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(amongst many other things, you can see your Rowde Village News in glorious full colour!)**

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

## Editorial

Welcome to the April edition of the Rowde Village News. Gosh, can it be Easter already? Well we have an Easter flavoured magazine this month starting with the wonderful front cover taken from an Easter card designed and made by Zoe Elsdon, a pupil at Rowde Primary Academy, well done to her! In fact we have excellent reports from both schools this month so read all about what they have been getting up to on pages 19 to 21.

This issue of course also gives you all your usual and favourite reports and articles from in and around the village. The sad news though is that Claire Ladd, the Monday Club organiser of the last 17 years, is stepping down and they need someone to take over the role. See the club's job advert on page 15 and maybe give it some consideration if you think you might fit the bill.

But there's good news in that we have had a response to our 'Photo memories' feature from the last issue where Keith Flower has sent us all the missing names from the 1940s Rowde school photo. Have a look at them on page 31 and see if you know any of the pupils or their relatives.

We have a good 'eating out' review on page 11 where we have featured the excellent Italian lunchtime cafe 'Dolciani' in Devizes. They have deservedly had a lot of good press lately and I can personally recommend them myself.

Finally, were any of you lucky enough to catch a glimpse of that amazing eclipse last month? I say lucky as it was unfortunately so very cloudy that morning that it was very difficult to get a good photograph. My effort is on page 14 but please let us know if you took a good one, we would love to publish it.

**Thanks and all the best until next month,  
Ed**

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### Contributors please also note:

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**Inserts:** *Due to the extra work created by inserting leaflets into the magazine and the fact that the team is already stretched, we very much regret we are unable to accept requests of this nature except in very special circumstances, when there will be a small charge.*

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

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This month's front cover shows a beautiful Easter card designed and woven by Zoe Elsdon from Rowde Academy year 4. Well done Zoe. it's superb!

## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Back in February we held our Annual General Meeting but it was just too late to include in last month's magazine. As well as a review of the year's activities and finances, we also discussed the ongoing situation with regard to our grant from Wiltshire Council, and our work in completing a Quality Standards document which will feature in their decisions. Just recently we have had verbal confirmation that a grant will be paid this year, and so we can continue with confidence at present. Following the reports and discussions at the meeting, Brian Amor was re-elected as Chairman, Moya Wallis as Vice Chairman, James Ladd as Treasurer, and Caroline Culley as Secretary. Nina Ricketts, Margaret Bray, and Derek Evans were elected onto the committee.

On February the 23rd we enjoyed a visit from The Seend Singers, a choir of six ladies, two men, a conductor and an accompanist. They sang a varied and appealing selection of well known songs, and with the words displayed on the screen we were able to join in. We even managed a four part round very successfully!

Jean Collens came back to entertain us again last week, and once again made us laugh and made us ponder as she enacted a selection from her portfolio of poems and readings. Vic Reed celebrated his 96th birthday recently, and on that same Monday afternoon we were happy to share with him and Doreen a magnificent iced cake that they brought into the club to mark the occasion.

We really would like some new members to come and join us. Anyone over 60 who would enjoy a bit of company one day a week is very welcome to come and take a look at what we do, or give me a ring and I will come and see you and tell you all about it. It's a wonderful place to make new friends (and probably find some old ones). If transport is a problem we can help 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

The Afternoon Club met in the Village Hall on March 3rd and all enjoyed a Quiz with everyone receiving a chocolate bar for taking part!

Mr.V.Reed and Mrs.S.Elvin 'donned the Birthday Hat' and we all 'sampled' the lovely birthday cake and a small 'tipple'!

Next meeting April 7th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

**D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655**

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

Members of Rowde Ladies Club met on February 24th in the Village Hall and enjoyed the lovely Pancakes made by Mrs.J.Swift and Mrs.R.Stevens.

The General Knowledge Quiz was won by Mrs.J.Morcom and Mrs.P.Cornell.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.P.Cornell, Mrs.C.O'Rourke, Mrs.K.Maslen, Mrs.Y.Atkins, Mrs.R.Stevens and Mrs.M.Butcher.

The next meeting will be held on March 31st at 8pm in the Village Hall when there will be a Beetle Drive. The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 28th, again at 8pm, in the Village Hall.

**Di Buckland (Secretary)**

## HIWAY CLUB

The members of the Hiway Club (for the Hearing Impaired) met in the Rowde Village Hall on February 25th and 'stretched their brains' with the Quiz organised by Miss G.Harris and a fun Horse Racing Game with the winning horse being Black Beauty (a rank outsider)!

The winning Quiz team was Team 1 comprising of Mr.W.Ilott, Mrs.J.Ilott, Mrs.L.Harris and Mrs.D.Buckland.

Raffle winners were: Miss N.Drew, Miss G.Harris, Mrs.L.Gleed, Mrs.B.Smith, Mrs.D.Buckland, Mrs.S.Drew and Mrs.J.Ilott.

The March meeting will be held on the 25th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Mr.W.Ilott will be giving a visual presentation of places of interest.

The A.G.M. will be held on April 29th in the Village Hall.

If you or a friend or relative has a hearing problem why not come along and meet others with similar problems or contact Di on 723049.

**Di. Buckland (Secretary)**

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

At the first Committee meeting after the A.G.M. the Trustees signed the Declaration of Acceptance and of Willingness to act in the Trusts of the Scheme and Charity Laws.

The Officers elected were:

CHAIRMAN	Mr. B. Barrett
VICE CHAIRMAN	Mr. B. Cross
SECRETARY	Mrs. A. Stradling
TREASURER	Mrs .M. Burbidge

A very successful Table Top Sale was held on March 7th and made over £250 which will go towards the re-decorating of the stairs and the entrance halls from the car park.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.D.Buckland, Mrs.J.Frost, Mrs.P.Hancock, Mrs.M.Burbidge,



Mrs.D.Reeves, Buster Plumb, Tessa, Charlie Plumb, Mrs.C.Webster and Mrs.M.Hayter.  
Many thanks to all who supported this event.  
A Ploughman's Lunch will be held on May 2nd. Tickets will be £6.00 each and will be available shortly from Di. Buckland 723049  
**B Barrett, Chairman**



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

### Work to be done!

At every moment in every person's life there is work to be done, always work to be done, some of it small, some of it great. The great work, in a sense, always has to do with healing the world, changing the world, and, as a necessary predicate to that, understanding the world. You rise every morning aware that you are called to this work. You won't live to see it finished,. But if you can't hear it calling, you aren't listening hard enough. It's always calling, sometimes in a big voice, sometimes in a quiet voice.

**Tony Kushner**

**...and here's a thought for the day you are reading this:  
Which road to take?**

One should never take the easy road, but rather the right road, no matter how long the travel.

**Scott Cerreta**

## PHOTO FUN

This month we have animals that have been snapped at just the perfect moment!



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**Alan Watters, Editor**

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# ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next club meeting will be on Wednesday 8th April and we will be discussing 'The Miniaturist' by Jessie Burton and 'The Sunrise' by Victoria Hislop. ***Please note that, due to the popularity of the Rowde Book Club, we are unable to take on any new members for the foreseeable future.***

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **The Lower River** *by Paul Theroux*

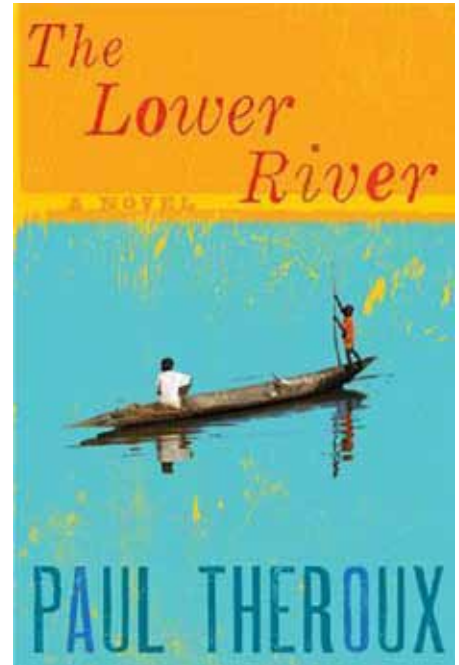
A story about an American small town businessman who makes a return trip to the remote African village he fell in love with during his youth when he was there as a volunteer worker. In his mind he carried the memories of his time there, seeing it as an almost Utopian dream. He is disillusioned with the way his own life has 'panned out' and can't wait to visit the village and its people and the school that he had helped to build to educate the children.

He therefore sells up and divorces his wife to make the pilgrimage back to Africa. But the dream is shattered as he gradually realises that the country and its people are far removed from the pictures he held in his mind.

It was a fairly good read – illustrating the damage to a way of life even when the intention was good.

He seemed very naïve and I was very frustrated that an intelligent man could allow himself to be abused on so many levels, however I can see how it could happen. Worth reading? Yes.

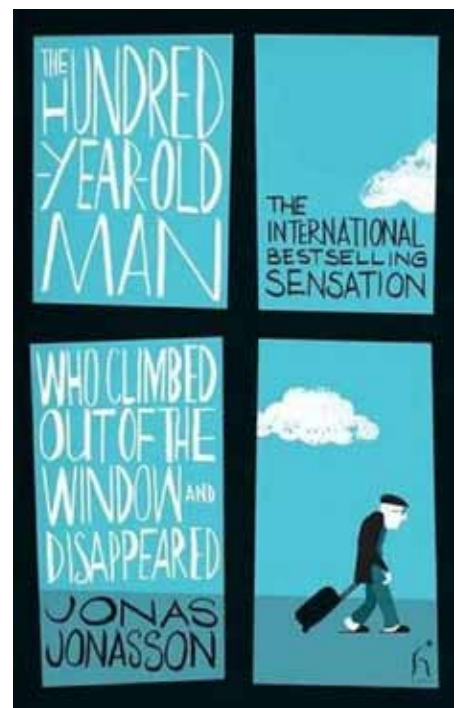
***Maggi Chalk***



### **The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out Of The Window And Disappeared** *by Jonas Jonasson*

This was the first month with a choice of two books to read. The Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared is a delightfully silly, best- selling debut novel by Swedish author Jonas Johanson. Using flashback sequences the old mans adventurous life is revealed placing him, through ingenious happenstance, in most of the major political hotspots throughout the twentieth century interspersed with a real time, slapstick chase across the Swedish countryside with some assorted odd-ball characters he picks up on the way.

An easy read which did bring quite a few smiles and the occasional laugh out loud moment, a good holiday book.



# Your Parish Council

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

## Neighbourhood Plans

o The Clerk and a Parish Councillor attended an open consultation in Potterne to view the progress of their Neighbourhood Plan. There was a good response from villagers there. A further article on the benefits and disadvantages of Neighbourhood Plans will follow in a later issue of the magazine.

## Planning Applications

o Pole Krazee fitness club at the New Bakery, High Street has applied to extend its opening hours (15/02309/VAR). This is a variation on the original application which requested to change the use of the building from industrial to leisure use (14/08871/FUL). The new application to extend the opening hours will be considered in full at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 15th April, 8.00pm.

o 15/01681/FUL: Durlitt Farm House, Durlitt, Bromham: erection of an oak framed building. The Parish Council had no objections.

## Communications Plan

o The Parish Council discussed the need for a communication plan and agreed to discuss the item further, along with social networking, at the Parish Council meeting in April.

## New Community Police Officer

o PC Andy List was introduced to the Parish Council. Recent vandalism and petty thefts at the allotments were reported to PC List. Concern was also raised with PC List about parking on grass verges and pavements around the village. Police can deal with the matter if a car is causing an obstruction, otherwise it is a matter for the Highways Department at Wiltshire Council.

## Speedwatch

o The Community Speedwatch team continue to monitor speeding vehicles through the village. A further two locations have been added to their programme.

## Village Safety

o A concern was raised about the condition of the roads into and around Rowde, especially from cyclists' view point. Residents are urged to report concerns through the My Wiltshire App, or by phoning Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0105.

## Defibrillator

o It has been suggested that the defibrillator is sited at the bus stop opposite the Cross Keys pub, next to Rowde Hall, on the High Street. The Clerk will look into the feasibility of siting the defibrillator at this site.

## Large Playing Field - football

o A response has been received from the football league regarding our complaint about the recent mistreatment of the facilities.

o It was clarified by the Parish Council that the pavilion remains the responsibility of the hirer. An inspection should be carried out upon departure and a charge will be made if any excessive cleaning is required.

o It was agreed that C Stevens will purchase a new padlock for the pavilion and will be the principal key holder. The Clerk will notify the current users.

## Sports Field development

o A quote for supplying power to the large playing field has been received. The cost for supplying electricity over ground is approximately £30k, and underground is £60K.

o A small working group has agreed to meet in April to discuss future plans for pavilion development.

## ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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<b>VACANCY</b>		
<b>Rebekah Jeffries</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>01380 720988</b>

## Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde, Bromham & Potterne

<b>Liz Bryant</b>	<b>Wiltshire Councillor</b>	<b>01380 850316</b>
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## Grounds Maintenance contracts

o Grounds maintenance tenders will be reviewed at the end of March and the contracts awarded for commencement in April.

## Allotments

o There is one allotment plot available for rent. If you are interested in having an allotment, please contact the Clerk (Rebekah, tel: 01380 720988)

## Wiltshire Council – Parking

o After a county-wide consultation, Wiltshire Council will now allow a 15 minute grace period for everyone who pays for a ticket in a Wiltshire Council owned car park.

## Aster housing – Neighbourhood Panel

o A volunteer to represent Rowde on the Neighbourhood Panel, hosted by Aster, is being sought. The volunteer does not need to be an Aster tenant. All interested parties should contact Scott Simmons, at [scott.simmons@astercommunities.co.uk](mailto:scott.simmons@astercommunities.co.uk), Phone 01380 735568, Mobile 07809 193024

## Finance

o Monthly invoices for February totalling £2940.57 were approved (proposed by I Marr, seconded by C Stevens) and the cheques signed.

Staff costs & printing 1043.48

Grounds & Village Maintenance 419.70

Footpaths and dropped kerbs 847.39

Playground repairs & subs 630.00

Total: 2940.57

The remaining money from the Wiltshire Council P.I.G.S grant will be ring-fenced for further work to be carried out on footpaths around the village.

## Get involved!

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

## Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 8.00pm, in the Village Hall.

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

## Everyone is welcome

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

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

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL Useful phone numbers

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Street care and cleaning: 01380 734849

## Kennet Freecycle

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If the answer to any of these is "Yes" then visit

[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/kennet\\_free-recycling/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/kennet_free-recycling/info) for more info. Kennet\_free-recycling is an email based system for finding homes for things and avoiding them go to land-fill.

You can apply to join by sending an email to

[kennet\\_free-recycling-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:kennet_free-recycling-subscribe@yahoo.com)

# ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello Everyone,  
Another update for you regards your village shop. We remind you that the postage is going up for first and second class mail by 1p on the 30th of March. Overseas mail also rises accordingly.



Please be aware that from 3rd to 6th April we will be shutting at 11am not 12 noon THROUGHOUT THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND THIS WILL INCLUDE THE SATURDAY. Papers need to be ordered to avoid disappointment. Tuesday is back to normal. We hope this will not be too inconvenient. Volunteers are in short supply so please bear with us.

## 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 have some new lines in and the gluten free rice crackers are back in stock. Easter eggs and plenty of chocolate for gifts are also available. Poulshot Farm meat is also in stock along with Styles frozen meats. And of course the large and small Marshfield ice cream. If you have visitors staying and require vegetables you can always order from us and we will deliver it.

Do try this months recipe from Anna's mum, it has been tried and tested and is truly scrummy. It comes out like a boiled type fruit cake.

Do have a good holiday break, we look forward to seeing you all. Kind regards from the village shop.

**Jan Barber, 01380 739800**

**[rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com](mailto:rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com)**

**Follow us on FaceBook!**

## MAGGIE'S RECIPE Mincemeat Cake

It's my mum Maggie's recipe and she will be 92 in April. I have taken it from her hand written book of favourite recipes. The measurements are all imperial I'm afraid ...sorry!

### INGREDIENTS:

- 10 oz Self Raising flour
- 3 Large eggs
- 5 oz Caster sugar
- 12 oz Jar of mincemeat
- 5 oz Soft butter
- 3 oz Sultanas
- 1 oz flaked Almonds for the top

### METHOD:

1. Grease and line an 8" cake tin
2. Mix all the ingredients together until fully blended
3. Place in the cake tin and sprinkle with the flaked almonds.
4. Bake at gas mark 3 for 1 hour 45 minutes - until a cocktail stick inserted in cake is clear.

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

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# EATING OUT - DOLCIPANI

**This month we feature Dolcipani, an Italian lunch eatery, and possibly the best one in Devizes according to reviews!**

*I have very much enjoyed eating there myself, but I haven't visited for a while so I thought it better to let you read a few very recent reviews. Ed*

After a walk we looked out this cafe for lunch - having seen the reviews on Tripadvisor. It is in 'Old Swan Yard' just off the High Street. Both my wife and I each had a hot Ciabatta roll (with a side salad) which came with a drink for £6 each - very good value. A coffee or tea alone would cost less than £1.50 which is certainly cheaper by some way over most other high street coffee shops. The service was good and the food came quickly - and was really tasty. As it was lunch time it was quite full and therefore had an artisan atmosphere - love it! I did not take up the offer but you can have a coffee and biscuit/cake for £3 - cakes are homemade too! A great find and will look it up again when we are in Devizes.

**Bob** (visited February 2015)

This is the best Cafe in Devizes by far...the most amazing cakes and pastries, delicious breads all baked on premises, served up with lovely coffees by the most friendly people. It is also very, very reasonably priced..... It needs to be visited to see just how lovely it is....In the centre of town near to large car parks, with outdoor seating...AMAZING... wonderful cafe.

**Sue Minch** (visited February 2015)

This cafe never disappoints. Went for a light lunch with my husband today and was recommended the soup of the day which was Leek and Potato. I was served with a very generous serving of piping hot soup and two 'doorsteps' of lovely sourdough toasted bread. Gianni the proprietor advised that it would taste extra special with grated parmesan and a drizzle of olive oil - how right he was. My husband had a delicious



filled roll called 'Pesto Special' which was filled with Italian meats and cheese and served with plenty of salad. Highly recommend this vibrant cafe not least because it serves the best coffee and best value food in town. Try it, you won't be disappointed.

**Juliet** (visited February 2015)

Dolcipani contact is 01380 501220

## REVIEWS NEEDED!

**If you have eaten out lately and could write us a review please send it to Suzan at [suzijj@rocketmail.com](mailto:suzijj@rocketmail.com), thanks, Ed**





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# The Reverend John Rees

## Thoughts from The Rectory

The Easter season is a time when Christians rejoice in the knowledge that their risen Lord has overcome death and in so doing brought forgiveness to the world. But, for many, Easter is simply a holiday period and a time for giving chocolate eggs and enjoying the beginning of spring.

This Easter, as at any time of the year, many people are feeling vulnerable. Life can seem uncertain, whether because of health issues or the threat of redundancy or making ends meet on part time or even zero hours contracts.

Our vulnerability makes the message of Easter even more significant. The celebration of Jesus' resurrection comes after he faced the tensions and trials of Holy Week. In the week leading up to his crucifixion, Jesus felt vulnerable and afraid knowing what was about to happen to him.

The Easter message offers hope for everyone. Jesus had to face terrible suffering to enter into a new life. After his death he rose again and thus restored the relationship between God and people. From that time on, those who choose to follow him have known his loving presence in a new way.

The truth of the resurrection for Christians is a message of hope and it is one that is offered to all. You are all welcome at any of our Easter Services; details can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

May I wish you all a happy Easter.

**Best wishes, John**

## Notes from our Churchwardens Mothers' Union

No meeting in April. Next meeting 2pm Thursday 7th May at the Rectory in Bromham. This will be our AGM.

## TIDDLYWINKS

This is the name for an informal Toddlers Group which has already started in Church. It has developed from the successful Tuesday morning Cafe meetings. The first meeting was on 10th March. The second will be on 24th. Meetings will be fortnightly beginning Tuesday 21st April, then 5th and 19th May and 2nd, 16th, 30th June finishing on 14th July.

This has been organized by Caroline Culley. If you would like to find out more or like to help one on of the Tuesdays please come in and speak to Caroline any Tuesday morning.

## Summer Fete 4th July

The Church will be running the Cake Stall again this year. Please make a cake and bring it to Church on the day.

**Maureen Hiscocks, Church Warden**

## Contacts:

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

## Churchwardens:

Maureen Hiscocks Tel 01380 725406

Gavin Moss Tel 01380 729160

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## CHURCH ROTAS

### Church Cleaning

Team to meet at 1.30pm on Wednesday 1 April to  
Spring clean for Easter

### Brass Cleaning

Phil Hale

### Flower Arranging

5 & 12 April Easter Flowers – All

19 & 26 April – Theresa Morcombe

3 & 10 May – Barbara Twiner

## 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.

During the two family services – usually the first Sunday  
in Rowde School and the fourth Sunday in St Matthew's  
Church, you will be offered a leaf and if you wish to  
write a prayer, they will be gathered during collection  
and hung on the tree at the end of the Service.

These leaves will stay on the tree for a month  
and the concerns will be prayed for during a  
time of prayer here in the church.

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Date/Time	Service
<b>Wednesday 1</b> 11.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 2</b> 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Communion <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
<b>Friday 3</b> 10.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Children's Service The Last Hour: service of meditation and hymns <i>Stations of the Cross, Bromham</i>
<b>Saturday 4</b> 7.30 pm	<b>Easter Eve</b> <i>Easter Vigil, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 5</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	<b>Easter Day</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Easter Family Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Easter Family Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b> 9.30 am 11.15 am	<b>Easter 1</b> <i>Family Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 15</b> 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
<b>Sunday 19</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	<b>Easter 2</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> <b>Parish Communion</b> <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 26</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Easter 3</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
<b>MAY</b>  <b>Sunday 3</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	<b>Easter 4</b> Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Family Service in Rowde Academy</b>

In addition, a short service of Morning Prayer is normally said on Tuesdays at 8am; please join us if you are able to. Please note that the Church is open every day from 10am – 4pm  
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.

# Spanish Evenings

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm  
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## THE ECLIPSE

Did you see it?



It wasn't the best weather to see it I'm afraid but I did manage to get a few pictures when it was just visible through the dense clouds. Do let us know if you managed to get a better shot. **Ed**



## **Bromham and Rowde Monday Club Organiser**

**After 17 years as the Bromham and Rowde Monday Club Organiser, Claire Ladd has decided that it is time to step down. She has done a fantastic job for the club and we are immensely grateful to her for all her hard work and kindness over the years.**

**The Monday Club is, therefore, looking for a new Organiser. The Club meets every Monday, except for Bank Holidays, at the Social Centre, Bromham. Members attend from 10.30-3.30, while the Organiser attends from 9am to 4pm. The job includes all aspects of making sure that the Day Centre runs smoothly, from booking lunches delivered by the Greyhound, to co-ordinating the team of volunteers. The right person should have a caring attitude and good organisational skills. DBS clearance will be required. The Organiser is paid at the minimum wage level.**

***For a full job description please contact Caroline Culley, the Secretary, on 01380 850531, email carolineculley1@outlook.com.***

## **Shooting Stars at Rowde Village Hall**

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## NEWS FROM Hft

Although we seem to have been busy this month as the time has just flown by, when I sat down to write this article I found I didn't really have much to say (very unusual for me!).

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to Easter as they are reading this, and we have been busy here making things to go into our Easter hampers, including handmade Orieo Truffles and Easter biscuits.

We have a wide range of goods for sale including Simnel Cakes, Cupcakes, Lemon Curd and cute 'bunnie + crème egg in a flannel' ... all good ideas for Easter. Also handmade Easter Cards, priced at just £1.00. We are open Monday to Friday from 9 – 5 pm. Our Choir continues to thrive thanks in part to the volunteers we have from the village, so a huge THANK YOU to them. Should you want to join in at any time we would love to see you.

Finally for all of you that joined in with our Dress A Girl Around the World project we ran last year we have heard from the organisers that all the dresses and shorts we made, have gone to Tanzania.

They have advised us to look on the website from July onwards for Photographs. As soon as we see some we will put them in here.

Do you know anyone who would like to perform at our mini Music Festival in June to celebrate learning Disability week? You will be guaranteed an appreciative audience and free burgers. Any type of performers welcome, if you have any Circus skills or DJ'ing skills please get in touch. Happy Easter to you all ..enjoy the sunshine!?!?

**Jan Emm**



### Singing Volunteers Wanted

Here at Hft we have a choir group and even though there is no lack of enthusiasm for singing, we do lack a few more voices to give the group a bit of a boost.

Would you like to join us? There will be no expectations of you apart from a willingness to sing! We rehearse every Wednesday afternoon from 1030 to 4,30 with a break for a cup of tea or coffee and/or cake in between - free to volunteers!

If you would like to get out and join in some community singing we would love to see you. Please get in touch with Jan Emm on 725455 ext 1004 or just turn up Wednesday afternoons at Hft.

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR NEWS



At the heart of your community

As to be expected, one of the main obstacles that I come across when working out in the villages is the sheer lack of transport available to those without their own means. For the people I meet this is often heightened by the lack of immediate family and physical limitations that prevent people from walking to and from a bus stop for example, or actually climbing onto, or off of, a bus!

Many people in our rural communities depend on the services offered by their local LINK scheme, and without these schemes many of the people that I speak to would be well and truly stuck! There are five Link schemes in the Devizes Community Area – Devizes & District Link; Four Villages; Easterton, Market Lavington & Urchfont; Village Care & Link and Worton & Marston Link. These schemes are all run by local people, for local people and all of them are always very keen to welcome others.

There are many ways to get involved in your local scheme and much to be gained from doing so. It is a fantastic way to get to know people in your community and a great way of keeping active and getting out of your home!



The majority of people that support their Link service do so by offering to drive others who may have difficulty accessing public transport and do not themselves drive. Some Link schemes offer good-neighbourly services and welcome people with skills that want to volunteer their services locally – gardening or DIY for example. You could also help out by co-ordinating calls and arranging for volunteers to visit people or take them to hospital appointments. There are many opportunities and the beauty of it is that you can get as involved as much or as little as you wish!

The easiest way to find out how you might be able to get involved in your local scheme is by calling them and asking. The contact details for each are below:

Devizes and District – 01380 721775

Easterton, Market Lavington and Urchfont Link - 01380 812623

Four Villages Link - 07852 256939

Village Care & Link – 01380 816826

Worton & Marston Link – 01380 720207

Alternatively, if you would like more information about LINK in general, contact Linda O'Gorman on 01380 722241.

As ever, please get in touch if you think I may be of assistance to yourself, a friend, family member or neighbour by contacting me on the details below.

**Alex North, Tel: 07557 922027**

**Email: [devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk)**

## TOP HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES FOR COLDS AND FLU

**Aconite** - Early stages of colds, fevers, inflammations. Complaints come on suddenly. Possible causes: cold/dry wind; fright / shock. Characterised by extreme restlessness and fear. May specifically have an unfounded fear of death. Dry. hot skin. Symptoms worse in: evening / around midnight. Thirsty for cold drinks. May say everything tastes bitter, except water. Better for: fresh air. Worse for: touch.

**Allium Cepa** - Common, feverish cold with streaming eyes and nose. Profuse, watery nasal discharge which burns upper lip. Red, running eyes with bland discharge. Headache, worse in warm room. Worse: evening and stuffy rooms. Better: open air and cold room.

**Arsenicum album** - Catches cold easily: burning, watery nasal discharge alternating with dryness. Frequent sneezing without relief. Very chilly and shivery. Nostrils become sore and red and nose feels blocked alternating with watery discharge. Worse: change of temperature, cold, damp and after midnight. Better: heat and warm applications, hot drinks.

**Eupatorium perfoliatum** - Chill followed by heat and sweating. Intense aching of bones as if broken or bruised. Great thirst for cold drinks. Worse: movement, cold, open air. Better: Resting, warmth, sweating.

**Ferrum Phos** - Tired and weary, not feeling quite right. First signs of a cold or flu. Red inflamed eyes. Chill with shivering and fever with flushed face. Hot, burning, gritty eyes. Worse: quick movements, cold air. Better: rest, cold applications.

**Gelsemium** - No 1 remedy for flu. Dull, sluggish, with heavy looking eyes and dull headache usually at the back of the neck. Chills and shivering up and down the spine. Aching muscles in limbs and back. Burning throat. Colds and flu usually comes on gradually. Worse: cold, damp weather. Better: after urination.

**Nux vomica** - Colds and flu with extreme chilliness; just cannot get warm. Nose blocked at night but runs during the day, or lots of sneezing alternating with blocked nose, sides can alternate. Sore or raw throat and teeth may ache. Thirsty and Irritable. Worse: early morning, eating, cold air. Better: heat, lying down, sleep.

**Pulsatilla** - Chilliness even in a warm room, nasal catarrh, bland and thick. Dry mouth with no thirst. Painful headache with changing, shifting symptoms. Worse: in a warm room, after lying down. Better: in the open air.

**Rhus toxicodendron** - Very restless with aching in all muscles and stiffness. Just cannot get comfortable. Heat alternating with chills; pain in the head and eyes with red face. Worse: night, first movement. Better: warmth.


For more information  
on these and other conditions contact:

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# JOHN'S FARM



This winter seems to have dragged on with plenty of gloomy weather but by the time you read this the clocks will have moved forward and hopefully the days will be warmer. More daylight means that things have started to change in the fields. The oilseed rape seems to have survived the winter pigeon attacks and is now growing; the small flower buds are just visible. It is important to start feeding the plants once they begin to extend the stems, so we have been applying nitrogen while the ground is dry. This year we have Lithuanian nitrogen which was considerably cheaper than the UK version. The spreader passed its MOT and we tested all the different fertiliser products that are used to make sure that it applies the correct rate and spreads in a uniform pattern. The machine 'talks' to the tractor electronically via an isobus connection. The tractor has a screen which controls all the functions such as application rate and weight of the fertiliser left in the tank; it allows the operator to adjust the rate on the move just by touching the screen. It is all very different from the Little Viccon spreader we had 30 years ago!

Sixty five years ago my grandfather built a new cow shed which housed the milking herd and accommodated the milking process. The dairy cows left the farm in the early 1960s and since then the building has been used variously as a store for grain (when it was in sacks), a beef cow rearing shed, and a fertiliser store and latterly as stables. Now it is about to have a complete transformation. We are renovating it into an educational room at one end with an indoor area for demonstrating machinery or livestock to the visiting schools, and we will be laying on some further course for farmers. In addition there will also be some other short courses including one for smallholders and another for anyone who is interested in learning about what happens on farms. The first task is to replace the roof which we will be starting this week.

Finally I thought you might like to see a photograph we recently discovered as a negative which is from a different era. Hill Covert appears to be the background, and I think that the young lad on top of the cart may be the late Arthur Sims who worked here for over 50 years. I wonder what he would make of today's modern machinery!



*The fertiliser spreader having the annual MOT (the black trays catch the grains of fertiliser and each one is poured into a Perspex tube. This allows us to check the spread pattern)*



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*The Viccon fertiliser spreader circa 1980*

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# NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

## Investors in People

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## Humanities Day

Humanities Day this term was a great success. Year 10's topic was the Industrial Revolution which gave them the opportunity to visit the Steam Museum in Swindon for the day. Year 11 worked on Independence. Catching a bus and managing money. Year 9 theme was Exploration,



which had them building shelters in the grounds, cooking and solving riddles to find places

around the school. Year 8 shared the day between Map Work, and Historical Accounts. They have been studying the Ann Frank Story. Year 7 learnt about Spring, which was really relevant as the school grounds are looking splendid at the moment with daffodils, crocus and snowdrops.



## Fund Raising

There has been a lot of dressing up taking place in school over the last weeks. With World Book day's theme being pirates and Red Nose Day face painting and non-uniform. Both days were enjoyed by staff and pupils alike.



The Annual Friends of Rowdeford Quiz night was a fun night taking place on the 13th March. Thank you to Barry and Sarah Devine for an entertaining evening, raising over £300 for school funds.

**Lorraine Schwarz**



# NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

What a quick term! We seem to have barely got our teeth into our learning and we are on holiday again.

But what a term we have had.

On World Book day we all dressed up as characters from our favourite books and then we came back to school in the evening to enjoy a bedtime story with hot chocolate and marshmallows.

We raised over £130 for Comic Relief by selling cup cakes, which the teachers made. We had fun by making the cake making slightly competitive; we had our own version of Bake Off. All the children were able to vote for their favourite cake. I am delighted to say that Mrs Wood's teddies with red noses won!



*These are the winning cakes in the Bake off for Comic Relief, made by Mrs Wood in Casseipoia class*

Talking of winning, we have had great sporting successes over the last few weeks. Our football team won at Dauntsey's Football Tournament (see opposite page), whilst Keira Lovegrove won the Junior UK Championship for Alaskan malamute racing. We also continue to have musical success with the children who learn instruments. We have had many Bronze Awards awarded, especially to children who play the clarinet.

The Mid Somerset Festival of Performance and Poetry is one festival that we have never entered before and I am delighted to say that we entered two classes and won one and received a 'distinction' in the second. (The group scared me a little when they came running back into school telling me that they had got 'extinction!')

What a great scoop of awards! This goes to show how talented the children of Rowde are and how keen they are to involve themselves in many aspects of life.

Also, as part of celebrating Easter all the children took part in a morning of art activities. We loved the Easter chicken hats that they made.



*Keira Lovegrove with her trophies*



*Grace Miness wearing her Easter chicken hat which she made during the Easter activities*

On these positive notes, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter from everyone at Rowde C of E Academy.

**Lorraine Colquhoun**





**The winning team at the Dauntsey's football tournament**

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# Tiddlywinks Toddlers

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## FUN PAGE

Welcome to the fun page.

### Life's Demerit System

All men in a long term relationship will attest to some real wisdom in this...

In the world of romance, one single rule applies:

#### MAKE THE WOMAN HAPPY!

Do something she likes, you get points.

Do something she dislikes, points are subtracted.

You don't get any points for doing something she expects.

Sorry, that's the way the game is played.

Here is a non-exhaustive guide to the point system:

#### SIMPLE DUTIES

You make the bed. (+1)

You make the bed, but forget the decorative pillows. (-10)

You throw the bedspread over rumpled sheets. (-3)

You go out to buy her what she wants (+5) in the rain (+8)

But return with a six pack of beer. (-5)

#### PROTECTIVE DUTIES

You check out a suspicious noise at night. (+1)

You check out a suspicious noise, and it is nothing. (0)

You check out a suspicious noise, and it is something. (+5)

You knock it unconscious with an iron rod. (+10)

It's her pet dog. (-200)

#### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

You stay by her side for the entire party. (+1)

You stay by her side for a while, then leave to chat with an old school friend. (-2)

Named Tina (-10)

Tina is a dancer. (-10)

Tina's measurements are 40 30 38. (-40)

#### HER BIRTHDAY

You take her out to dinner. (+2)

You take her out to dinner, and it's not a sports pub. (+3)

Okay, it is a sports bar. (-3)

And it's all-you-can-eat night. (-5)

It's a sports pub, it's all-you-can-eat night, and your face is painted the colours of your favourite team. (-25)

#### A NIGHT OUT

You take her to a movie. (+1)

You take her to a movie she likes. (+5)

You take her to a movie you hate. (+10)

You take her to a movie you like. (-2)

It's called 'Death Cop.' (-4)

You lied and said it was a foreign film about orphans. (-15)

#### YOUR PHYSIQUE

You develop a noticeable potbelly. (-15)

You develop a noticeable potbelly and exercise to get rid of it. (+10)

You develop a noticeable potbelly and resort to baggy jeans and baggy Hawaiian shirts. (-30)

You say, "It doesn't matter, you have one too." (-100)

#### THE BIG QUESTION

She asks, "Do I look fat?" (-5)

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You hesitate in responding. (-10)

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#### COMMUNICATION

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*Jack, [www.jackstephens.co.uk](http://www.jackstephens.co.uk)*

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## Sunny day's preschool news!



We celebrated World book day on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. We all took part in dressing up as our favourite book characters - even the staff joined in. we had lots of princess's, ninja turtles, Spiderman and the staff dressed up as characters from Peter Pan. We invited parents in to read their favourite stories; we even listened to a story in Spanish. World book day is a fantastic opportunity to make learning even more enjoyable than normal. By dressing up and becoming your favourite characters will give children more enthusiasm towards reading.

Now the warmer weather is upon us, we have been enjoying getting back outside more. Using recycled materials we have created a water feature with the children. They thoroughly enjoy being able to create their own, moving the materials to achieve different effects.



### Extended opening hours

We have worked with our families and decided to continue with our extended opening hours, which means childcare is now available 8.30-5.30 Monday to Friday term time only.

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## ROWDEY COW NEWS



Having just finished a very busy weekend with many deserving Mums being treated to Sunday lunch by their families, we are now looking towards Easter which is fast approaching.

On 8th April Alison Rollinson from the Children's Drama Group "Pyjama Drama" is hosting Easter-themed fun with 40 minutes of songs, games, music and drama, perfect for 2-5 year olds, in the barn. Please see our facebook page for more details or phone the Café.

We are currently selling our Easter Ice Cream Flavours including the very popular Cream Egg Flavour and also a Mini Egg Ice cream.

Now that the weather is slowly getting warmer we have started to have some birthday parties in the barn. Also, we were lucky to have the VW Camper Van Group meeting here in March.

Sunday lunches are becoming increasingly popular so please reserve a table to avoid any disappointment.

Senior Citizens 10% Discount is still running on a Tuesday, however, this will stop during the School Holidays (Easter Holidays start w/c 30 March for 2 weeks).

Please note: Our opening hours are changing to 10am - 5pm 7 days a week as of Friday 27th March.

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**Sue**

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## PHOTO MEMORIES (update)



Dennis Powney sent us this photo of Rowde School children c.1950/60s and when we published it in last month's issue we asked if anyone could identify any of the pupils? Well Keith Flower is one of the pupils in the photo and he has been in touch with names for them all and also to say that he thinks it was taken in 1948 and that Eunice Pearce was not in the photo. (note 'D' is deceased and 'NCI' is no current information, but do let us know if you can add anything)

Back row L to R: Heather Miles (D), Dianna Pearce (Melksham), Johnene Simms (D), Muriel Russ (NCI), June Weedon (NCI).

Middle row L to R: Maurice Perrett (Rowde), John Pearce (D), Peter O'Donovan (Rowde), Keith Flower (Rowde), Michael O'Donovan (D, brother of Peter), Mervin Gindell (D, good friend of Keith), John Oatley (Devizes).

Front row L to R: Maureen Sutton (Swindon area? Sister Christine lives in Marsh lane), Stephanie Simms (Devizes), Miss Trialing (teacher), Jennifer Reeves (NCI, lived in Rowde Post Office), Janet Cheeseman (D, wife of Mervin Gindell).

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o Anyone failing to comply with the Dog Control Orders may be issued a fixed penalty fine of £75 and may lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1000.

## ROWDE COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH UPDATE

The Rowde Speed Watch team of volunteers has been out and about, on and off, now since the 1st December 2014 (having had a break since the previous team were active), in all of that time we have never been rained off or snowed off. The speed camera did let us down on one occasion when the frost and the mist was too much for the equipment. Having the camera letting us down in such circumstances was inconvenient because it is in such inclement weather that there is an even greater need for traffic to pass slowly through our village. We have to do a count of all vehicles passing through for the record and there are many times when there are more than 600 vehicles an hour travelling down the High Street and Devizes Road. So what kind of vehicles speed through the village? As you would expect the majority of vehicles are cars and it is car drivers who transgress the most, both in numbers and percentage wise, there are a few white van drivers living up to their reputation, very few lorry drivers speeding and not one motor cyclist. However we did catch a cyclist pedalling through at 17 mph (not certain if the cyclist was pleased to hear about his speed or not).

I am sure many of you read in the national newspapers of the speed watch team in Cambridgeshire who managed to catch 1,600 speeders a month. One man alone is credited with trapping more than 40,000 over a period of time, the chap was dismissed by the police! Despite the number of speeders involved I for one feel that the speed watch team were failing because the object of the exercise is to educate motorists and to have them keep to the speed limit, at least when travelling through a particular stretch of road, obviously the motorists were not learning a lesson.

Here in Rowde there has been a clear drop in speeding since we started the speed watch again, at least when we are out and about, originally we were getting a much higher percentage of speeders than we are now, so something is working.

I would like to thank all members of the speed watch team for their efforts and hope that like me they are looking forward to standing out in much warmer if not sunnier weather in the coming months.

Finally thanks also to those drivers in the village who keep to the speed limits at all times and not just when the speed watch team is out and about.

**Tony Jeffries, Team Leader Rowde Speed Watch**

## BUDO CLUB IN DANGER OF CLOSURE

### The History

Devizes Budo club was formed in 1957 by a few friends practicing Judo in their back garden in Victoria Road. They soon moved to Devizes and District Community Centre, an old Nissan

hut put up by U.S. forces for the Red Cross during the war.

By 1958 the club were also teaching Kendo, Aikido and Karate and in 1959 they moved once again to The Old Crown on New Park Street.

The first ever UK course for Aikido was taught at the club and in 1963 the first children's Judo class was started.

In 1964 the members of the club purchased an old ex army hut from Tilshead and had it erected on the land behind the Queens head pub. The land was made available by Maj J Bartholomew and Wadworth & Co Ltd. This became the first purpose built dojo in the West of England.

Unfortunately in 1975 the building was completely destroyed by a fire and the training had to be moved to Downlands School and Rowde Village Hall until the new club was built in 1976. This is the Dojo we still train in today.

Over the next decade many changes occurred, Kendo was never re-established due to the high cost of replacing the armour required for practice. The Karate section changed styles and Aikido moved to alternative premises for a short time.

Karate left the club in 1990 and no real training was done in this discipline until 2013 when the new Budo Club karate section was established.

Aikido and Judo continued to go from strength to strength. The judo club produced player after player to such a high standard that they were selected to represent Great Britain. Their successes include Olympian Julian Davies and Commonwealth Games 2014 Silver medallist Tom Reed. The list of other successful GB team players and medallists are too numerous to mention.

Devizes Budo Club is by far the most successful local sports club and have in excess of 200 members, mostly children. It is a registered charity and all the coaches give their time happily and free of charge.

We are now in danger of losing this wonderful facility as the land the club stands on has been sold for redevelopment and the building will be demolished. The club will have to find alternative accommodation.

Planning permission was granted for a new club to be built on the Windsor Drive allotment site back in November 2014 but the cost of doing so is approximately £300,000.

Many events are planned to help raise the funds, including a 24 hour endurance event, walking the Sarsen Trail and a Summer Ball.

We need the help of the local community to help us get to our goal. We are asking local businesses to donate prizes for our Summer Ball raffle and auction.

Any other help that anyone can offer would be greatly appreciated.

## RED NOSE DAY FUN AT ROWDE PRE-SCHOOL

Children in Rowde have been busy raising money for Red Nose Day. Staff and children at Sunny Days Pre-school, based within Rowde Academy, dressed in red and baked cakes to sell to parents and carers.



*Children at Sunny Days Pre-school enjoy taking part in Red Nose Day*

Staff then discussed with all the children how the money raised is spent helping others who are less fortunate.

Sarah Martin, setting manager, said: "The children had a great time selling their cakes. We do several fundraisers a year so the children can learn about helping others."

The pre-school hoped to raise at least £50 for the annual charity event, which raises millions of pounds nationally.

## 1950s BUS VISITS CAEN HILL LOCKS AT ROWDE

Devizes was put on the tourism map last month (March) as influential coach operators from all over the country pledged to make the town a stopping point. Tony Aldridge from the Devizes Area Tourism Partnership said: "It was very positive. The operators were amazed at what Devizes has to offer and they didn't want to leave."

The partnership organised a number of events to co-incide with English Tourism Week starting with the visit by 25 senior coach and bus operators from the Confederation of Passenger Transport.

They arrived in a vintage bus at Wadworths at lunchtime on Saturday 14th March where they were greeted by Mayor Sarah Bridewell and



Simon Jacobs chairman of the Devizes Area Board and members of the tourism partnership.

The choice of bus turned out to be fitting as back in the 50s and 60s it had been on the number 50 route between Devizes and Bath.

One of the highlights of the day for many of the visitors was the chance to sample Devizes cheesecake made by Giovanni Campanella at his cafe Dolciani (read more about them in this month's 'Eating Out' article on page 11)

Mr Aldridge said: "The first cake was so popular I had to go back to Giovanni and ask him to make a second one. It was little touches like this that really made the day special."

The visitors had a tour of the brewery, the canal museum and a canal boat trip on the Kenavon Venture. They later re-boarded the bus to see the Green and the Caen Hill flight of locks at Rowde before having dinner at The Castle Hotel.

The chairman of the coach organisation Bill Hiron said: "Devizes has organised a brilliant day and has set a standard of hospitality that will be hard to beat."

## FOOTBALL

### Sunday 8th March 2015

A 1-1 draw for Bath Road at home to Rowdey Cow Rowde FC saw Tim Knight's side stretch their unbeaten run to seven matches. Matthew Lever's first-half strike for the Rowdey Cow was cancelled out by Lee Grant whose seventh goal of the season earned Bath Road their share of the spoils.

### Sunday 15th March 2015

Rowdey Cow Rowde FC overturned a 1-0 half time deficit away at White Horse (Sunday) B to claim a 2-1 triumph. Jordan Gullis scored midway through the first period to give White Horse the lead. A goal on his debut from Robbie Baker restored parity for Rowdey Cow on 55 minutes and Robbie Whyte grabbed the villagers their winner in the 73rd minute.

### Sunday 22nd March 2015

A 3-1 victory for Rowdey Cow Rowde FC at home to Melksham Forest Community Centre means that the villagers could still snatch a top three finish at the expense of Worton & Cheverell (Sunday) who have two matches remaining to Rowde's five. After a goalless first half the deadlock was broke by Dean Taccuso who put the Rowdey Cow in front. Robbie Whyte added a second for the villagers before Lewis Taylor halved the deficit for the Foresters, but his goal was little more than a consolation as Rory Collins netted to earn Rowdey Cow their 3-1 success.





# National Plant Monitoring Scheme

## Monitoring our wild flowers

### What is it?

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS) is organised and funded by BSBI, CEH, JNCC and Plantlife. The aim is to collect data to provide an annual indication of changes in plant abundance and diversity.



Michael Peacock, CEH

### Why is it needed?

Thanks to volunteers, we have a very good understanding of changes in the populations of birds, butterflies and bats. Plants are the foundations of ecosystems, but currently we do not have a good measure of changes in plant populations.



Michael Peacock, CEH

### How will it work?

This is a scientific survey, so you will be randomly allocated a convenient 1km square to visit. The visit involves recording plant 'indicator species' in plots. Within your 1km square you will record around 5 plots.



Michael Peacock, CEH

### Who can take part?

Anyone interested in nature who can identify plants, or who is keen to learn. Different levels of participation ensure that all who are keen can participate: you do not have to be an experienced botanist. There will be training materials provided and the opportunity to attend workshops throughout the year.



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## ROWDE VILLAGE FETE AND SCARECROW TRAIL 2015 - UPDATE

Dear Villager,

Preparations for the Rowde Village Fete (Sat 4th Jul) are going really well and it is shaping up to be a very vibrant and diverse event.

In addition to all the great stalls and events from last year, such as the Teddy Parachute, Children's Races, Bar and BBQ we also have a Silver Band, Childrens' Entertainer (at no charge to the public), and lots of local craft stalls. The response from the Villagers has been fantastic there are lots of hidden treasures and talents in the Village that are coming out. If you are interested in;

- Having a stall either to sell things or just to displaying and sharing any talents or skills
- Building a Scarecrow
- Volunteering on the day please get in touch, either using the form or come to a committee meeting. First Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Church..

We have done a leaflet drop to all the residents who live along the Scarecrow Route and will pick up responses but if you missed our collection do drop your form into the shop or through my door (6 Scholars Park).

A final plea; We need gazebos/tentage and tables. If you could lend them on the day we will be very appreciative.

**Lorna Freemantle**

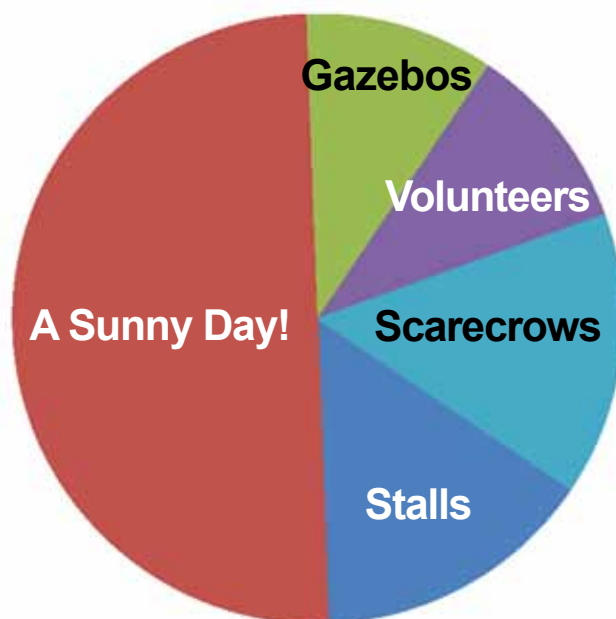
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## ROWDE VILLAGE FETE NEEDS



**Together a Village Event  
Saturday 5th July 2015**

April 2015 Rowde Village News



## Rowde Village Fete 4th July 2015 12 - 4pm

### Stall application form

Stall Name .....

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Stall holders Name .....

Email ..... Phone number .....

#### STALL DETAILS

Number of Pitches ..... (pitch size approx 3m/ 9ft x 3m/9ft) Table required? YES / NO  
(it will assist the organisers if you can provide you own, if not possible please indicate how many tables you require, we have access to 5 and 6ft tables) .....

Will you be bringing a Generator or any other extra equipment such as tentage etc (please list with dimensions if applicable)

#### EVENT DETAILS

Location; St Matthews Church Playing field.

Charge; Free for village organisations and charities (donation to running costs appreciated) £15 for commercial stalls

Set up times;

If you require to drive vehicles onto the playing field please arrive by 10 am on the day

Vehicles to be clear of the field by 11am

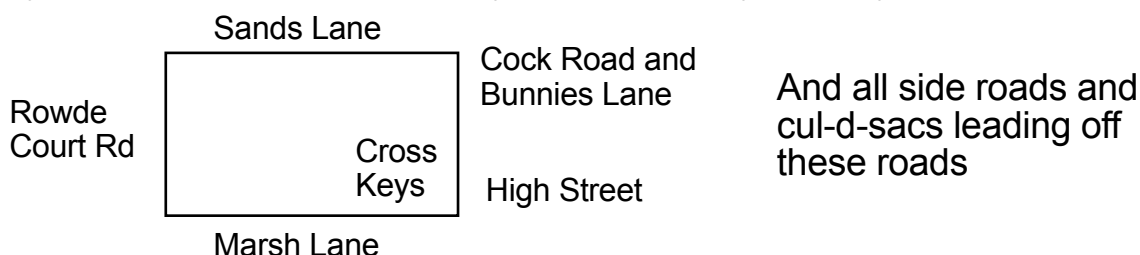
All stalls to be set up by 11.30 am

***Please submit this form to the Fete Secretary Lorna@matthewfreemantle.com or hard copy to Rowde Village Shop or through Secretary's door (6 Scholars park).***

## Rowde Scarecrow Trail 4th and 5th July 2015 10.30 – 5.30 daily

### Scarecrow application form

Anyone is welcome to build a Scarecrow, the theme for your scarecrow will be issued to you. Each Scarecrow will be designated a position along the route shown below. They will be on display between Saturday and Sunday. They will need to be in position by 0930 Saturday 4th July 2015.



I would like to build a scarecrow;

Name ..... Email ..... Phone .....

Please indicate if you will need assistance in transporting your scarecrow to its display position which will be issued to you.

I live along the route and will be happy to host a Scarecrow

Name ..... Address .....

Email ..... Phone .....

***Please submit this form by 30 Apr 2015 by email to the Fete Secretary Lorna@matthewfreemantle.com or hard copy to Rowde Village Shop or Rowde Primary Academy reception.***

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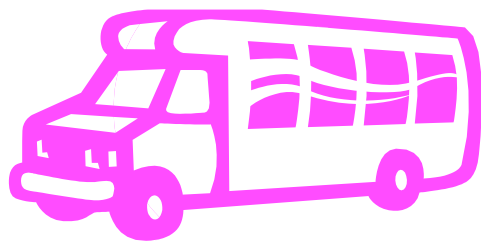
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# LETTERS

## STREET LIFE

Hello Alan,

I had an invitation in the post to join Street-life. I thought it was junk mail but I went ahead and joined! It's a social network site that's completely free and it is centred by post-code, so all residents in Rowde are interconnected! Seems like a great idea to me!

Maybe you could include in the Rowde Village News so more can join?

**Thanks, Richard**

*(I have since joined the site myself and also found that they have a free app for iPhone and iPlayer. It does look promising so I think there's no harm in giving it a try as you can always cancel later if it doesn't work out for you. Ed)*

## MIDNIGHT CHALLENGE!



Dear Readers

We just wanted to let everyone know that we shall be taking part in the Snowdon Midnight Challenge on the 15th May 2015 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. The Challenge is to walk up Snowdon overnight via the Llanberis Pass.

If anyone would like to sponsor us please go to our Just Giving Pages:

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[www.justgiving.com/Sally-Stevens5/](http://www.justgiving.com/Sally-Stevens5/)

**Thank you in anticipation,**

**Geraldine Clisby-White & Sally Stevens**

## ROWDE FLATS FIRE UPDATE

In the article in the February issue of the Rowde Village News it stated that Mr Mullins had lost nearly all of his possessions.

It must also be said that there were other people with flats in same the building. There

was no mention of Mr Garren Hall who lives in the bottom flat below Mr Mullins. Yes, the ceiling below was badly damaged in Mr Hall's flat because of the water used by the fire brigade. Mr hall's flat was totally destroyed because of the fire damage above and this has now led to him having to find alternative accommodation elsewhere, miles from the village where he has lived for many years. I think that Mr Hall is the person that has come out of this unfortunate incident the worst but thankfully there was no one hurt. Look forward to seeing you back in your home Garren, all the best mate.

## From the Rowde Hogs

*Note: The original news item printed in the RVN was as reported in the local press release but we thank John Dalley for sending this further information and we would very much welcome other news items being sent directly to us at the RVN by any residents in the village. Ed*

## SUPER MAGAZINE!

Can I congratulate you on the super magazine you produce? I always display it prominently and many of my friends from the surrounding areas read it avidly and enviously!

**J**

## HEAVEN ON THE HILL

What a pleasant sight the crocuses and snowdrops are on The Hill opposite the George and Dragon. They are a credit to the kind people who make this possible.

Come and have a look and enjoy.

**Vic Reed**

## PLANT MONITORING SCHEME

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to let you know about the National Plant Monitoring Scheme which was launched at the beginning of this month. The scheme is the first of its kind and asks for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they find there in several different plots. The scheme will enable us to explore how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment.

It may be that there are people within your parish / community who would like to be involved in this government backed scheme which is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife.

# LETTERS

## What support will volunteers get?

- All volunteers registering for a square on [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk) will receive a survey pack (survey guidance; species list; species guidebook)
- All volunteers will be able to access telephone and email support provided by the volunteer coordinator
- All volunteers will be able to access free training courses

## Additional information

- Squares have been randomly selected across the UK and it is possible to see if there is a square in your area by visiting the website above.
- Volunteers are asked to record up to 30 plant species in any one square or linear plot as long as it fits into 1 of the 28 NPMS habitats
- Volunteers carry out the survey of their plots 2 times per year
- Volunteers may be individuals or small groups

## How you can help us?

We would be grateful if you could circulate the attached press release and flier within your local community or networks. If possible it would be wonderful if this could go in your parish/ community news or on your parish / community website. We do hope that people within your local area will be inspired to take part (see also poster on page 38).

With many thanks in advance for your support

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## POLE PRAISE!

I just wanted to say what an excellent article about Pole Krazee. I know many people have had misgivings about the place but the article sets it all straight, is informative and almost (almost!) made me want to join. I also had no idea that they gave money to local causes. Very well done them. I hope that the village will continue to support the venture and vice versa. Well done again on the article - thank you.

**Victoria Harvey**

## CHARITY SCARECROW TRAIL

Hi there, I am emailed to ask if you'd consider advertising Keevil Charity Scarecrow Trail in your Rowde village magazine, which takes place on 16th and 17th May.

It would be amazing if you could include us as it would be a huge help to our charity weekend for getting the word out and we aren't that far from you! It's a very popular family day out. Thanks in advance for your help. We are hoping to have Rowdey Cow ice cream again this year! I look forward to hearing from you.

**With best wishes,**

**Charlotte Martin**

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*(see their poster on page 5, Ed)*

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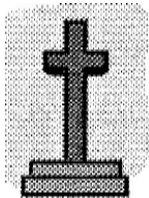
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## Sudoku (easy this month)

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

## Last Month's Solution

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

## Mini Sudoku (medium this month)

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

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

## Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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



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# Quick Reference Contacts and Village Guide

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

## Allotments

Chris Stevens, Tel: 01380 738438

## Bell Ringing

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

## Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

## Book Club

Meets monthly - Ann Swan 724788

## Charities

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

## Church

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

## Church Choir

Practice Thursdays at 7 pm  
Nicola Brown 722406

## Church Wardens

Maureen Hiscocks Tel: 01380725406  
Gavin Moss Tel: 01380729160

## Clarence

0800 232323

## Community Advisor Emergency Planning

Yan Ellis, Tel: 01380  
729540 or 07818 081737  
Email: yanellis1@gmail.com

## Doctor

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

## Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

## Footpaths

Ben Bentley 01380 728360

## Garage

Slades of Rowde Tel: 01380727936

## Good Neighbour Coordinator

Alex North 07557 922027

## Hospital

Devizes Community Hospital  
Tel: 723511

## Ladies Club

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

Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

## Local Councils

Wiltshire Council  
Tel: 0300 4560100  
Devizes Town Council 722160

## Parish Council

Chairman - Mrs Jackie Bawden  
Tel: 01380 720856  
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries  
Tel: 01380 720988

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

## Sunny Days Nursery

Contact Liz or Sam on 01249  
818824 or 01380 723991

## Playing Fields

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

## Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

## Pubs/Restaurants

Cross Keys, Tel: 739567  
George & Dragon, Tel: 723053  
Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

## Rifle Club

Practice Wednesdays, Matches  
Thursdays in Village Hall.  
Mr E Bowden, Tel: 728434

## Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

## Rowde Rainbows

Meet: Tuesdays 6.15 to 7.15  
pm Contact: Ailsa Devon  
01380 850081 / 07966230810  
Email: ailsa\_devon@hotmail.com

## Rowde Riders

Wendy Williams, Tel: 721554

## Rowde Runners

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

## Rowde Village Hall

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

## Rowde C of E Primary Academy

High Street, Rowde SN10 2ND  
Head teacher - Lorraine Colquhoun  
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## Rowdeford Special School

Head Teacher  
Ingrid Sidmouth Tel: 850309

## Hft (ex Self Unlimited)

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## Sewing Circle

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## St Matthew's Flower Guild

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## TAXI

R H Reeves 725072

## Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

## Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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

## Veterinary Surgeries

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

## Village Fete

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 722179  
Lorna@matthewfreemantle.com

## Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

## Website

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

## Youth Clubs

The 'Rufi' Club - Simon Hughes,  
Mike Edmunds and Dean  
Faringday.

# Village Diary



- 12 April **Opera Supper at Babington House** (see page 32)
- 15 April **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall** (3rd Wednesday due to Easter)
- 25 April **Cup Cake Bake Off** (see page 32)
- 29 April **Quiz Night** (see page 32)
- 2 May **Ploughman's Lunch** (see back page)
- 12 & 13 May **Spanish Evenings** (see page 14)
- 13 May **Parish Council Meeting - 7pm in Village Hall** (earlier start)  
**Note: Followed by the Annual Village Meeting at 8pm**
- 17 May **Rowdeford Garden Fair 11am to 3pm**
- 18 May **Concert by Devizes town Band in St Matthew's Church** (see page 24)
- 24 May **Ciderfest** (see page 43)
- 7 June **Open Farm Sunday**
- 10 June **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 4/5 July **Rowde Village Fete and Scarecrow Trail** (see pages 40 & 41)
- 8 July **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 8 August **Flower, Vegetable and Handicrafts Show**
- 9 September **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 3 October **Ploughman's Lunch**
- 14 October **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 11 November **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 5 December **Christmas Bazaar**
- 9 December **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 30 Jan 2016 **Burns Night Supper Dance**

## **Updating the Diary or Village Guide**

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

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Rowde, Cross Keys 0739 0816 0939 1036 1136 1236 1336 1436 1556 1656 1741 1836  
 Chippenham Bus Stn 0817 0839 1007 ----\*-- 1204 ---\*-- 1404 ---\*--- 1634 1734 1819 ---\*-- (\* ends at Calne)

Rowde, Cross Keys 0720 0750 0840 0845 0923 1015 1044 1215 1244 1415 1444 1640 1720 1820  
 Devizes, The Pelican 0728 0803 0848 0858 0931 1023 1050 1223 1250 1423 1450 1653 1733 1833

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### **Saturday**

Rowde, Cross Keys 0741 0821 0946 1126 1306 1516 1656 1801 1836  
 Chippenham Bus Stn 0819 --\*--- 1024 1204 1344 1554 1734 1839 ---\*-- (\* ends at Calne)

Rowde, Cross Keys 0725 0805 0914 0930 1110 1250 1500 1640 1820  
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**Sat. 2nd May**

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