judge's desk and the telephone - now what was the coded number for his direct line? Then, remembering he knocked the receiver off the phone and picking up a pencil in his mouth, he punched the buttons then placed an ear to the earpiece. He heard the satisfactory ring tone. In his Chambers the Judge is packing his bag when the phone rings. The Judge picks up the phone and on hearing the Judge's voice Barnaby barked softly. The Judge looks across at Tara who has been sitting in her basket waiting for the Judge to pack and smiling says that the call must be for her so she goes across to him and the Judge lays the phone on its side so the Tara could hear and speak into it. She barked into the receiver, listened intently then

informed the Judge that it was Barnaby and relayed what had happened at home.

The Judge's expression changed from one of anger to concern. Mrs Beecham must come to no harm. The Judge pondered for a moment and then rang his friend the Deputy Commissioner at Scotland Yard. Arrangements were quickly made and soon the Judge and Tara were on the way with a police escort to ease their way through the peak hour traffic. As they reached the crest of the hill leading towards their home, the sirens were switched off to prevent the miscreant becoming aware of what was in store for him. The police car in front of the Judge switched off its lights and coasted into the side of the Judge's house and the Judge pulled up behind. As they stepped out of the car a police officer emerged from the shadows and saluting the Inspector who had alighted from his car, informed him that armed police had surrounded the Judge's house and had managed to enter the garden undetected.

The plan of action was for the Judge to drive up as normal which would bring the intruder to the front door. The police had got close enough to the house to see that Mrs Beecham was tied to a chair in the kitchen and was also gagged so that she could not cry out a warning, but of Barnaby there had been no sign. Tara hoped that he hadn't tried to be courageous; there had been times when they were young that he had acted first and thought about it afterwards.

The scene having been set, the Judge returned to his car with Tara and they drove along the road and turned into the drive hooting as he did so - his indication to Mrs Beecham that they were home. They alighted from the car and walked towards the door. The youth, having heard the car horn, left the kitchen, entered the hall and came towards the front door. Meanwhile the police who were at the rear of the house entered through the kitchen door with a key supplied by the Judge. One stayed to release Mrs Beecham and the others prepared to deal with the youth at the appropriate moment.

The Judge placed his key in the lock, pushed open the door and stepped inside and as he did so it all happened. The youth lunged forward with his knife from where he had concealed himself but before the police could act, Barnaby who had been hiding in the shadow of the hall launched himself in the air and simultaneously Tara shot between the Judge's legs. Almost at the same instance, Barnaby's teeth fastened onto the hand which held the knife and Tara sank her teeth into the youth's ankle. He screamed in pain. He swung Tara against the wall and she released



her grip as she hit the wall with a thud. Likewise Barnaby was given the same treatment and released his grip also. The youth having dropped his knife, grabbed a chair and swung it at the dogs but before contact could be made, four furry bodies launched themselves at the youth. Two from the front door and two charging from the kitchen at the rear of the hall.

It was all over in seconds. The youth was handcuffed and taken away. The Judge thanked the officers for their assistance and agreed to attend the station the next day to make a statement. Likewise Tara and Barnaby thanked the police dogs. Both were a little bruised but not seriously. Fortunately, no-one had been hurt except the youth who would need a tetanus jab for his bites.

Thankfully, the Judge was not sitting the next day so he could now set his plan in action to find his 'lady of the mists'. After breakfast the next day, the Judge, Tara and Barnaby set off for their walk across the common. An hour went by and still no sign of them, then nearing the pond there she was standing by the pond whilst her little dog ran round the edge barking at the ducks. The Judge despite himself could not think of a way to make the first approach. Tara was also aware of the problem and was thinking too - but not action dog Barnaby. He told Tara to leave it to him and disappeared into the bushes surrounding part of the pond.

As the Judge and Tara approached the pond the lady looked up and her gaze was distracted from her dog who was on the other side of the pond. She was unaware as was the Judge of what, to Tara, appeared to be a furry paw reaching out from the bushes behind the little dog who was poised over the bank of the pond intent on the ducks.

The paw was extended further, a quick push and was then withdrawn. The dog squealed and tumbled down the bank and into the water. The lady looked up distraught. She told the Judge, who had reached the pond by now, that her dog couldn't swim very well. As she said this Barnaby appeared from the bushes alongside her and jumping into the water swam across the pond towards the dog and grasping it by the scruff of the neck, swam back across the pond where the Judge helped them both out of the water.

The lady was overjoyed and told the Judge what a brave dog he had but Tara knew otherwise as she alone had seen the paw push the dog into the water and she knew beyond a shadow of a doubt whose paw it had been but, the right result had been achieved and now the rest was up to the Judge or was it? Would he still need a little help from his furry friends?

....to be continued.

Footnote: if you have photos, or can take some, of your pets, please send them in and tell us something about them, Ed

PHOTO FUN

Sleeping cats this month! Do you have any amusing photos of your pets? Send them in!



NATURE NOTES - MARCH

OUR NATURE RESERVES

A breath of fresh air in wildlife conservation

Apart from our very own Caen Hill Locks, there's a whole new wildlife world out there, not far from Rowde, just waiting to be explored. From woodlands, wildflower meadows, hedgerows, streams, rivers, chalk downland, valleys, bogs and wetlands, now is the time to get out your boots, Barbour and binoculars and go wild in the country. What is really out there? Where is it? When can I see it? Why is it there? How can it survive? Come and visit one of our Nature Reserves and find out some of the answers. They are open all year and they're free!

Our Nature Reserves play an important part in raising awareness about the value of the natural world. They demonstrate how learning about this world can make our lives happier and more fulfilling, and what each of us can do to protect our environment.

Nearest to us are Peppercombe Wood* (near Urchfont), Conigre Mead (in Melksham), Morgan's Hill* (between Devizes and Calne), Vincients Wood* (near Chippenham), Green Lane Wood (near Trowbridge), Jones's Mill* (near Pewsey) and Hat Gate (between Pewsey and Marlborough).

* Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs

I will be telling you more about these wonderful places in the next few issues so, where shall we go this month? How about:

Morgan's Hill



History, rare wildlife and terrific views

If you walk up on Morgan's Hill between Devizes and Calne you will enjoy incredible views of Cherhill Down and the Lansdowne Monument, and the plains of north Wiltshire.

The nature reserve occupies the northern and north-western slopes of Morgan's Hill, one of the county's highest points. Running along its northern edge is a Roman road, which once crossed the country from London to Bath.

The reserve is a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its orchids, butterflies and for the general quality of the chalk grassland. In spring and summer the down blazes with rare flowers.

Walkers and wildlife watchers may glimpse the endangered marsh fritillary butterfly, which feeds on the devil's-bit scabious found here during late summer.

Defining the reserve's southern edge is the fifth century Wansdyke that was built to defend the

northern territory of Wessex. It was originally a large bank with a deep ditch in front, running all the way into Savernake Forest, near Marlborough. Today, the earthworks provide a home for early purple orchids and round-headed rampion.

It is believed the hill was named after a local man, John Morgan, who in 1720 was hung at this prominent site for murdering his uncle.

We are working with neighboring landowners to create living landscapes, using our Dexter cattle and Herdwick sheep to graze their fields. We are linking areas of species-rich chalk downland so that wildlife can move freely in response to the changing climate.

Postcode - SN11 8PZ

OS Map grid reference - SU 025 672

Nearest town - Calne

Access – Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Dogs welcome on short leads.

Size – 12.31 hectares / 30.4 acres

Habitats – chalk downland

Don't miss - orchids and butterflies, including several rare species

Peppercombe Wood



Pretty woodland wildflower walk

Peppercombe Wood is a strip of picturesque ancient woodland on the edge of Urchfont and a four-minute walk from the centre of the village.

The reserve lies on steep slopes next to a small stream and is well-hidden, at the end of a sunken lane. Visit during February to see the lower slopes blanketed by hundreds of snowdrops, and in later spring for a colourful mix of wildflowers.

Peppercombe was once full of stately elms but sadly most of these died when Dutch elm disease swept the country and we had to remove them in 1979. The following year we replanted many trees, mostly oak and ash and these, along with wych elm and hazel give the wood its character.

Postcode - SN10 4QS

OS Map grid reference - SU038574

Nearest town - Devizes

Access – unsuitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Dogs on leads are welcome

Size – 0.62 hectares / 1.5 acres

Habitats - woodland

Don't miss - spring woodland flora and common woodland birds

More next month, Ed

PET N PAT ANIMAL CENTRE

Well it is another month of wet, windy weather with the odd sight of the big orange shape in the sky.

I think all the animals are now fed up with this weather and the fields cannot get any muddier.

Alan is not working at the farm at the minute so we are having to feed the hay out to the big horses by wheelbarrow rather than by tractor and we have got Dave to empty the muckspreader for us.

Billy, the billy goat, has come back from loan to a stud so he is back causing trouble as he always does.

We sadly had to say goodbye to one of our little minis who was playing happily with his friends and then suddenly had a heart attack. Thankfully, he didn't suffer and he is now in cloud fields.

Seems this year is just one thing after another. We are looking forward to spring now and some nice dry green fields without mud and happy days without bad news.

Looking ahead, we will be getting the horses tested for strangles when we have raised the funds to pay the large vet bills and lab costs for the tests.

We would very much welcome any donations to be paid into our Hale equine vet account if anyone would like to help us out at this rather expensive time we're going through right now.

We would also welcome any donations of bedding and forage feed which will be put to good use. We are buying in straw on a weekly basis from a local farmer and we have enough hay until the beginning of April.

We have our working pupils helping us out on a week day each week and we will be back open soon for people to come and help.

In order to raise funds for the centre we are selling some of the animals - if anyone is interested in giving one of them a home; 1/2 mini pig sows, very friendly, Billy, saanen goat and his son, born July 2013, some of our chickens and our turkeys (2) as well as a pair of geese. Also, we are offering for sale or loan one of our brown and white Llamas and when we have the all clear two of our donkeys (Gelding and Jack) and our Irish sports horse gelding. For loan only we will offer one of our Welsh X fillies to be a companion as she is a youngster.

Hopefully our next report will find us all in finer weather, rather dryer and warmer.

Barbara and Liam

Pet n Pat Animal Centre - therapy and education using animals

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Teddy (for sale or loan)



Fudge, pygmy nanny goat - due to kid



Llamas Gren and Mala (for sale or possible loan)

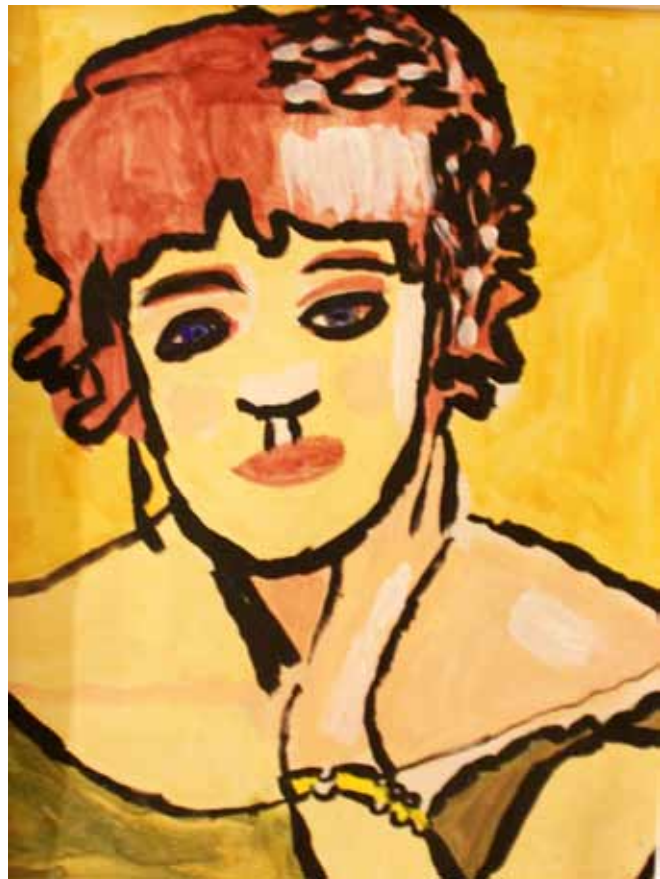


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NEWS FROM Hft

Another busy month has flown by and it looks as if it may have stopped raining at long last.

The highlight of our last month actually took place at the end of January. We run a weekly session called 'Planning & Hosting an Event' and during this we support people in the group to help plan things like our music festival and the Christmas market, so when I heard the Rowde Village News committee wanted to hold an event to say 'thank you' to all their distributors, I suggested we plan it and hold it here. This also coincided with an art group finishing and having had lots of very professional looking paintings that needed to be 'shown off'. Therefore on the 30th January we hosted an invitation only Cheese and Wine evening with Art Exhibition. Running alongside this was a competition to judge the best picture, with voting slips provided. Everyone was asked to vote for their favourite painting.



Artist - Penny Goodwin



Artist - Lisa Davis

Natalie won this and wrote a little piece for the magazine:

"I chose to copy and paint this picture by Renoir because I thought it looked very interesting. There is a lot of detail and lots going on, this made me want to keep looking at it. I have called my painting 'Ladies in the rain'".

You can see the winning painting reproduced on the front cover of this month's magazine.

The people we support acted as waiters and waitresses for the evening and the evening proved to be a success despite there being a number of other events on that very evening.



Artist - Tracy Bowden

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our Cheese and Wine evening.





Artist - David Gale



Artist - Rupert Priestly

We also held a Valentines night meal here in our Bistro and catered for 16 couples despite the weather and the power cut which happened just as we started serving and lasted until everyone had left! The candles added to the atmosphere and thank goodness we cook with gas!

The Drama group has started rehearsals of their new production. We are doing our version of 'The Blues Brothers' to be performed at our Music Festival in June, so if there are any budding thespians out there who would like to be involved and are free on a Friday morning please get in touch.

We have also been working on gifts for Mother's Day which is at the end of March this year and we are hoping the Village shop will be able to display a few things for us.

Finally, on Tuesday 11th March Open Minds (a self-advocacy group) are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. It will be held in the Bistro and run from 10.30 until 12 noon. There will be a range of cakes and biscuits to buy for this very worthy cause. All are welcome.

"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury"

Great British Fish and Chip Supper **Friday 16th May 2014**

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst



raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

STOLEN LAND ROVER DUMPED IN ROWDE AND SET ON FIRE

Police plea after £33k theft including model steam train from Collingbourne Ducis businesses

Police are appealing for information following a burglary at two commercial premises in Collingbourne Ducis where thieves stole approx £33,000 of goods including a model train set. Thieves broke into Bourne Works, High Street, premises and stole 12 Warrior Winches for vehicles and various Snap On Tools in a Red Snap On tool box, on Friday, February 7.

A grey Land Rover Discovery was also stolen but was later found at Rowde. It had been set alight and was burnt out.

Thieves also stole a fully working model steam train described as a Gert Tank Engine. The value of good stolen adds up to about £33,000.

PC Ian Thackray said: "This appears to be a targeted burglary by thieves who were intent on stealing high value goods from these premises. I would like to hear from anyone who has information in relation to this incident. In particular, these goods may appear elsewhere as the suspects try to sell them on and we would like to hear from anyone who comes across these items or perhaps knows someone who is trying to sell them. The train set is quite unusual and there may be enthusiasts who may come across this item. I would encourage them to not to purchase such an item but speak to police immediately."

If you have information, contact Wiltshire Police on 101 or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

SUPPORT FOR SAFER ROUTE ACROSS DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

Devizes Town Council has given its support to measures to help pedestrians crossing the busy Caen Hill dual carriageway but has not pledged any money towards it. Devizes Area Board's transport group is exploring whether to install dropped kerbs at either side of the A361 dual carriageway by Marsh Lane to Rowde and near to the bus stops on the other side of the road, along with putting in a footpath on the central reservation. The work would cost £16,400. The area board's transport group said the measures would help walkers and cyclists as they would only need to cross two lanes of traffic at a time on the 70 mph speed limit road rather than four.

At a meeting of the town council's planning committee on February 4, councillor Peter

Evans, who is also on the area board's transport group, said: "There are children crossing the road when they get off the bus. At the moment there's no safe passage for people to get across the road. They walk across and stop on the grass in the middle." Coun Andy Johnson had concerns and said: "I think a bridge should go across the road. It's a very dangerous place for anyone to cross."

A number of councillors thought it was equally, if not more, important to have a pedestrian crossing further up Bath Road outside the Spar Shop. They were told the area board's transport group was also pursuing this.

Town clerk Sarah Todhunter said the earliest the council could consider giving funding would be in 2015/16. The planning committee agreed to support in principle the proposed crossing measures on Caen Hill.

Rowde Parish Council considered the proposal at their February meeting and agreed in principle to having a crossing place on Caen Hill. Councillors were concerned about the level of speed on the road. Suggestions were also made for safety rails around the areas, chevrons/ large warning signs, and a hatched area around the Marsh Lane junction to make a single lane.

ROLE AS CHARITY TRUSTEE FOR ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL LEADER

Jackie Bawden, chairman of Rowde Parish Council and a leading light in setting up its community shop, has become a trustee of volunteering body Community First.



Mrs Bawden moved to Wiltshire eight years ago and joined the council in 2007. She said: "I want to see parish councils and community groups survive and thrive because it's the only way we can sustain and support villages, otherwise they will just turn into places where people sleep."

A former further education teacher, Mrs Bawden's interest in Community First was sparked when the parish council got help with its community-led parish plan. She said: "We worked together as a group to set up the parish plan and to find out about sources of funding that would help us. We identified the

needs of the village and the people who would be prepared to work together to help improve it." Community First advised on the initial consultation and helped devise a questionnaire for households. Two steering groups were set up: one to develop the plan and one to open a shop; one of the main concerns that emerged. The shop, staffed by up to 30 volunteers, has been open for three years and is the hub of the community. The five-year village plan will soon have run its course and work is now starting on a new one.

Mrs Bawden said: "Community First set up meetings with other community shops, so we could see how it was done, and provided an expert to help us review our performance and expansion plans. By becoming a trustee, I hope I can support the charity in its valuable work."

COUNCIL TAX TO INCREASE

Rowde parish council has increased the council tax precept by 6.96 per cent to £43.66 for a band D property, an increase of just over £3 a year. The precept was frozen for the previous two years.

ROWDE MAN TEAMS UP WITH CHARITY TO KIT OUT GAMBIANS



Sainey Camara at The Bear Hotel, Devizes, with Andy Trusler, Director of Bag4Sport

Gambian Sainey Camara, who now lives in Rowde with his wife Veronica, has joined forces with charity Bag4Sport Foundation to help children in the area he grew up.

Mr Camara, who is called Charlie by the many people who know him in his role as a porter at The Bear Hotel, Devizes, is appealing to schools and clubs to donate unwanted uniforms, kit and equipment. He said: "The people in the region where I grew up are still incredibly poor and many parents can't afford to pay for school uniform. The youngsters also love to play football but they have no kit."

Bag4Sport director Andy Trusler will join him on a trip to the Gambia in April to meet the children. He said: "Money raised by our charity stays in Britain to help grass roots sport and up-and-coming athletes but when I heard from Charlie about the needs of these youngsters I knew it was something we could help with and local schools and clubs would want to be involved with. We also hope local schools might want to be linked with schools in Gambia and to stay in touch through letters and photographs. I am personally paying for my own trip to Gambia so no money will be used from the charity to fund it."

Mr Camara and his wife regularly visit Gambia to help charity projects and the couple sponsor a number of children through school. He said: "I know what it is like to be very poor and so we want to do everything we can to make life easier for these children. Most of their parents are farmers and they barely have enough money to survive." Mr Camara, who met his wife when he ran a beach bar in Gambia, faced a battle to get a visa to be allowed to come to England but after they married in Gambia in 2004 he was allowed to settle in Britain.

Mr Trusler would like to hear from anyone who has a dry lock-up where the clothing can be stored and from any companies that would like to pay towards transportation costs. If you can help, please call the charity on (01380) 728880.

CYCLIST AIRLIFTED TO HOSPITAL AFTER ACCIDENT

A man was flown to hospital after he was in collision with a lorry on the A361 Caen Hill dual carriageway. The collision happened at 12.50pm on 19th February as the man was cycling in the direction of Trowbridge near the turning for Rowde. The cyclist was conscious but had sustained serious injuries and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance flew him to the Great Western Hospital, Swindon.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the collision to call 101

COUNCILLORS RUN TO SUPPORT FUND

Wiltshire councillor Laura Mayes is putting on her running shoes to raise money for the Gazette and Herald's appeal for Devizes Opportunity Centre.



Laura Mayes, with her Miniature Schnauzer 'Otto'

Coun Mayes, who is the portfolio holder for children's services, believes Wiltshire Council had no choice but to pass on the £10,000 Government grant cut, but wants to do her own bit to fill the financial gap.

She will be running the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday, March 2 and hopes to raise about £500.

Coun Mayes, 47, who is married with two teenage sons, also sees the run as a personal challenge as she spent much of last year recovering from treatment for breast cancer.

She said: "It has been good for me to have something to aim for. I was only able to get back to running properly in the autumn and having the half marathon to aim for has been very good for me. I have decided to give all of the sponsorship money I raise to the opportunity centre as I know they do a tremendous job and they are local to me in Devizes. From a council point of view I think we are doing all we can to support them and the other centres in the county. We give them £70,000 a year while some other councils give similar centres no funding at all."

Coun Mayes, who was given the all clear from cancer when she saw her specialist earlier this month, will be joined on the run by her husband James.

But her regular training partner is Otto, the Miniature Schnauzer, who accompanies her on runs up and down the Caen Hill flight of locks at Rowde.

Coun Mayes of Roundway, said: "I am hoping to complete the run in just over two hours. I have run a half marathon in under two hours before but this time the challenge is more about the taking part."

STORMS AND FLOODING!

Fortunately nowhere near as bad as the effect on surrounding areas of the country, like the Somerset Levels, but January and February have still been the worst months for weather most of us can remember in the village. Winds had been gusting up to 100mph through the region when an Atlantic storm hit southern England and as I write, more rain is forecast going into March. Fallen trees blocked roads at Rowde Common and on the road from Rowde to Roundway. The trees have since been moved and the roads were clear at time of going to print.

We have also had flooding in fields, gardens and cellars in and around the village. This is probably most noticeable at the bottom of Marsh lane as a huge lake appeared where previously there was a beautiful grassed area and property entranceway!



Strictly for the birds - the new 'lake' in Marsh Lane

The already poor road surfaces in the village have also deteriorated further due to the weather but planned resurfacing work should be underway soon.

On top of all this a large number of properties have suffered damage to chimney stacks, roof tiles and windows plus broken plant pots and garden furniture. We can only hope that March brings us better fortune.



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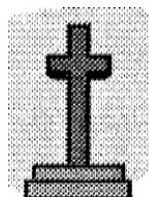
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Wootton Bassett Brass Band Concert

St. Matthew's Church, Rowde

Saturday 10 May, 2014

Many of you will remember the superb evening in 2012 when the renowned Wootton Bassett Brass Band came to play for us in Rowde. I am delighted to say that the band enjoyed the church and the audience so much that it would be pleased to play for us again. We have now managed to fit a date into their busy diary.

Starting at 7.00 pm, the concert will include a wide repertoire from traditional brass band classics to modern hits and songs from the shows. In addition a choir from Rowde Academy Primary School will be contributing to the first half of the evening. This is an event not to be missed. Proceeds will go to support St. Matthew's Church. Watch out for further information and booking details in the next Rowde Village News.

LONDON UNDERGROUND ORCHESTRA WITH SHAUN BUSWELL



Anyone who has travelled on the London Underground will have noticed that there is nearly always someone on the train with a musical instrument case. Intrigued by this observation Swindon musician Shaun Buswell set himself a challenge, to stage a concert by an orchestra made up entirely of strangers recruited on the Underground.

In just under a year he'd done it and around 70 musicians played at the Shepherd's Bush Empire on 12 December 2012 as The London Underground Orchestra. The ensemble included members of famous orchestras, a trumpet player who recorded with Ray Charles and students from the Royal Academy of Music. The orchestra plays a selection of classics, movie music and Buswell's own compositions and has performed several times since but mainly in the capital – until next week on the 1st March, when a section of the orchestra will perform in Devizes!

The concert is the first in a programme of events being staged at St Mary's church in

Devizes over the next few months to begin establishing the venue as a centre for the arts in Wiltshire. An ambitious project to convert the building for community and arts use is underway. The scheme's steering group will lodge a planning appeal in April for permission to proceed with a cloister extension to the building, a key stage in the conversion, which was unfortunately turned down in 2013.

The London Underground Orchestra, St Mary's Church, New Park Street, Devizes, Saturday 1st March, 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Tickets: £10 each, family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £25 from Devizes Books (01380 725944) or online at www.wegottickets.com.

Arranged by St Mary Devizes Trust in association with Sheer Music.

We'd love to see you here!

Dave Buxton

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Mrs Nicola Brown on 01380 722406

DID YOU KNOW?

- each time you see a full moon you always see the same side
- everyday is a holiday somewhere in the world
- Venetian blinds were invented in Japan
- there is no such thing as a naturally blue food
- honey is the only natural food which never goes off
- a strawberry is the only fruit which seeds grow on the outside
- a giraffe can clean its ears with its tongue
- hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backwards
- camel's milk doesn't curdle
- bats always turn left when exiting a cave
- cats spend 66% of their life asleep
- the average human brain contains around 78% water
- a 1/4 of your bones are in your feet
- an average person will spend 25 years asleep
- you share your birthday with 9 million others
- black on yellow are the 2 colours with the strongest impact
- toilets use 35% of indoor water use
- the oldest word in the English language is 'town'
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Giving When it Counts

Many years ago, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease.

Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her five year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her..."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the colour returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die straight away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

You see understanding and attitude, after all, is everything.

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

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt, and

Dance like you do when nobody's watching.

Ed

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First Launches Bus Fare Consultation across West of England

Local residents across the West of England are being asked what they think of bus services in their area in a major consultation exercise being run by bus company, First.

The latest review will look at all First's bus services covering the West of England areas outside of Bristol's inner zone. The consultation follows a similar major review of bus fares in and around Bristol last year, which led to significant changes being implemented with children and young people getting much bigger discounts on travel and the whole structure of fares in the city changed.

Under the banner 'Fairer Fares for All', people will be asked to fill in either hard copy or online questionnaires regarding their use of buses, sharing their opinions regarding the fares charged. The results of the questionnaires will then be analysed by independent transport consultants before decisions regarding any subsequent changes are made.

Hard copy questionnaires will be available on buses, in libraries, in council one-stop-shops and in First's own travel shops to further aid people's ability to feed back their thoughts. A number of customer-facing road shows around the region are also being arranged. Separate consultation events will be organised for the region's councillors, which MPs will also be invited to attend. Further details will follow.

Talking about the consultation, Paul Matthews, Managing Director for First in West of England, says: "We need to better understand how people use our buses, how frequently they travel and for what purpose. We would also like to know what type of tickets they're buying at present and how they rate them in terms of value for money. All this data will then help us, and our transport consultants, determine the way forward. This is a mammoth task but it is an important one to enable us to provide the bus services that local people want."

Brian Allinson, Chair of the West of England Joint Transport Executive Committee, commented: "This is excellent news, buses play a vital role moving people around the area, and we need to make them as affordable as possible – the councils will be working with First to spread the word

and encourage people to take part in this consultation. It is really important that as many people as possible take part in the consultation so we can be sure that people from more rural areas as well as villages, towns and edge of the city have their say."

The online questionnaire will be found at www.firstgroup.com/fairerfaresforall from 1 February and the consultation will run from then until 16 March 2014.

More information about the consultation can be found at www.fairerfaresforall.co.uk (this website includes details of the process, the location of roadshow events, links to the online survey and a list of frequently asked questions. Email queries regarding the consultation process can be sent to: fairerfaresforall@firstgroup.com.

For more information about First West of England, contact Karen Baxter, PR Manager, First on 0117 373 6470. Email: Karen.baxter@firstgroup.com

RECEIVED MORE THAN I EXPECTED!

I recently ordered some socks on the internet and when they arrived I was surprised to find the following poem along with my order!

Leggy Poem - If Time Permits!

Bare, grotty, legs was what we feared
When our station Sock Shop disappeared
Girly, silky, sexy 10 denier nylons
Our favs, and now it seemed, definitely bygone
Our boss, fed up, we would not leave our desks
How can you PA with legs a mess?
One last chance, we thought worth trying
No good sitting here, moping and crying
So we double you, double you, double you'd
onto the net
'Cos our beloved, wonderful, tights we could not
forget
Please send us supplies, urgently, you heard us beg
So we can again show off a shapely leg
Ordered on Thursday, on Friday miraculously
received
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Two happy ladies, glam legs back on view
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APPEAL TO ROWDE RESIDENTS

For the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of The Great War 1914-1918, Michael Cornwell and Ian Hughes would like to produce a small booklet to honour the Fallen from Rowde Village who served in either World War. To a large extent the details are known, that is their names, the Regiment, HM Ship/Submarine or RAF Squadron they belonged to, the date of their death and therefore the circumstance in which they were killed.

Ideally though, what they would like to be able to achieve is to publish a small article against each individual which would include an image of the person concerned.

If anyone in the village (or anyone you know who used to live in Rowde or had relatives who lived in the village) has any photographs of Rowde's fallen, they being those listed in the last issue and on the memorial in the church yard, please get in touch with the editor at watters.alan@gmail.com or on 01380 724788. Postal address - 3 Rowde Court, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Wiltshire SN10 2NW.

Any stories or other relevant information about each serviceman would also be appreciated.

It is hoped that this appeal will also be published on the Village Web site as there may be people living overseas who might be able to help.

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My roommate is 95 and always had her own radio, but before I received one, she would never let me listen to hers, even when she was napping. The other day her radio fell off the night stand and broke. It was awful and she was in tears. She asked if she could listen to mine, and can you guess what I said?

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Inspired by a poem I had written many, many years ago when I still lived with my husband in Tintern, near Chepstow, just across the Severn Bridge, my son John suggested recently we should visit the Severn Bore Inn in Gloucestershire to have Sunday lunch there and make it a family outing.

So, we booked a table for 9 and I had my poem framed to take it down as a gift for the Landlord and Landlady, who turned out to be a very nice young couple. When I gave her the poem she was so thrilled with this gift and said she had just the place to hang it. (No, not in the toilet!)

Anyway, after an hour's drive and having passed many flooded fields and gone along the river Severn, which had, of course, burst its banks in many places after all the rain we have had over the past month and resembled more often a long, stretched out lake than a river, we arrived at the Severn Bore Inn. It is a Riverside country pub on the A48 between Minsterworth and Walmore Hill. It is an ideal vantage point to watch the Tidal Wave Phenomenon of which the Pub is named after. As the Easter School Holidays are just round the corner 'The Severn Bore' Tidal Wave would certainly be quite a spectacle to go and watch with the family - and what good excuse to call into the pub afterwards for a family meal to warm up?

This is a PUB not to be missed nor compared to a restaurant, and don't be put off by first impressions of the outside either. If you do, you will miss out on a great little unpretentious country pub, very friendly people and good pub food at great value. As we went for Sunday lunch we had the carvery - and what a feast it was! We did not only get a very generous helping of everything on offer but of good quality too, the beef was a little overdone for my son's liking (he prefers his rare) but no problem, as there was tasty gammon and pork on offer too and everything, including the good array of veg to choose from, was delicious and piping hot. There is also a good selection of well kept ale on offer, much to my son's delight. The home-made deserts were superb too, even though I could only have a taste of my children's choices as I had no room left, no matter how tantalising mouthwatering they all looked.

This is a typical pub where the saying holds so true: don't judge a book by its cover! Yes, the interior looks somewhat 'worn in' and the decor could do with some updating, but a lovely welcoming and warming central open fire and the cheerful, attentive landlord and landlady will let you very quickly forget about a few shortcomings in that area. They even have a heated skittle alley and very kindly allowed the children to play skittles after they had finished with their meal.

I wish them both the very best as they obviously love their trade and it shows in their enthusiasm. This pub deserves every success and a visit is certainly a 'must' when you are in the area to watch the Severn Bore. The height of the tidal wave depends on the tide itself, of course, but if you catch the right day you will not be disappointed, like I was, when I saw it for the first time on a not so favourable day. You can look up the Severn Bore times, classed a natural wonder of the world, under: www.severn-bore.co.uk/2014_times.html



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THE SEVERN BORE

by Diana Jackett

The Severn Bore we went to see,
The thought of it filled us with glee,
To think of all the rush and roar
Of that miracle they call "The Bore".

At half past eight on Sunday morn
Off we set, two ways torn;
Would Minsterworth or Newnham Town
Be best to see the Bore come down?

Minsterworth it had to be,
Ken, our friend, told us, you see:
'You'll hear the roar before the sight,
Minsterworth will be alright.'

From far and wide they came to see
The strength of water rushing free.
It must be special, so we thought,
Excitement gripped us - we were caught!

Arriving there at half past nine,
Would you believe it - just in time,
We stood upon the river bank,
Beside a farmyard, phew it stank!

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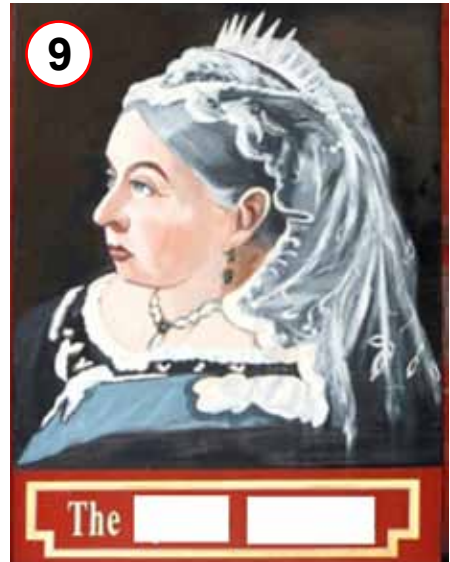
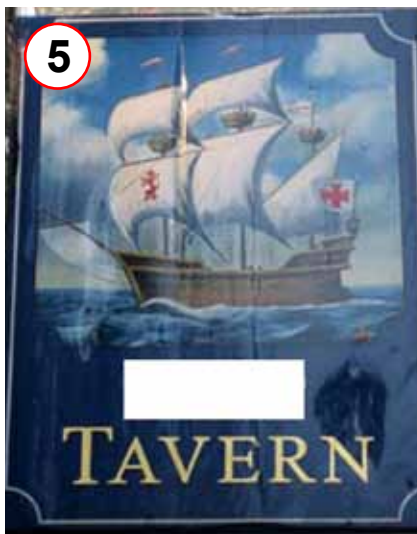
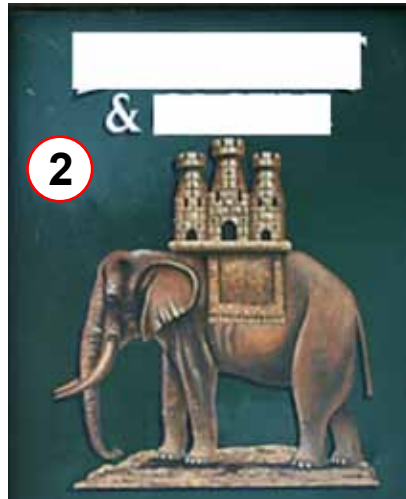
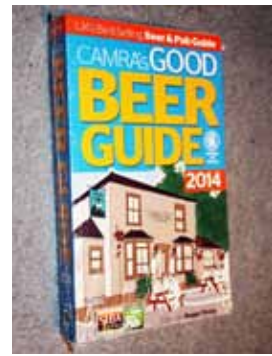
If you have eaten out lately and could write us a review please send it to Suzan at suzijj@rocketmail.com, thanks, Ed

PRIZE QUIZ

As we had a quiz just for the young ones in the last issue we have set you one just for the 18 and overs this time and again with a prize for the winning entry! Below we have given you nine popular pub signs and we would like you to give us the names that are blanked out (and you can see them in full colour on the village website).

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**We hope you can pop in for a quick lunch or supper soon
Phil, Michelle & Chippy**

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 11th March

10.30am to 12 noon

Open Minds (a self-advocacy group) are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. It will be held in the Bistro at Hft in Marsh Lane and run from 10.30 until 12 noon. There will be a range of cakes and biscuits to buy for this very worthy cause.

All are welcome

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MORE PRAISE FOR BURNS NIGHT

Dear Ann, Alan, Rosie, Pat, Jill and Robin,

David and I would like to add our thanks to all of you for organising such an enjoyable Burns Night celebration; it really was a wonderful evening and we look forward to January 31st 2015!

We enjoyed the Scottish dancing enormously and are keen to perfect our steps for next year. If anybody is interested in starting a group in Rowde I would be delighted to hear from them (barbara.twiner@googlemail.com). If there are sufficient people interested I will try to organise a teacher and a suitable venue.

With many thanks,

Barbara

...AND PRAISE FOR MAGAZINE

I would like to say what a wonderful job you all do in producing such an interesting and diverse magazine. Many congratulations on winning 27th place out of 710 entries in the 2013 National Parish Magazine Awards.

All best wishes,

Barbara

SPRING CONCERT

I would be most grateful if you would kindly mention the following in the next edition of your parish magazine

Tickets are now on sale for White Horse Opera's Spring Concert, a concert of popular arias and choruses from "All Round The world".

We are delighted to welcome back guest tenor Sebastiano Cipolla.

Yano last sang with WHO in 2001 when he played the role of Alfredo in Die Fledermaus, he has promised to sing some Neopolitan favourites!

Other gems will include choruses from The Maestersingers, Dido & Aeneas, Der Freischütz and many more popular opera choruses and arias.

Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm at Devizes Town Hall

Tickets £8 are on sale at Devizes Books tel: 01380-725944 and online at:

www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk

Thanking you,

Barbara Gompels

WHERE IS IT?



Hi Alan, I am appealing to all fellow Rowde Village News readers and further afield if neighbouring villages happen to read this, for their assistance in locating a cottage featured in a painting (photo of painting supplied). It was painted by a local artist James Lynch in 1977, who was living in the Seend area at the time. My Partner Andy and I stumbled across this painting in a charity shop in Devizes a couple of weeks ago with the aforementioned information to go on. Andy grew up in Seend and we were both intrigued to find out the whereabouts of this beautiful cottage. I have made contact with James (a successful artist) and his lovely wife Kate who now live in Somerset. His website features some of his recent work which is fantastic. James and Kate have been on a trip down memory lane with us recalling his early commissioned works of local properties, he was just 20 at the time this was painted and made his way round the local villages on a motorbike and sidecar drumming up business! So whilst James was able to confirm that the painting was indeed a commission back in 1977 is unable to remember quite where it was. On their advice we have taken the painting with us in the back of the car out to Seend, Seend Cleeve, Keevil, Bulkington, Worton coming back through Potterne for good measure! and have still been unable to find it. If any readers out there recognise the cottage within the local area we would love to hear from you.

Many thanks, Helen and Andy

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A Community Speed Watch (CSW) team headed by Liz Ibbetson has operated in the village for nearly three years. The team is now reduced to a small band who continue

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to dedicate their time to educate and remind drivers to reduce their speed in our village. At present the "speed monitoring device" is here in Rowde for a week on a monthly rota. We could operate now as many hour sessions as we like but the size of the team means that we only do a very small number of checks. Due, inevitably to absences, illness and personal commitments we will not be able to carry on with such a limited number of people. It would be a great shame not to be part of this scheme (approx. 70 throughout Wiltshire) Undoubtedly there is speeding in our village.

If you have perceived CSW as a paper tiger that will achieve nothing, please be assured that the rules are in the process of change, as you will note from the official data with information on persistent speeders that is also included in the magazine. The deterrent(s) applied to speeders detected by CSW teams will be greater and applied with more diligence, so an increased number of volunteers may achieve more in CSW's attempts to reduce speed to 30 mph through Rowde. If you feel that you can spare as little as an hour once every four or five weeks to help with this important function please contact me or Liz Ibbetson to learn about the training and commitment. Please consider that there are various jobs to do apart from monitoring sessions, i.e. collecting/delivery of the machine, co-ordinating the rota and the all important completion of the excel sheets after the monitoring sessions which are forwarded to CSW.

Cllr Ben Bentley,
Roads, Transport and Footpaths

DAFFODIL APPEAL

Dear Editor,

I am appealing to your readers to volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, and help people with terminal illnesses in Wiltshire get the care they need.

We're looking for people who can donate an hour of their time this March to collect for Marie Curie by simply giving out daffodil pins in return for donations.

Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To ensure we can continue to provide this vital care we need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a great success.

If you're able to donate an hour of your time to help someone in their final hours then please contact me on 01179 247 275 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

Thank you for your support,

Natalie Taylor
Community Fundraiser

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ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Due to a change in circumstances I am in need of accommodation in the Rowde area, preferably self contained but happy to share or "buddy up" with someone also needing to rent.

I am a professional female with many years experience in health and social care, so also happy to provide support/companionship with daily tasks in exchange for accommodation. I have one quiet and well behaved dog.

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Thank you

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MORE NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S

Dear All

Just to let you know that we raised the fantastic amount of £380 on 'Stewsdays Tuesday'. Thank you to all of you that came along and also for the kind donations that we received.

We now have a date for a 'Salads & Pudding' night, which will be Friday 6th June at St Matthews church again. Hopefully this will be as successful as Stewsdays was, so put the date in your diary's and let us know if you would like a ticket. Full details will be available nearer the time.

A few of photos attached for you all to see.

Regards,

Jane Moss

See also photos on next page, Ed

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STEWSDAY WAS A SELL OUT!

Just to say thank you to the '105' of you that came to the Stewsdays Tuesday. It was brilliant to have so many people in Church just enjoying the food and the company. I think the evening went off really well and we will most certainly be doing another foody evening in Church in the near future.



A massive thank you to Auntie Jo, Bernie, Sally, and Tayte who helped so much with all the preparation of the food yesterday and today, and to Mike, Maureen, and again Auntie Jo for helping get the church ready to this evening, and of course to everyone that made such amazing puddings.

And last but not least to Gavin as we couldn't have done it without you Smile

Will let you know how much we raised once we have worked out all the expenses.

Jane



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Sudoku (medium this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

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.

1		6			
					3
			5		
	5	3		2	
			2	6	
	1				

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Book Club

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For list of doctors contact the Health Commission, Pans Lane, Devizes, Tel: 728899

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Footpaths

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Garage

Slades of Rowde Tel: 01380727936

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Devizes Community Hospital
Tel: 723511

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Devizes Town Council 722160

Parish Council

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ian@pcdoctor-devizes.co.uk

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Tel: 101

Pubs/Restaurants

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Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

Rifle Club

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Mr E Bowden, Tel: 728434

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Rowde Rainbows

Meet: Tuesdays 6.15 to 7.15 pm
Contact: Ailsa Devon
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Rowde Riders

Wendy Williams, Tel: 721554

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Rowde Village Hall

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Youth Council Committee

Daniel and Luke Smith, Shannon Kerfoot and Edward Handy.
Chairperson - Lewis Dodds
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Village Diary



1 March	Table Top Sale in the Village Hall (see page 32)
1 March	London Underground Orchestra (see page 31)
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12 March	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
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2 April	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall (note earlier date than usual)
3 May	Ploughmans Lunch in Village Hall
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14 May	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
16 May	Great British Fish and Chips Supper (see page 25)
21 May	Spanish Evening (see page 30)
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8 June	Open Farm Sunday at Rowdefield Farm 11am to 5pm
11 June	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
20/21 June	Mini Music Festival at Hft
9 July	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
9 August	Flower Show
10 September	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
4 October	Ploughmans Lunch in Village Hall
8 October	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
12 November	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
6 December	Bazaar
10 December	Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall
31 Jan 2015	Charity Burns Supper

Updating the Diary or Village Guide

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ROWDE BUS TIMES (to and from Chippenham and Devizes)

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Rowde, Cross Keys 0743 0823 0930 1030 1130 1230 1330 1430 1550 1630 1720 1800 1835

Chippenham Bus Stn 0812 0843 1002 1054 1202 1254 1402 1454 1622 1702 1752 1832 1904

Rowde, Cross Keys 0730 0759 0842 0914 0944 1044 1144 1244 1344 1444 1607 1707 1727 1817

Devizes Market Place 0735 0805 0853 0920 0950 1050 1150 1250 1350 1450 1613 1713 1733 1823

Saturday

Rowde, Cross Keys 0743 0830 0930 1030 1130 1230 1330 1400 1530 1705 1800 1835

Chippenham Bus Stn 0820 0854 1002 1054 1202 1254 1402 1424 1602 1737 1832 1904

Rowde, Cross Keys 0730 0814 0914 0944 1044 1144 1244 1344 1517 1649 1822

Devizes Market Place 0735 0820 0920 0950 1050 1150 1250 1350 1523 1655 1828

Note: If going to Chippenham Railway Station, add 6 minutes to times shown
Times correct as at February 2014

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1st Devizes Scout Hall

15 Southbroom Road, Devizes SN10 5AB

Tuesday 10.00am

MELANIE HAMBLIN 07864 921 867

Tuesday 6.00pm

NICOLA BONFIELD 07906 349 810

Bowerhill Primary School

Halifax Road, Bowerhill,
Melksham SN12 6YH

Tuesday 6.30pm

LAURA PATERSON 08456 777 788

Melksham Assembly Hall

Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES

Thursday 5.45pm

NICOLA BONFIELD 07906 349 810

The Riverside Club

Bath Road, Melksham SN12 6LP

Saturday 9.00am

LAURA PATERSON 08456 777 788

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