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July 2014





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Editorial

Welcome to the July edition of the Rowde Village News. June proved to be a hot month for us in Rowde and July brings you an equally hot issue of your magazine!

We again have lots of good things for you to read. There's the usual great articles and reports from our regular contributors (church, shop, clubs, schools, farms, etc etc) of course but I would also like to highlight some other things of interest.

There's a new feature on page 9 - Chris Stevens kicks off 'Gardeners' Gossip' where he will be keeping us up to date on what is going on in our Allotments and giving us tips to help us in the garden.

For the first time, three Rowde artists feature in the annual Marlborough Open Studios. Read all about them on page 33 and see their advert on the back page. The free event is active over three weekends in July so why not have a stroll around the three signposted studios on their open days and see what great talent we have in the village.

Not quite so many letters this month (page 53) but this is more than made up for with the increased amount of local news items over eight pages (26 to 33)!

No Pets Corner this month so please let us have a photo of your pet with and a few words to go with it. Also again, if you have any old photos taken in the village please send them in with a description so that we can continue our 'Photo Memories' feature. And if you are going off on holiday soon please send us a photo or two and tell us all about it.

Finally can I ask that anyone who spots any incorrect or outdated information in the magazine please get in touch if you can give us the new or corrected information. Have a great July and

Mind how you go, Ed

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Contributors please also note:

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

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

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

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This month's front cover shot was taken at last month's Open Farm Sunday. Read and see more on pages 20 and 21.

photograph by Alan Watters

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

As many local people will remember, the Monday Club was first opened in 1984, and so this year we will be 30 years old! We plan to celebrate this milestone with a tea party on Monday August 18th in the Bromham Social Centre between 2:30pm and 4pm. We will also have a bring and buy table and we would like to invite our many friends and supporters to come and join us for tea, sandwiches and cakes and a catch up chat. There have been many people over the years who have given their time, energy or financial support to help with the running of the club and if you are still living near enough to come and join us we will be delighted.

We were very pleased to receive a cheque recently for £100 from Rowde Parish Council.

We only met twice between the first two Bank Holidays, but at that time the weather had warmed up a bit and we enjoyed the sun shining in at last. We had a return visit from Scott who entertained us through the afternoon with a varied selection of songs; and on the other week we entertained ourselves with a selection of readings and poems, both serious and humorous. We also tackled some quizzes about the meanings of words to keep the brains ticking over. One of the poems we shared was written by our most senior member Vic Reed, who was inspired to put pen to paper following the wet winter we had. Vic has written many poems over the years and we thought you may like to enjoy his latest one:

The Floods

Across the fields the water came

Up to the farmer's door.

The clouds were low, the rain came down,

The floods were here once more.

The army came, the Navy too,

To give a helping hand

Filling up the sandbags

With all the local sand.

And now the worst is over,

Or is it? We do not know;

And now comes all the hard work

Getting the seeds to grow.

On June 9th we had a speaker on a serious subject but presented under the title "Tax, Care and Toy Boys"! Needless to say our expectations were high, but in the event it all boiled down to managing our finances in the most efficient way - useful but hardly exciting.

If you are elderly, house bound or needing 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

The members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club were saddened to hear of the passing of Meg Clarebout on May 20th at Avonmead Nursing Home in Devizes.

Meg was a member for a number of years, many of which she was Treasurer/Secretary and kept the Club running taking over from Bill Rolfe.

Meg was always the first to finish a Quiz or Competition using her very active brain and always getting the right answers! She also enjoyed her little 'tipple' and the slice of birthday cake we have most months (not forgetting to take a little home for Snoopy)!

We will certainly miss the Midwife from over the Border.

On June 3rd the members visited the Rowdey Cow and enjoyed a Cream Tea while looking out at the lovely adjoining countryside.

The next meeting will be held on July 8th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Committee will be serving Cream Teas and Light Lunches on the Fete day July 5th and it is hoped there will also be a display of Old Rowde Photos on show (small admission charge) in the Hall.

The schedules for the Annual Flower, Vegetable and Handicraft Show on August 9th will be available soon and volunteers will be knocking on your door selling these at 50p each which, as well as admitting you to the Show, contains recipes for the cooking classes and a lucky number. Don't forget the Photograph classes the subjects being Adults - Old Thatched Building and Children - Butterflies.

B Barrett, Chairman

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The members of the Ladies Club had a most enjoyable lunch time meal at the Cross Keys on May 27th. The winner of the raffle with money towards their meal was Mrs.C.Sault.

The next meeting will be held on June 24th in the Village Hall when we will be pleased to welcome Alan Nix who will be telling us about his War Time Experiences.

Members were sorry to hear of the death of Meg Clarebout who was a member for a number of years.

Di Buckland (Secretary)

HIWAY CLUB

As reported last time the Annual Dinner on May 17th in the Crown Centre in Devizes was most enjoyable.

The June 25th meeting will have been a Bar B Q at Sandy Lane by kind invitation of the Club's President Mr. K.Jacomb.

Di. Buckland (Secretary)

ROWDE YOUTH CLUB

After much consideration we are sad to announce that Rowde Youth Club will be closing after our last session on 18th July.

It is with great sadness that we have to announce this news but over the months we have been seeing increasing numbers of young people wanting to access the Club and decreasing levels of support from volunteer helpers, we now feel that we are no longer to operate the club safely on a regular basis. We have just about been managing on a week to week basis but we are often faced with the prospect of turning people away and we cannot plan to do any activities or organised games as we just don't have enough pairs of eyes to watch over everyone.

We are planning to go out with a bang and have organised a Farm Fun Evening and Barbeque courtesy of John Butler for the 18th July between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. This will be a free event and we will have a small tuck shop available in case you save enough room after eating the burgers!

What we really need is someone who would be prepared to take on running a regular committed group of volunteers on a rota system, if enough people were prepared to help then it may mean only helping out for one Friday a month. This has been tried in the past but not with much success. If this were to happen we may be able to consider re-opening the Club with Jan and myself available of course to go on the rota. Please contact Jan Barber if you feel you could commit to running a volunteer rota.

We will continue running on Fridays up to and including the 18th July and look forward to seeing everyone at the barbeque.

Karen, Jan and Lewis

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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next book club will be on 13th August and will be a 'free read'. **Please note that, due to the popularity of the Rowde Book Club, we are unable to take on any new members for the foreseeable future.**

BOOK REVIEW

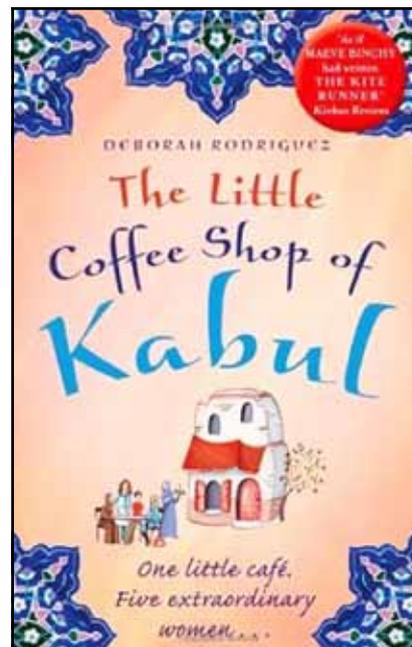
The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul

by Deborah Rodriguez

"The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul" by Deborah Rodriguez was our latest read. It focuses on the lives of five different women in Kabul, Afghanistan who are all linked by the Coffee Shop. Sunny, an American ex-pat, decided to give up on life in the U.S. and follow her boyfriend to Kabul. Unfortunately for Sunny her boyfriend is involved in so many military style operations he is rarely in Kabul. Sunny takes in Yasmina, a young pregnant woman who has been abandoned in Kabul, to work for her in the coffee shop. The coffee shop is owned by Halajan, a 60 year old, who has seen her country torn apart by wars and oppressors. Candace, a wealthy American happens on the coffee shop during her pursuit of the enigmatic Wakil, where she meets Isabel who is a gutsy journalist trying to expose the horrors going on in the country. The book gives a flavour of Afghanistan and its culture, in particular the harsh realities of life for Afghan women.

Overall those that had read the book enjoyed it and found it easy to read. Personally I enjoyed the insight into life in Afghanistan more than the story line and characters which I thought could have been given more depth. Several people thought the ending was rushed and all the loose ends were tied up far too neatly

Sue Scrusse



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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):

July 14th & 28th, August 11th & 25th.

ROWDEY COW NEWS



As I write this we are very excited about our visitors tomorrow on Summer Solstice. We have Sirius Astronomy joining us and they are bringing their Solar Telescope to conduct Solar Experiments with our customers.



Today we have had our sheep and llamas sheared. This was quite a big job with 2 vets from the Wessex Equine Practice, one shearer and 3 helpers but finished successfully after a bit of spitting and lots of laughs!



Our Ice Cream Trike has been out today to St Margaret's Sports Day which was great fun and we are really looking forward to bringing the trike to Rowde Village Fete on 5 July. We attended the Rowdefield Farm Open Day which was by far the busiest event that we have been to all year; a fantastic day out for the family and enjoyed by many.



We have featured some Summer flavours of ice cream at the café this month including Pina Colada, Tutti Frutti, Coconut, Key Lime Pie & Raspberry Pavlova.

And last but certainly not least we would like to wish our Chef Matt & Lou all the best for their forthcoming Wedding next week – by the time you read this they will already be a happily married couple – our warmest congratulations!

We hope to see you soon! Sue

Work Experience over the summer holidays

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Contact Veronica in the shop

01380 739800

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Your Parish Council

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

Thank You

- o The Parish Council formally thanked John Butler for applying fertiliser to 'The Hill'.
- o The Monday Club, Devizes & District Link, the Tuesday Afternoon Club, and the Village Hall thanked the Parish Council for their donation from the precept.

Village Health & Safety

- o A theft of a bicycle from a garage in the village and also a theft from a motor vehicle at the Caen Hill car park has been reported to the Police.
- o The Environment Agency has investigated effluent seeping from stables on The Common, Rowde and issued advisory notices.
- o There is ongoing concern about the condition of the wet pour around equipment in the small playing field, next to the Church. The Clerk will obtain quotes for rebonding the wetpour.
- o The Parish Council has had a preliminary discussion about the possibility of having a defibrillator for the village. The Clerk will research potential costs for consideration at the Parish Council meeting in July.

Village Appearance

- o Fly tipping has taken place at the car park off Sands Lane and also on the road to the Caen Hill locks car park.
- o The remaining recycling cardboard bins off Sands Lane will be removed shortly.
- o Rowde Parish Council is seeking advice from Wiltshire Council about the asset transfer of 'The Hill'.

Highways Update

- o Marsh Lane has been resurfaced between the junction with the High Street and Furlong Close.
- o Further work and additional kerbstones have been added to the pavement near the front of the G & D pub.

Parking on pavements

- o The issue of parking on pavements has been raised with our PSCO Helen Clarke. It has been confirmed that it is illegal to park on pavements and drivers are liable for fines. Residents are urged to take photos of cars parked illegally and submit them to the community police.
- o Concern has been raised about parking across the pavement at the G & D, which is causing residents to walk in the road.

Verge Cutting

- o The Clerk has written to Wiltshire Council about the condition of the pavement on Devizes Road towards Dunkirk Hill. Wiltshire Council has agreed for a JCB to cut into the grass verge in this area to help widen the pavement.
- o Grass on the central verges on Caen Hill has been cut back. Clerk has also chased verge cutting along Marsh Lane and Devizes Road with Wiltshire Council again.
- o Clerk has contacted the owners of Malthouse Farm and requested that the hedges along the bridleway off Sands Lane are cut back.

Speedwatch

- o The Community Speedwatch team provide a very valuable service to the village, helping to make our roads safer for other drivers and pedestrians. Unfortunately, the operation will close if more villagers do not come forward to volunteer their time. If you can offer to help with the camera a couple of times a month, please contact Liz Ibbetson (tel: 01380 720630).

Allotments

- o We have two remaining plots available for rent. The cost is £15.00 per annum and this includes water rates. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk (tel: 01380 720988)

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Pat Bryant	Planning	01380 698567
Chris Stevens	Playing Field Management / Allotments	01380 738438
James Graham	Safety and Behaviour	01380 722470
vacancy		
Rebekah Jeffries	Clerk	01380 720988

Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde, Bromham & Potterne

Liz Bryant	Wiltshire Councillor	01380 850316
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Planning Applications

- o 14/04275/FUL Felicia House, Maundrell Close: Rear conservatory & installation of entrance gate. The Parish Council found no objections.
- o 14/05273/TPO 11 Scholars Park: Additional work to TPO trees following professional advice. The Parish Council found no objections.

Finance

- o Monthly invoices for a total of £1993.45 were approved.

Staff costs & printing	964.91
Grounds & Village Maintenance	621.10
Audit fees, room hire, etc	407.44
Total:	1993.45

- o The Parish Council accounts have passed the internal audit and have been approved by the Parish Council for submission to the external audit.

Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July 2014 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 (www.rowdevillage.org).

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GARDENERS' GOSSIP

On The Veg Patch

Well July is upon us by the time you are reading this page, and hopefully the weather is still gloriously sunny.

I have been musing over the idea of some type of contribution to the newsletter, and when Alan suggested gardening/allotment related feature.....

I thought "why not!"

Well the veg beds are thriving and crops in abundance despite having a very wet start to the year.

Having already planted my Christmas veg last month ready for the festive season, July is the month for planting my courgettes, kale and my favourite new potatoes I have specially prepared.



Courgettes



Kale



New Potatoes

Tip of the Month

As I have an active toad pond in the corner of my veg plot, I am very hesitant about using slug pellets.

I use porridge oats (yes porridges oats!!!) slugs hate the hard flaky texture and even when it rains, a sludgy texture and of course environmentally friendly. It really does work!!!

See you next month!

Christopher Stevens

ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello again, well we have had a great month. The weather has helped sales both from villagers and canal users. We also had a great time at Johns Open Farm Sunday running a pies, ice cream and sweet stall. We sold out of sweets and ice cream and had a steady flow of customers. Thanks to John for organising such a fantastic event.



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 are once again saying goodbye to a volunteer. Mina, who joined us a couple of years ago has been job seeking and has managed to find a job in a small supermarket. Congratulations Mina on your new job and thanks for all the help over the last two years. Some good news on the volunteer front. We were contacted by the job centre who had someone interested in volunteering and we welcome them at the start of this month and Ian from the village has started doing a couple of hours regularly per week and ad hoc when needed.

However we still need more! Shop Assistants Tuesday's 7:30 to 9am, Wednesday's 7:30 to 9am and 12 to 1pm, Thursday's 9 to 12. Marina Delivery Drivers to fill in for holidays as well as veg box delivery drivers to fill in for holidays. Please come forward and help out. As ever many, many thanks for our team of volunteers many of whom have been doing extra hours to help out.

We are still running our recycling project which makes us extra money. We have just had a cheque for £40 what a great way of making extra money. Many thanks to Hazel for organising, storing and sending off the items. We are now being made a drop off shop for the whole area so we hope this might give us even more. We collect Danone and Shape yoghurt pots, any biscuit wrappers, pens and pencils (even broken ones) and mobile phones (no need for charger just the phone is fine). This is a great way to support us without too much effort and a great way to recycle things that would otherwise end up in landfill.

We are running a very special offer this month. Book and pay for 4 veg boxes and get the 5th one absolutely FREE. This offer is open to all customers including our present veg box customers. Our fruit and veg has been particularly good recently with lots of different things available. Veg boxes start at just £5 and you can book a weekly or fortnightly delivery. You can have just fruit, just veg or just salad or a mixture and we delivery on Fridays free of charge. Please come into the shop to organise your delivery.

We have had a change to our postal service. We no longer have the post collected from the shop but we take all post to the letterbox by 4pm. We have a courier service for parcels which usually works out cheaper than using the post office. We can no longer post international parcels, provide a recorded delivery or special delivery service. This is saving the parish £850 per year. If you would like the postal collection service back please let us know in the shop, we will measure the demand and if the demand is high the parish council will reinstate the service.

Please keep your support up by using your loyalty card, buying 5 things a week from the shop, booking a veg delivery, recycling the items mentioned earlier and volunteering.

I hope to see you in the shop soon,

Veronica Seedhouse 01380 739800
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VERONICA'S RECIPE

FILLER or DIP? TAKE YOUR PICK

Recipe this month is a really fast sandwich filler or dip which my daughter, who is a vegetarian, loves.

INGREDIENTS:

- **1 1/2 (400g) tins chickpeas, drained and rinsed**
- **1 stalk celery, chopped (you could use another raw veg)**
- **1/2 onion, chopped**
- **1 tablespoon mayonnaise**
- **1 tablespoon lemon juice**
- **salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste**

METHOD:

Pour chickpeas into a medium size mixing bowl and mash with a fork. Mix in celery, onion.

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

PET N PAT ANIMAL CENTRE

With the arrival of summer and the much welcome sunny weather and dry ground, sadly, come along some not so welcome guests: the flies. To avoid these nasty visitors we keep most of the animals in the barns with daily turnout.

We have had some new arrivals (babies been born) – rather unexpected - from rescues that came in last year. So we have been rather busy. Some had health issues but all seem to be doing well now.

We still have some pigs, goats and rabbits for sale - if anyone is interested - we are still cutting back on stock.

On Saturday 28th June we have had our funday and dogshow. Even though there were a couple of non-attendances from trade stands this didn't spoil a fab, if at times slightly damp, day of fun. Thankfully it was warm and mostly sunny. We had 30+ classes with a lot of entries for the dog show; pedigree for true to type dogs and fun classes. All our entrants went home with lots of rosettes. Our fantastic judges were Lyn Yeates and her steward Peter Horn. Everyone approved of the placings and experienced comments from Judge Lyn.

I am happy to report that we managed to sell lots of raffle tickets and over 25 prizes, ranging from a large drinks hamper to a chocolate bar, were joyfully received by the winners. Our Tombola was very popular too with lots of happy winners. A good selection of trade stands had lots of interest and I saw plenty of purchases being made throughout the day. There was jewellery, Forever Living products, bric a brac, homemade goods and LOTS of fabulous cakes made by two excellent bakers on offer. All the cakes went



down a treat. We are happy to say that we made a profit which will help to pay off some of our vet bills. A successful day all round!

May I just say a big thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to the Cross Keys for sponsoring a class in the dog show. Due to lots of requests we will be arranging another dog show very soon.

Enjoy the lovely weather and do call in and see our animals. Have a great July!

Barbara and Liam

Pet n Pat Animal Centre - therapy and education using animals

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The Reverend John Rees

Thoughts from The Rectory

Every time I have driven to Salisbury during the last year I have watched, with interest, the development of the new visitor centre at Stonehenge. It is now complete – and thankfully the road works which had surrounded it have largely gone. On 21st June many people went to Stonehenge to see the solstice sun rise over the stones – continuing a tradition that has gone on for thousands of years.

The light is wonderful at this time of year; I am writing this on a summer morning, with birdsong drifting in through the windows and the sun illuminating the rectory lawn, making even my rather rough lawn look golden. It is a time of year when it is easy to appreciate the beauty of the natural world. It is also a time when perhaps our thoughts more readily lead us to think about creation and the purpose of our lives.

The creation account in Genesis describes how God created light. For me there is no conflict between this Biblical account and scientific evidence that there was an abundance of light as the world was created.

Light is so important. One of Jesus' most famous sayings as recounted by St John is "I am the light of the world". The Christian message is that, through learning about Jesus and choosing to follow him, we discover our true purpose and become more fully the people God created us to be. Through living in relationship with Jesus through prayer and worship we may discover new peace and joy that can sustain us when life is hard. We give a lighted candle to those who are Baptised into God's Church as a symbol of the light Jesus offers to bring to our lives.

Jesus taught that we reveal his light in the world in the way in which we care for others and through our concern for justice. Within Rowde I believe one of the ways in which we do this best is through our community events. Do come and support the Village Fete on 5th July if you can – and if you choose to "soak the vicar", note that we are using sponges, not tomatoes!

Best wishes, John

Notes from our Churchwardens

Mothers' Union: Thursday 10 July at 12noon meet at The Rowdey Cow for lunch.

Ride & Stride: The annual sponsored cycle, horse ride or walk to raise funds for the Wiltshire Historical Churches Trust will take place on Saturday 13th September. We have had cyclists taking part for the past three years and St Matthew's gets to keep half of the money they raised. Also, we have been given a grant towards some of the repairs needed to the roof. Sponsor forms should be available soon.

World War 1 Commemoration: Each Parish in the Diocese has been asked to send

the names from the War Memorial to the Cathedral authorities so that, beginning at Evensong on Sunday 29th June and at Services and times of prayer during the days, names will be read out in the Cathedral up to Sunday 9th November (Remembrance Sunday) to honour the fallen.

Maureen Hiscocks

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PRAYER TREE

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

Perhaps you are worried about somebody in your family, maybe a friend is having a tough time at the moment, possibly you are concerned about something in your own life Why not ask God for help? Sometimes we also just want to say thank you to God.

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.

During the two family services – usually the first Sunday in St Matthew's Church and the fourth Sunday in Rowde School, 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.

July Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

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Date/Time	Service
Sunday 6 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Trinity 3 Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service (at Rowde Academy)
Wednesday 9 11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Trinity 4 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Family Communion, Bromham</i> Parish Communion
Wednesday 16 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
Sunday 20 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Trinity 5 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Family Communion with Baptism <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Sunday 27 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Trinity 6 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Morning Worship <i>Family Communion, Bromham</i>
August Sunday 3 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 3.00 pm	Trinity 7 Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service (in church) <i>WW1 Commemoration Service, Bromham</i>

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.

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Who to contact at The Community Foundation:

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Ailsa Devon
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NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Jolly June!

What a super month June has been so far. The sun has come out and everyone feels joyful and jubilant! We are no different here at school.

Our newly named Rowde Association Friends and Teachers (RAFT) hosted a really successful family BBQ and disco early in the month. It was a glorious evening and all had lots of fun. Our school Morris Dance side 'Rigel' were part of the evening's entertainment. They are fantastic dancers and if you want to see just how good they are, you can catch them on 5th July when they will be appearing at the Rowde Village fete.



After holding auditions earlier in the year, we held the live Finals of Rowde's Got Talent on Friday 13th June. We had 18 final diverse acts ranging from singers to magicians to flute players and they were all so talented. Our three judges had a real quandary choosing the winner. In the end the Rowde's Got Talent trophy was awarded to Kirstin Wright, in year 6, for her beautiful rendition of Hero by Enrique Inglesias.



We are currently running the Bike Ability course for the year 5 and 6 children to help them become safer when they ride their bikes.

We continue to use our outdoor swimming pool as we teach children a valuable life skill and how to have fun in the water.

Oh Jolly June! What a super month.

Lorraine Colquhoun, Headteacher



The mobile library stops in Rowde



Have you visited the mobile library recently? It stops at the Village Hall on alternate Mondays from 3.20 – 3.50. The mobile stocks a large range of information books and novels, from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies, cookery and gardening. There is also a wide selection of large print and talking books. Parents with young children, will find a great range of picture books, story CDs and films on DVD for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well.

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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Enterprise Day this term was all about learning outside the classroom. We were lucky enough to have a lovely sunny day enabling all the students and staff to work in our beautiful grounds. We had guests in to show us how to make a mosaic tiles. We span fleece on a spinning wheel to make wool. Owen our site manager helped the students make 2 more pig arks for Treacle and her piglets. We made hurdles from willow and continued work on our outdoor shelter. After all that hard work we enjoyed a scrumptious barbeque, followed by ice lollies.



On June 14th we held our annual school fete. We had more visitors than ever before. It was lovely to see so many old students returning so grown up. They enjoyed listening to the choir, lovely bacon rolls, cakes, face painting, nail painting, tombola and be able to purchase wonderful products made on our previous Enterprise days of individual mugs, coasters, table mats and much, much more.





The vintage cars, motor bikes, scooters and bikes as always were a great hit, bringing back lots of memories of the transport in their teenage years.

The proceeds from last year's fete were on show with our new Trim Trail, which was only completed the day before. This year we raised over £3,000 which will also go towards improving the playground equipment around the school. So thank you to everyone who helped donated or attended.



The School Council officially open the new Trim Trail on the 17th June, as they were involved in the planning and selection of equipment. They were the first lucky students to try it out, and gave big thumbs up.

Kate Bowerbank



JOHN'S FARM



What a fantastic Open Farm Sunday we had on 8th June. After a few weather worries on Saturday the sun shone and 1644 people came along. The barbeques were flat out for most of the six hours that we were open and everyone had a great time. We had a few more extra helpers this time and some different displays. The owls were a great success as were the Melksham beekeepers and all the others who came along including The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, The Woodland Trust, Rowde Village Shop and R Hunt Ltd from Tilshead who also loaned us some machinery. Both the village shop and The Rowdey Cow did a roaring trade.

We were also fortunate to have a range of old tractors and a traction engine that was kindly brought along by Sam Goddard from Chittoe. The children all enjoyed the straw slides and the pedal tractors and visiting all the small animals. One of the highlights was the sheep shearing which attracted a huge crowd.

Thanks to everyone who came along and to all the helpers and participants.

There were around 40 people involved but special thanks to Jan Barber for all her cooking, and to Eileen Parsons and Sue Cannings and their teams for running the barbeques. We had some generous donations for Help For Heroes,



which together with the surplus on the day means that we will be sending them a cheque for around £400.

Finally congratulations to Mollie Morris from Westminster Close, Devizes, who won the 'Guess the size and weight of Nibbles' competition. Her weight is 123.7kg, height 72cm. (Nibbles is a Shetland Pony!)



After clearing up it has been back to the farm. The recent spell of good weather has enabled us to complete all the haymaking and the bales are now safely stored inside ready for the winter. Crop spraying is now finished so we are waiting for the arrival of harvest. The next job is to make sure that the grain stores are cleaned out and that all the machinery is ready to go.

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm





Commemorating World War 1



Events are happening nationally to commemorate the outbreak of WW1 – so what is going to happen in Rowde? How can we remember what happened 100 years ago?

In last month's magazine we heard about a booklet being produced by Michael Cornwell and Ian Hughes to honour those from Rowde who fell during the war. If you have any information about anyone listed on the village's war memorial please contact Alan Watters, our Village News' editor – details in the magazine or on our village website.

Planning has already started on a range of other activities with the aim of involving as many people, of all ages, as possible. Events will be held in September and October culminating in two services – our usual service at 3pm on Remembrance Sunday (9th November) and an additional Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the churchyard at 11am on Tuesday 11th November.

WW1 will be a focus for the curriculum in the autumn term at Rowde Primary Academy. This will include learning about the role of horses in the war, how young men enlisted as soldiers in 1914, and the importance of helping on farms to ensure there was enough food for the nation. The school would love to involve members of the village in the children's learning programme. Do you have stories and pictures of relatives who fought in WW1? Please contact the headteacher, Lorraine Colquhoun, if you can help.

The school is also planning to host a 1914 tea party for the village in September – more information later. In church we will be making a special kneeler and you will be welcome to come in to St Matthew's and add some stitches - details to follow.

You will soon notice a large planter of flowers on The Hill which Pam Evans is organising. It is hoped that this will be a permanent floral memorial to

commemorate WW1. You may have already noticed the cross which has been cut into the grass in the churchyard – please keep an eye on that, too

The emblem of WW1 is of course the poppy. Already every family with a child in Rowde Primary Academy has been given a packet of poppy seeds to plant in their gardens and poppies are to be grown in the churchyard. We should have a splendid display of poppies around the village in the summer. However we would like to go one stage further and create a 'poppy trail' around the village in mid-October just before the school half term break. The aim is to cover the village with poppies of all sizes made from a range of materials – glass, wood, felt, recycled materials, paper or plastic. Angie Singh, who helped us make the Jubilee mosaic displayed in the Village Shop, is going to help us make mosaic poppies that will become permanent reminders of what happened 100 years ago. We have already had confirmation from a number of businesses in Rowde who will be making and displaying poppies for the trail including the Village Shop, the Cross Keys, the George and Dragon, Slades Garage, Andy Goodfield, HfT..... as well as our two schools – Rowde Primary Academy and Rowdeford – the Church, the Parish Council and Village Hall.

No community was untouched by the events of the Great War, which is why we have come together to mark the centenary – not just this year but over the next four years. Is there an event that you would like to arrange to help us commemorate the events of 100 years ago? If so let us know and we can add it to the list.

Look out for events as they are publicised and **start planning how you could make a poppy to put outside your house in October** – let's fill the village with poppies!

**Lorraine Colquhoun, John Rees
and Jackie Bawden**

DID YOU KNOW?

20 Facts about Swans

- 1: Swans, their nests and eggs are legally protected and it is an offence for anyone to interfere with a swan or intentionally injure, take or kill a wild swan.
- 2: There are three species of swan in the UK, but only the mute swan breeds here, the other two just over winter on these shores
- 3: The collective name for a group of swans is a bevy or lamentation
- 4: The belief that they mate for life is unfounded – they have an average of four mates during their lifetimes
- 5: The rumour of royal ownership also enhances the swan's regal bearing. In truth, the Queen only claims ownership of some unmarked swans on certain stretches of the Thames
- 6: Swans form strong emotional bonds when they do their pair up, and both parents play a role in guarding and bringing up their offspring
- 7: Young cygnets leave the nest after just two days and follow their parents to the water
- 8: Female swans are called pens and males are known as cobs
- 9: Swans weigh up to 12kg and take off by running across the water as fast as they can with their wings flapping.
- 10: Once airborne, swans can reach speeds of up to 55mph.
- 11: The V-shaped formation adopted by swans flying in groups is called a 'wedge'.
- 12: Swans often reuse the same nest each year, restoring it or rebuilding it as needed.
- 13: A swan's wing could break your arm, if you are a child or elderly, but it's almost unheard of, says the www.theswansanctuary.org.uk
- 14: Swans living on fresh water will typically eat pondweed, stonewort and wigeon grass, as well as tadpoles and insects such as milfoil.
- 15: If you want to feed swans then give them fresh bread - mould is poisonous to them - grain such as wheat or corn, and fresh greens such as lettuce or spinach. The food should be thrown onto the water so that they can swallow water with the food.
- 16: After the nest has been built, which usually takes two to three weeks, the egg laying process begins with an egg being laid every 12-24 hours.
- 17: Once all the eggs have been laid, which can take two to three weeks, they will all be incubated at the same time with hatching usually six weeks later.
- 18: New-born cygnets are mainly lost to crows, herons, magpies, turtles, pike and large perch. Both cygnets and full-grown swans are also the prey of foxes and mink.
- 19: If the nesting female or male bird has disappeared, or been killed, the other is quite capable of rearing the cygnets alone.
- 20: Swans hatch up to ten eggs at a time with the expectation of losing several. It is not uncommon for all cygnets to be lost to predators or for most of them to survive. As the parents grow older they learn from the experience of previous years.

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TO XP OR NOT TO XP...

To XP or Not To XP... That is the question... as William Shakespeare could have written.

You may be aware already that last month Microsoft stopped their support of their operating system Windows XP. Since its appearance in 2001, it has been in turn replaced by Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8 (which itself has moved to Windows 8.1). Despite these three (or even four) subsequent replacements there are plenty of Windows XP PCs and laptops still going strong out there. I will wager that a good number of you reading this article still have a windows XP system in your house – the P.C. Doctor has several!

But what is the impact of this dropping of support? Does it mean XP will stop working altogether? Or that it is inherently unsafe now? The answer to the first is as you will have probably realised already is a simple “No” ... XP will continue to run on the PC it is installed on doing what it has always done.

The reality of the situation is simply that Microsoft will no longer be issuing any “patches” to the operating system. Known as “updates” of course, these patches – or bug fixes and enhancements if you will – were the bits of software that they released in a steady stream over the years in order to fix problems and security issues in the software, or to improve aspects of it. As of April 2014 there simply aren't any more to come.

So what does this mean to an existing Windows XP user? Well ... that probably depends on your personal level of paranoia.

At one extreme, we could say that XP is no weaker now than it was on the day that support stopped (April 8, 2014 for the record). So if the PC is vulnerable now – it was on April 8th anyway so what's the difference? At the other extreme we could say that as time goes on any existing and remaining security issues will never be fixed and so are more likely to be eventually found and exploited. And for the uber-concerned, even that cyber-baddies were no using any exploits they had identified in the last year or so, waiting for Microsoft to shut up the support shop with them still present.

So ultimately what to do? Should you ditch the old XP system? Should you plough on regardless and maybe cross your fingers? Again – it's really down to your personal view of the risk. Certainly I couldn't say where on the spectrum of potential exposure XP sits currently, and the press is not full of stories of everybody running XP's lives collapsing because of global security meltdown via XP. The options come down to basically one of three:

- 1) Carry On XP-ing (matron!)
- 2) Upgrade the existing PC/laptop to a more up to date Windows that is still in support
- 3) Buy a new PC/laptop

In the next article, I'll look at the pros and cons of those three options. But in the meantime, as Shakespeare might have said...

“Alas, poor XP... I knew it well....”

The P.C. Doctor is on hand to help with all and any I.T. related issues.

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TEEN TOPICS

Leaving Rowde!

Having finished my AS exams and beginning my A2s, a sudden realisation occurred to me. In around 15 months, I will be leaving our lovely little village and heading off into the big wide world. Having just returned from a residential summer school at The University of the West of England where the aim was to get a taste of university life, I found myself with the scary thought that I'm going to have to grow up quite a bit. Don't get me wrong, working in a café



I'm used to having to clean and clear up, however the whole concept of cooking is rather alien to me. This is the person who forgot to put flour in cookies, and ended up burning a curry...if that was even possible. I'd like to think I can look after myself...mostly, although my standard of cleaning may be highly debated by my parents... What scares me is the fact that me, a little Rowde girl, is going to have to fend for herself and unfortunately there will be no Dad there to make me a cup of tea in the morning (which let's face it is a necessity). Having lived here since I was 9 years old, the fact that I'm leaving is a pretty horrible feeling although as a little side note to my Mum and Dad, I will be back!

Mols x

(Please email me your thoughts at mollydilling@googlemail.com)

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL Any Council Litter Bin Will Do

With the ever changing world of waste, it can make it difficult for anyone to understand how they should dispose of their litter, so the council is making it easy for residents with its 'Any Council Litter Bin Will Do' campaign.

The message is a simple one. Whether dog waste, litter, cigarette butts or chewing gum; put it in your nearest litter waste bin.

If you are walking your dog and there is a nearby litter bin, you can simply use this. If there is no nearby litter bin, take it home and dispose of it in the council provided household waste bin.

There is no longer a need for expensive specialised bins for dog waste as all the council's disposal facilities can accept this waste. This means all litter can be simply mixed and disposed of together. Easier, cheaper and more convenient.

Although the number of litter bins the council has in the community is fixed, Wiltshire Council is happy to re-site litter bins if requested by a parish or town council. This allows parish and town councils to identify their local needs and requirements.

Providing the number of litter bins in an area does not exceed the current numbers, the council is happy to assist.

The council will also be reviewing the frequency of emptying litter bins over the next twelve months. There are some very exciting innovations that allow the council to match the frequency of emptying to the use of a litter bin, maximising the use of resources and ensuring Council Tax Payers money is wisely spent.

Parish and town councils who may wish to relocate existing bins should contact their local Highways Coordinator on the below number to request the changes.

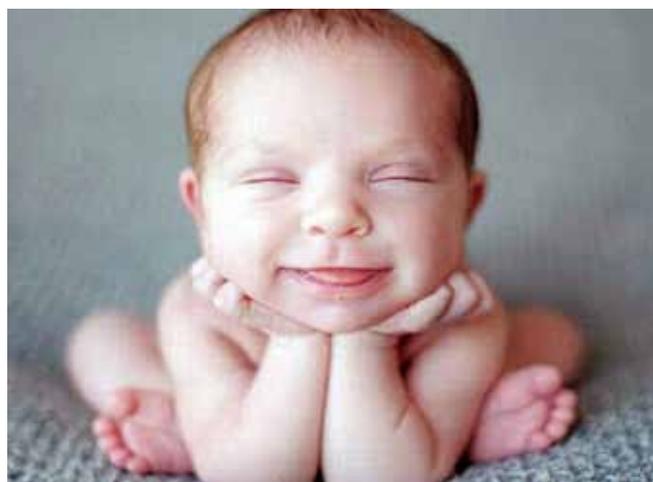
There is also new legislation that means that certain commercial premises are responsible for their customer's waste outside their properties. Sometimes the best way to meet this requirement is for the premises to provide and maintain litter bins themselves. This only recognises what historically the local village shop undertook, or new businesses, such as McDonalds, with their provision of community litter bins. If town or parish councils wish to discuss these arrangements their local Coordinator will also be pleased to help.

I hope this is useful and remember next time you are walking your dog 'any council litter bin will do!'

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PHOTO FUN

Funny baby pictures this month! Do you have any amusing photos of people or pets? Send them in!



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CROSS-COUNTRY SCOOT TO HELP CANCER CAUSE

Cancer sufferer Kevin Earley and his friend battled through torrential rain to ride the length of Great Britain on their Lambretta scooters.



Kevin and Paul before the off at Lands End

Mr Earley, of Tanis, Rowde, and Paul McNeil, of Holt, near Trowbridge, did the ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in four days to raise money for the NET Patient Foundation. Mr Earley, 42, has Neuroendocrine Tumours (NETs), a rare cancer, and wanted to help the foundation. So far, he and Mr McNeil have raised £2,400. Mr Earley, a plant superintendent at DS Smith Packaging in Devizes, and Mr McNeil, a painter and decorator, drove for up to 11 hours a day. It took them 37 hours, of which 34 were in torrential rain.

Mr Earley said: "We started off in rain and we were soaked through. On day one from Land's End we came through Chippenham and Melksham. We were so close to home that it would have been nice to stop but we told ourselves we had to keep going for the charity. The last 100 miles we were driving through sea mist so it was difficult to see. Afterwards my whole body was in absolute pain."

Both men rode the first 800 miles on 1964 Lambretta LI 125cc scooters with a top speed of 55mph. For the final 180 miles they used their spare Lambrettas – Mr Earley on a GP 125 made in 1985 and Mr McNeil on a Chopper made in 1971. Mr McNeil, 45, said it was a forgettable experience. He said: "Day two was absolutely horrendous with torrential rain. They were shutting off roads where it flash flooded. It



Kevin and Paul on arrival at John O'Groats

was an achievement to do it for Kevin's cause, it makes it a bit more special."

Mr Earley, who has been with his partner Vicky for 14 years, was diagnosed with NETs in February 2013. He had a tumour removed from his bowel four months later but he has numerous tumours on his liver that are being controlled by monthly injections. He said: "My dad had NETs and died of it. But I'm one of those people that nothing is going to get me down." He thanked his employers for their support.

To donate, go to www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/LE2JOG2014. Thanks for your support.

ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY PUPILS LEARN ABOUT FIRST WORLD WAR

Youngsters at Rowde Primary Academy will be learning about the First World War to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War.

During the autumn term they will be learning about the role of horses in the war, how young men enlisted as soldiers in 1914 and the importance of helping on farms to ensure there was enough food for the nation.

The school would like to hear of any stories and photographs of relatives who fought in the war.

The school is also planning to host a 1914 tea party for the village in September

FARM VISITS GROW IN POPULARITY

Children taking a course at Braeside education centre in Devizes had a fascinating day being shown round a working farm on the outskirts of the town.



Megan and Ryan enjoy meeting goats at Rowdefield Farm, Rowde

John Butler, of Rowdefield Farm in Rowde, has been hosting groups of children from Wiltshire Council's education centre for the last ten years and the tours have become very popular.

Mr Butler said: "The last two years have seen over 40 schools per year and over 1,000 children visiting."

Pupils from Broad Town Primary School were the latest to enjoy the guided tour around the farm, examining crop seed and their uses, comparing and selecting different animal feeds, feeding the chickens and collecting the eggs, handling newly hatched chicks and ducks and meeting this year's lambs and kids.

Older pupils also had the chance to milk the farm's life-size model cow and sit on a tractor.

The farm's barn classroom is equipped with presentation facilities so that sessions can take place indoors if the weather is inclement.

MOTORCYCLE COLLIDES WITH CAR IN ROWDE

There was an accident in Rowde on the evening of Friday 6th June where a young motorcyclist was apparently overtaking a car on the bend outside the George and Dragon and collided with a car. It was just before 7pm and I was returning from work and unfortunately didn't have my camera with me but I managed to take some images on my iPhone (see next column).

The road was closed at both ends of the high street for a couple of hours. The motorcyclist was in the back of the ambulance when I arrived but a policeman at the scene told me that he was 'the walking wounded' and that he was a very lucky lad.

Alan Watters (Ed)

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CAR GOES OFF ROAD AT CAEN HILL AND ROWDE JUNCTION

Police and ambulance crews were at the scene of an accident at Caen Hill where a car had gone off the road on the morning of Wednesday 11th June..

It is believed that a vehicle pulled out in front of a woman, who was driving a Seat Leon, on the A361 Caen Hill at the junction to Rowde. She took avoiding action and left the road. Traffic was said to be flowing freely and no lanes of the dual carriageway had been closed. When police arrived just before 8.30am, a few minutes after the incident, she had left her car. A road sign is believed to have been damaged and the woman did not suffer serious injury.

CAN YOU HELP NAME ROWDE'S NEW-BORN CYGNETS AT CAEN HILL LOCKS?

Five new-born cygnets at the historic Caen Hill lock flight on the Kennet & Avon Canal in Rowde are proving popular with visitors.



Some of the yet-to-be-named cygnets at Caen Hill locks, Rowde, with their parents

And ecologists from the Canal & River Trust, the charity which cares for 2,000 of waterways in England and Wales, have asked for help from wildlife lovers to name them, as they monitor the cygnets and their mum and dad - Pain and Backside - throughout the summer. The team are providing regular blog updates, photos and video so that people can watch the mute swan family progress including the young, which were born at the end of April, getting their first swimming lessons, meals and interacting with other wildlife on the waterway.

If you want to suggest a name for one of the cygnets email wildlife.caenhill@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Laura Plenty, Canal & River Trust ecologist, said: "The cygnets are doing really well at the moment, they are full of personality, and we've

had visitors from as far away as Australia and Canada who've taken an interest in them. There is always so much going on at Caen Hill. We've seen everything here from snakes to iguanas to TV celebrities in the past, so it will be great to watch the swan family as they interact with everything on the canal. It'd be great to give them each a name as we watch them grow and learn the skills they need to survive on their own. We like to think we've got a few creative brains in the team, but it'd be great if people lent us a hand and gave us their suggestions. At this stage we're not sure which are male and which are female, so names to suit both sexes would be great. One thing I would stress though is that like any new parent swans can get a bit protective, so if you are visiting the canal it's important to give them their space and, importantly, keep dogs on a lead if you are around them."

Last year the new born swans at Caen Hill were named Marmite, Blackberry Jam, Strawberry Jam and Lemon Curd.

Follow the fortunes of the cygnets, watch video clips and read more of Alan Giddings' Locks stories at <http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/wildlife-at-caen-hill-lock-flight/alans-stories>

CANAL CREATION

The creation of a canal through Melksham could herald a £55 million windfall for the town, according to a new report from a leading environmental consultancy. The Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, which has worked to restore the Melksham Link, has commissioned the report from Amec Environmental, which claims it could attract a new marina development, hotel and canal-side housing.

The 52-page document suggests 250 jobs would be created during the construction of the link, which would see the Kennet and Avon canal at Semington connected to the River Avon. It also estimates around 100 new jobs would be created in tourism and says house prices near the route would increase. A planning application was submitted last year and Trust secretary Chis Coyle said "hopefully that will be approved some time during 2014. Then we would like to see it finished in five years."

The scheme is estimated to cost £21 million, and will be funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and other private investment.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Clarebout

Margaret (Meg) Clarebout, a former midwife and district nurse in Devizes and resident of Rowde, has died aged 91.

Mrs Clarebout, nee McPherson was born at Loch Gilphead, Scotland, in 1923 and was later put up for adoption. After leaving school she started nursing at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and became a midwife. In 1955 she moved to work in Wiltshire and spent the majority of her time working in Devizes as a midwife then a district nurse.

She lived in Rowde, firstly in Springfield Road followed by Rowde Court Road.

At the age of 62 she married for the first time to Douglas Clarebout, an ex-submariner. Sadly he died after two years of marriage. She was very outgoing, loved dogs and owned a succession of dogs. She also enjoyed travelling, was a terrific gardener and was a prolific knitter. She featured on a television advert for knitting hats for Innocent fruit drink bottles.

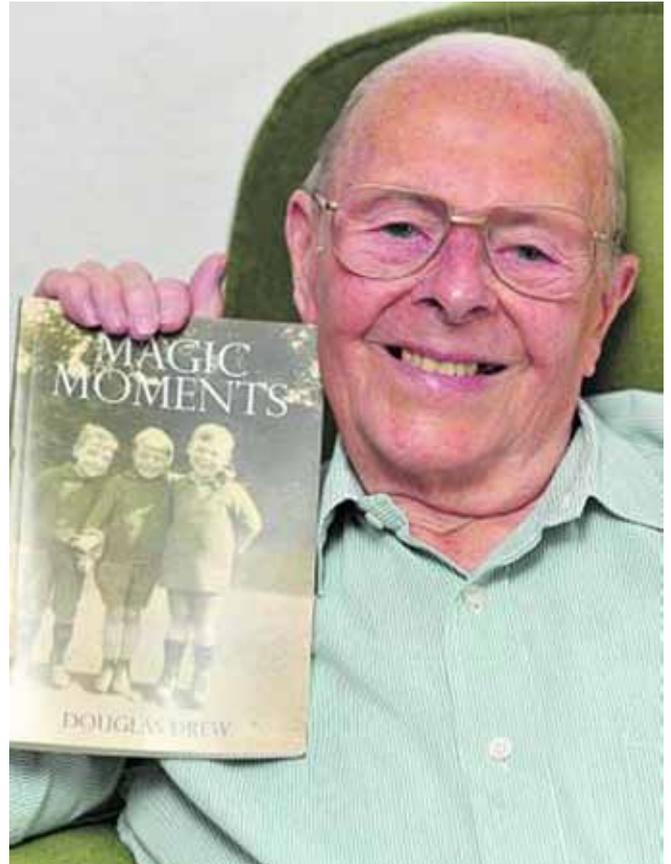
Mrs Clarebout was still living at home until she became ill last July. She moved into Anzac House, Devizes, and after having a stroke and being treated in hospital moved to Avonmead Care Home, Devizes, where she died on May 20. Her funeral service was at the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes. Donations in her memory will go to the church c/o Charles S. Winchcombe & Son funeral directors.

Victor Leonard "Gyp" Russ

Russ Victor Leonard "Gyp" Of Rowde, passed away on Sunday, 8th June 2014, aged 68. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service was on Wednesday, 18th June 2014 at St. Matthew's Church, Rowde. Donations, if wished, to Dorothy House Hospice Winsley.

THE LIFE OF DOUGLAS DREW

Former Rowde resident Douglas Drew, who wrote about his life, has died, aged 98. Mr Drew's book, Magic Moments, featured his childhood growing up in Rowde, his working life and marriage to his beloved wife, Hazel. He wrote the book in 2011 when he was 95. It is a fascinating story about an ordinary man who grew up in poverty and worked hard to look after his family. The title of the book was a tribute to his wife, to whom he was married for 70 years. Hazel died in 2010, aged 93.



After leaving school at 14 Mr Drew's first job was as a milkman in Rowde and Bromham. He went on to work at Fortt Brothers, a grocer's shop in Devizes Market Place, followed by a shop in Bath. It was while he was delivering to customers that he met his wife, Hazel, who was a maid at Hillworth House, Devizes. He went on to work for Short Bros aircraft factory in Swindon and he and his wife lived in Swindon. Mr Drew went on to run the paint shop and was awarded the Imperial Service Medal for meritorious service when he retired in 1979.

There are copies of Mr Drew's book in Rowde Village Shop. Proceeds go to Cancer Research UK.

Alan Watters, editor of the Rowde Village News, said: "He was a charming man and full of fun, even at 98. Not long before he died he had said he wanted to make it to 100. He loved to visit Rowde, he loved the area and loved life. He certainly loved his wife; the book was dedicated to her."

FURNITURE DUO JOIN SCHOOL

The former owners of Mark Wilkinson Furniture have become the patrons of the Rowdeford Charity Trust.

Mark and Cynthia Wilkinson, of Bromham, said they were delighted to join the trust, which raises funds for projects to advance the education of children with special needs.



Mark and Cynthia Wilkinson, centre, are the new joint patrons of the Rowdeford Charity Trust. They are with trustees Mike Bowden, left and Jonny Grew, right. At the back are Joe, headteacher Ingrid Sidmouth, Zara, Bradley, Lauren, Josh and Daniella

The projects are carried out at Rowdeford School, a special school in Rowde that caters for children from all over Wiltshire. The trust has raised more than £1m since it was set up by Mike Bowden in 2001. The trust's previous patron was Jane Ancram, wife of former Devizes MP Michael Ancram.

Recently Mr and Mrs Wilkinson met pupils, staff, governors, trustees and friends of Rowdeford and observed pupils helping to construct a pig ark for rare breed lop-eared pig Treacle and her offspring, which are now full-time residents at the school.

They also saw a hen house being built and the completion of a giant mosaic.

The trust is preparing to raise more than £400,000 for the ECO Centre project, to restore and develop the one remaining original building on the site, the kennels.

Mr Wilkinson, 63, who is semi-retired, was previously patron of the trust's arts therapy centre. He is severely dyslexic and left school unable to read or write. He achieved an OBE and is a member of Mensa.

"The children at Rowdeford are capable, artistic and they count. Rowdeford is a beautiful place and the whole school is quite literally run with love." He said: "I found something akin to a Rowdeford moment happened as one teacher said something I had made was lovely and said well done to me."

MOTOR RACING: TITLE CHANGE IS KNOCKED OFF COURSE

22-year-old Jake Honour, who lives in Rowde, began his race career by converting his road-going 2.0 litre Renaultsport Clio 197 to compete in the inaugural Road Series last year. Jake Honour concedes that winning the Michelin Clio Cup Road Series title could now prove too difficult as he comes to terms with the knock-on effect of his first-ever crash.



Honour is currently second in the standings at the halfway point of this year's series, after two victories and two other podium finishes during the first six rounds, but his trusty Clio is in need of serious repair following a crash at Donington in early June.

He admits his car may not be ready for rounds seven and eight at Brands Hatch on July 26-27 and has already turned his thoughts towards moving up to the Race Series class next year.

"You don't really think about what happens 'if' you crash – it's more 'when' you crash," said Honour, who grew up in Melksham.

"I was going well (at Donington) but a guy in another class started spinning next to me and when he hit me, it caused the car behind me to go into me too. When I took the car to the body shop, they said it was in one of the worst states they'd ever seen.

It needs a new shell and a total re-build and when I went into the gravel, that snapped the cam belt, so the engine got damaged too.

It will be costly and I'm going to have to up to Jade Developments a few times to get the work done.

I'd love to be back for the next round but I'm not too sure that I will be.

The guy who's top (Anton Spires) won the race where I crashed and I think he's too far in front of me now.

I'm still going to get back and do as many rounds as I can because it's all good experience. I want to look into doing the Race Series next year but that's going to be a step up"

ROWDE CALLOUT DURING STRIKE

There were 20 callouts across Wiltshire for county fire crews during a 24-hour strike on 12 June. These included three false alarms, one of which was a smell of gas at Rowde School that was a false alarm with good intent, and was attended by a crew from Devizes. Crews at ten of Wiltshire's 24 fire stations were unavailable to respond to incidents during the strike, but the service had contingency plans in place to maintain cover across the county using on-call firefighters and alternative locations.

POLICE PLEA FOR WITNESSES AFTER ACCIDENT



Police have appealed for witnesses to an accident which closed the A361 between Seend Fork and Caen Hill in both directions on 12th June. The accident at the entrance to Caen Hill Marina, Lower Foxhangers, involved a motorcycle and a car. The motorcyclist was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg. Police say that the road was closed at 7.20am, one lane being reopened at 7.50am with traffic being directed by officers, who were there until the vehicles were removed. Anyone who saw what happened should call police on 101.

THE ARCHER PEARCE DUO VISITS ROWDEFORD SCHOOL



On the morning of 11th June, John Pearce (violin) and Dave Archer (guitar) gave a workshop at Rowdeford School which involved, fascinated and stimulated some 40 or so pupils. A very worthwhile finale to the Duo's visit to the Devizes festival.

TOP GOLF SIGNING FOR FORMER ROWDE ACADEMY PUPIL

Lindendwood Women's Golf (USA) signs Hannah Stradling for 2014-15 season

Hannah Stradling is an ex-Rowde Academy pupil and Devizes Sports College student. She first started playing golf when she was 11 years old, on a holiday to the Isle of Wight and caught the bug for the game.



She pursued playing Golf at Whitley Golf Club, a nine hole club based in Shaw and then became a member of Upavon Golf Club, where she is still a member. Hannah has represented Wiltshire County Junior golf team for 4 consecutive years. She is currently the 2014 Junior County captain and is also playing for the Ladies Wiltshire County Team. Hannah has



a string of titles behind her, including the Upavon Ladies Club Champion 2013, the West of England Net Champion in 2013 and making three appearances at the English Girl's Championships.

The 18 year old received a Golf Scholarship from Hartpury Sports College in Gloucester when she completed her GCSE's at Devizes Sports College in 2012. She successfully completed her BTEC Level 3 extended Diploma in Sporting Excellence in Golf on the 18th June 2014. Hannah represented Hartpury at numerous College events and her team were crowned the BCS National Champions in 2014.

Hannah is now headed for Lindenwood University in Illinois, America, flying out on the 18th of August this year. She is the first female international student to be signed for the women's golf team at the prestigious American University and has received an 85% scholarship to study Sports Management. She has yet to decide what minor she will be studying alongside her major of Sports Management.

After having been granted the scholarship Hannah said: "I am so excited about starting university in America, it is such a fantastic opportunity and I just know I'm going to really enjoy it. I was over the moon when I was offered the Scholarship from Lindenwood University; it was the culmination of a lot of hard work, hours of practicing and playing tournaments. When I signed the contract it was the most exciting day of my life. After boarding at Hartpury College for these past two years I feel prepared, especially with the amount of golf I have played – I have worked extremely hard for this opportunity. My family are incredibly supportive and I would never have even picked up a club if it weren't for them!"

Hannah is now preparing for her final few competitions in England, including the Ladies Championships at Upavon and the County Championships at the end of July before heading off to the States.

ROWDE ANIMAL CENTRE RAISES MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

An animal centre in Rowde, closed due to the equine disease strangles, held an open day on Saturday 28th June to help pay vet's bills.

Last December Pet 'N' Pat Animal Centre had nine ponies which had the disease. Two of them



Barbara Mills

died, one from meningitis and one suffered a heart attack. The remaining seven ponies are being kept away from the other animals.

Manager Barbara Mills said: "They haven't had any signs of strangles since January. They are kept on their own. We need to find £2,500 to test them."

The animals are used for education and therapy, especially for people with health or behavioural issues.

The centre, at Malthouse Farm, Cock Road, had a family fun day and dog show on the Saturday. Entry was free but dog show entries cost £2 and there were also donation buckets to raise extra money.

ROWDE VILLAGE FETE WILL SUPPORT THE 'GIVE US A CHANCE' APPEAL

The next fundraising events for the Gazette and Herald's 'Give Us A Chance' appeal will be the Rowde Village Fete on July 5, from 11.30-4pm. It is being organised by the parish council and will be held on the play area next to the church.

Attractions will include a variety of stalls and sideshows and a beer tent.



THREE ROWDE ARTISTS FEATURE IN THIS YEAR'S MARLBOROUGH OPEN STUDIOS!

There's a buzz in the countryside!

This summer, more than 50 artists will be opening their studio doors, taking part in Marlborough Open Studios, over four weekends starting 28/29 June, 5/6, 12/13 and 19/20 July.

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Our website www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk is packed with information on all the artists, and we have suggested trails to follow with nice places to eat and interesting things to see on the way.

Many shops in Marlborough High Street will also feature artworks from most of our artists, and a guide for this will be in our brochure. These will be distributed far and wide in the area from the middle of May.

Please come and support our artists - we need them and it would be a dull world without them!

The Rowde artists taking part are Ann Swan, Jill Myerscough and Caroline Keevil.

Ann Swan is one of this country's leading botanical artists working primarily in coloured pencil and graphite. Ann's original pencil drawings take many hours of intense observation and are imbued with a strong sense of design. She takes her inspiration from our rich and diverse plant life and makes us look with fresh eyes at the familiar. She teaches from Rowde Court Studios in Marsh Lane and around the world and shares her techniques in her book 'Botanical Painting with Coloured Pencils'.

Jill Myerscough lives in The Manor house just off the High Street in Rowde. Jill's original background in textiles informs her passion for natural forms in landscape and in her still life paintings. Her particular interest in colour and light permeates throughout her work, creating harmonious compositions and painterly affects. Her work is influenced by Winifred Nicholson and Ivon Hitchens

Caroline Keevil migrated from Clewancy to Rowde earlier this year and looks forward to welcoming you to her new studio at The Old Vicarage. There will be tea, coffee and homemade brownies and a warm welcome. Caroline specialises in calligraphy.

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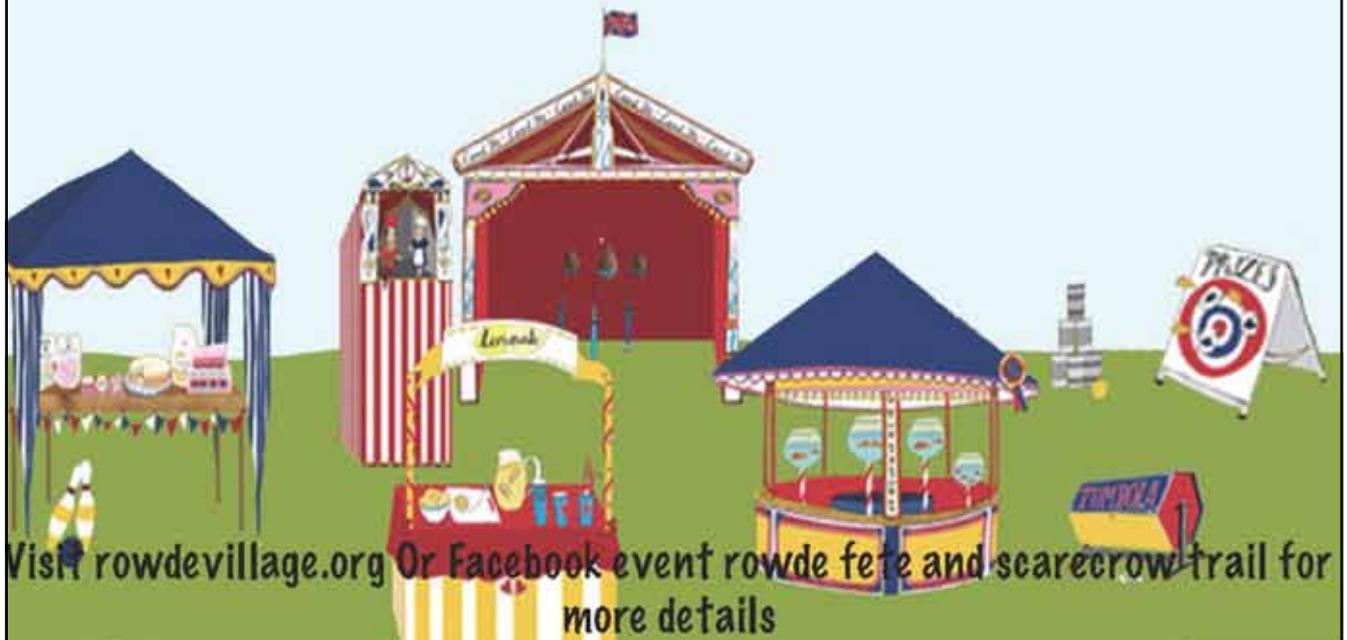
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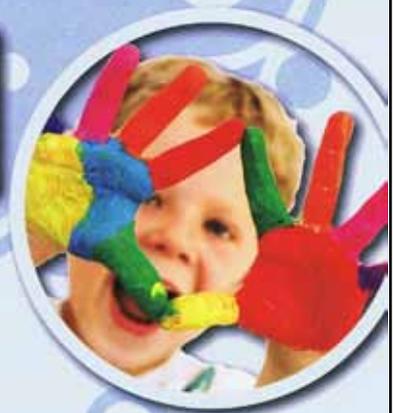
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2. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
3. I went to a bookshop and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self-help section?" and she said, if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
4. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
5. Is there another word for synonym?
6. Where do forest workers go to "get away from it all?"
7. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
8. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
9. Why do they lock petrol station toilets? Are they afraid someone will break in and clean them?
10. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is it homeless or naked?
11. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
12. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
13. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
14. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
15. How is it possible to have a civil war?

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SALADS & PUDDINGS EVENING IS A BIG HIT!

A Salads and Puddings Evening was held in St Matthew's church on 6th June.

Once again it was a great success, and it was lovely to see some new faces in church.

Jane and Gavin Moss were the main organisers and have now calculated the amount of money raised and they are really pleased to say that the total was £332.95.

Many thanks go out to everyone who made Salads and Puddings and to those that helped with the setting up, serving out, clearing up, and flower arranging - the event couldn't happen without you all.



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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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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The newness of the changing seasons

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Author unknown

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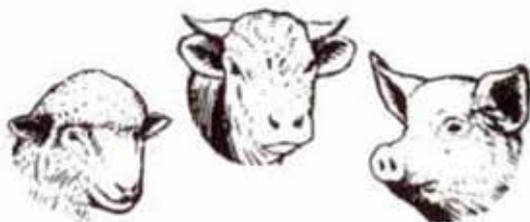
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Our next Eye Chat takes place on Wednesday 23 July at our new premises at St Lucy's, The Beeches, Browfort, Bath Rd, Devizes SN10 2AT from 10:30 am. We'll be doing some fun patchwork crafts as well.

For more information call Maggie Hemmings on 01380 723682 or email Margaret.hemmings@wiltshireblind.org

Kind Regards

Tina Stone

ASCENSION DAY 2014

Dear Friends

Two weeks after my licensing in Ashbury Church and we are just about beginning to feel that things are settling down and there is time to write a proper letter rather than the hasty emails of recent days. Progress is defined as asking "where did we put" rather than "which box is it in?" Finding our way around the churches is still challenging the brain cell as the pattern is more complex than in Rowde & Bromham, but I am trying not to confuse people too much and everyone is making us very welcome.

Those who predicted that changing home and job at the same time would be stressful were absolutely right – and that was before we knew what chaos BT could wreak! After a month without email, Richard's idea of going on an internet-free retreat has now been abandoned. And, to be fair, having found a real person at BT who understood our problems, they could not have been more helpful.

We are still overwhelmed when we reflect on all your kindnesses: the cards, the prayers, the books, the painting of Sandy Lane Church, the sight of so many familiar faces in Ashbury and the very generous cheques made us feel very honoured. Dad says that, if we ever need a reference, all we need to do is let them read the lovely friendship book with the many messages of support. I think the only way we can ever thank you is by making a success of this new opportunity and continuing to practice the things you taught us about friendship, hospitality and service – not

to mention doing one scary thing every day (which is quite easy as you try and learn your way around a new benefice and diocese!). We thought and prayed very hard about how to spend our/your money – and the answer has come in the form of an invitation to Richard to join a group from Salisbury which is going into South Sudan in September (hostilities permitting). Part of the plan is to hold some kind of event while they are there, and those in the group are asked to raise funds locally, so your generosity is reaching out a long way. Richard will let you (us!) know how things are progressing and perhaps (with John's permission!) come back and talk about his trip.

With love and thanks and continued prayers – do come and see us in our new home

**Richard and Norma
PUDDING PRAISE!**

Just to say a huge thank you to everyone that came along to the Salads and Puddings Evening on 6th June.

Once again it was a great success, and it was lovely to see some new faces in church.

I have now calculated the amount of money that we raised and I am really pleased to say that the total was £332.95

Many thanks to everyone who made Salads and Puddings and to those that helped with the setting up, serving out, clearing up, and flower arranging - we couldn't do it without you

Look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

**Thank you again
Gavin and Jane**

'FIRST NEWS' SPRING EDITION

The Spring edition of our publication "First News" can now be found on the home page of our website www.communityfirst.org.uk.

In this issue you will find news on the launch of the Repair Academy, Village Hall, Community Transport, Link and Youth Action Wiltshire along with other news about Community First services and projects.

If you would like to become a member of Community First or wish to renew your membership, information can be found on www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/support-us including membership forms.

**With kind regards.
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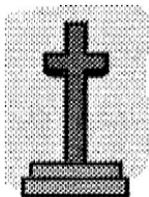
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				1				6
		5						
			3	9	2	7	4	
	9	4			8			7
8			4				6	
	3	2			9			8
			6	5	7	9	2	
		7						
				3				4

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (easy this month)

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

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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

Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

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
Assistant Curate: Rev. Norma Fergusson - Tel: 850811

Church Choir

Practice Thursdays at 7 pm
Nicola Brown 722406

Church Wardens

Maureen Hiscocks Tel: 01380725406
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Clarence

0800 232323

Community Advisor Emergency Planning

Yan Ellis, Tel: 01380
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Doctor

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

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Footpaths

Ben Bentley 01380 728360

Garage

Slades of Rowde Tel: 01380727936

Good Neighbour Coordinator

Caroline Culley 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
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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: 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

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Enquiries - Tel: 07926952631
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Estcourt - Tel: 723687
McQueens - Tel: 728505
The Paddock - Tel: 813202

Village Shop

Veronica Seedhouse
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Website

www.rowdevillage.org
amanda@homegrownpigs.co.uk
Tel: 01225 704054
or contact Rebekah by email at
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Youth Clubs

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

Village Diary



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5 July **Alice in Wonderland** (see page 16)
5 July **Rowde Village Fete** (see page 35)
5 July ~~**A Frayed Knot Concert**~~ (Please note that this event has been CANCELLED)
5 & 6 July **Open Studios in Rowde** (see back page)
9 July **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
12 & 13 July **Open Studios in Rowde** (see back page)
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18 August **Monday Club 30 Years Tea Party** (see page 42)
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

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

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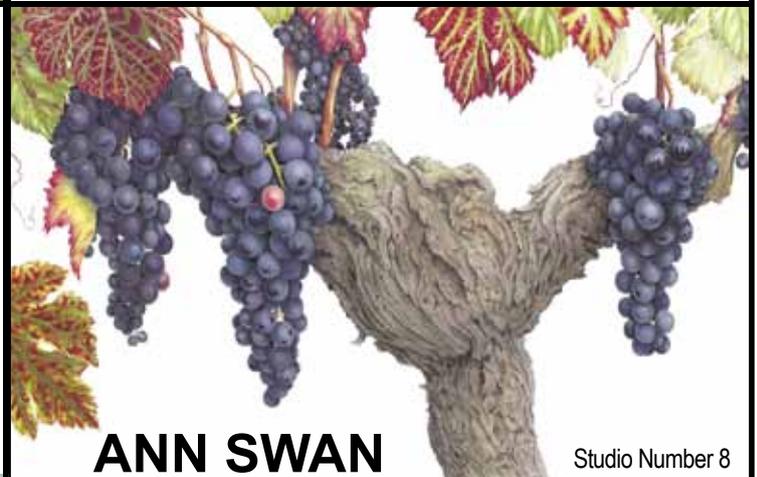
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Studio Number 7

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Studio Number 8

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