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Editorial

Welcome to the February/March edition of the Rowde Village News and I hope you enjoy reading it.

This issue we have the usual great reports from our schools, clubs and societies and also some excellent articles.

There's a great fun column on page 12 with quotes and jokes from Lee Mack and there's a very good Eating Out review on page 7. The Haveli Indian Restaurant in Bromham is featured this time. Hugh and Judy Whittle sent in the excellent review and Ann and I were also there just the other night and we agreed that it is so much better under the new management than when it was The Coconut and very definitely worth a visit.

For our very much younger readers we have a super new colouring in competition with a prize for the winning entry. You'll find it on pages 17 & 18.

In preparation for the growing season we have another new feature on page 46 which focuses on what needs doing in the garden over the next couple of months.

And you can read all about how you can get involved in Rowde's VE Day celebrations on page 32.

You will find a new format bus timetable on page 55 which we will endeavour to keep up to date for future issues but you can also look up the latest information on the Faresaver website.

Finally, please note that we have a new magazine distribution manager in Deborah Clarke and you will find her contact details at the bottom of this page. Deborah will also be supplying the Hft articles from this issue on and her first excellent submission is on pages 24 and 25.

**Cheers,
Ed**

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Contributors please also note:

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15th of every second 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 the views of the magazine's editorial team.

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Cover Photographs

The photo of a sunrise on the front cover this month was taken by the editor from the path alongside the sports field leading down to the canal, not far from the tennis courts and allotments. The 'big sun' shot was captured recently on an iPhone whilst on an early morning dog walk and is published completely unedited.

The equally impressive photo of a robin on the back cover this month was taken in his garden in Rowde by Mark Somerville. Another nice one!

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On November 26th the members of the Ladies Club went to The Crown in Devizes for a Christmas Lunch which we all enjoyed. The winner of the raffle for part payment of the meal was Mrs. M. Hayter.

The next meeting will be held on January 28th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall followed by meetings on February 25th and March 31st.

Di. Buckland , Secretary 01380723049

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas Bazaar held on November 30th was again very successful with over £600 being made for Hall funds. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way by donating prizes, items for the stalls etc. or who supported the event on the day and to our loyal team of volunteers who help 'man' the stalls as without you we would not be able to hold these events.

There was a Grand Raffle with 34 prizes and the winner of the lovely Christmas Cake kindly made and donated by Mrs.C.Hayes was Mr.D.Reed. The name the Teddy raffle was won by Darcey Briggs.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 3rd AT 8.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL. (See separate notice).

N.B. We urgently need volunteers to help with the general upkeep and running of the Hall to enable it to be a clean, warm and friendly place to use for meetings, parties etc. If you could spare a little time to help please contact me.

Can we remind everyone that the Village Hall Car Park is for Village Hall users only and NOT a Public Car Park.

We have had several instances where non users of the Village Hall have had their cars locked in overnight causing distress to the car owners and inconvenience to the Village Hall Committee.

FUTURE EVENTS:

MARCH 3rd A.G.M.

MARCH 21st BRIC A BRAC SALE

MAY 2nd PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

AUGUST 1st FLOWER SHOW

OCTOBER (Date to be announced)

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

DECEMBER 5th CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Barrie Barrett, Chairman 722186

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

If you are looking for information about support and services available to older people, do have a look at the Age UK website. They will tell you about benefits available, getting a replacement driving licence once you reach 70, and arranging social care. (www.ageuk.org.uk) You can also ring or visit the local office in Devizes.

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Have you heard of the taxi service 'Driving Miss Daisy'? If you need to go to the doctor, dentist, shopping or anywhere else the driver will collect you and accompany you on your visit before bringing you back home. If you would like to know more, do contact me.

Do visit Monday club at Bromham Social Centre any Monday (10.30 – 12) if you would like to find out more about us.

For more information please contact :

Caroline Culley,

07557 983940 / 01380 850531

carolineculley1@outlook.com

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

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club went to the Cross Keys on December 3rd for their Christmas Lunch. Everyone enjoyed the lovely meal and the warmth from the log fire! The Choir from Rowde Academy came and put us in the 'Christmas mood' by singing Christmas songs and carols. The members would like to express their thanks to both the Staff of the Cross Keys and the children for making our Dinner so enjoyable.

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January 7th in the Village Hall when we played Card Bingo with the winners being: Mrs.D.Reeves, Mrs.P.Chorley and Mrs.M.Hayter.

The next meeting will be held on February 4th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. If you are at 'a loose end' why not come along and have a 'cuppa' and chat.

Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

HIWAY CLUB

(for the hearing impaired)

The members of the Hiway Club (for the Hearing Impaired) held their Christmas Evening in the Village Hall on November 27th. We all enjoyed the American style supper where everyone brought along a plate of food to share. After the supper we played Musical Bingo with the winners being Mrs.S.Drew, Mrs.A.Grant and Mr.J.Meach.

Raffle winners were: Miss.G.Harris, Mr.B.Barrett, Mr.K.Jacomb, Mrs.E.Reynolds, Miss.E.Harris, Miss N.Drew, Mrs.D. Lewis, Mrs.S.Drew, Mr.J.Meach, Mrs.L.Harris, Mrs.A.Grant, Mrs.B.Gurke, Mrs.D.Buckland, Mr.J.Harris and Mrs.Y.Atkins.

The next meeting will be held on March 25th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Di Buckland (Secretary) 723049

ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The December book club meeting took the form of a very enjoyable evening with festive meal at the George and Dragon. There was very little book related discussion, other than 'draw from the hat' members suggestions for future reads. Those chosen are as follows:

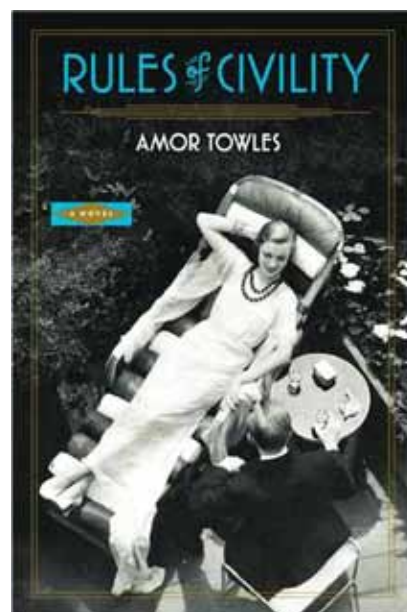
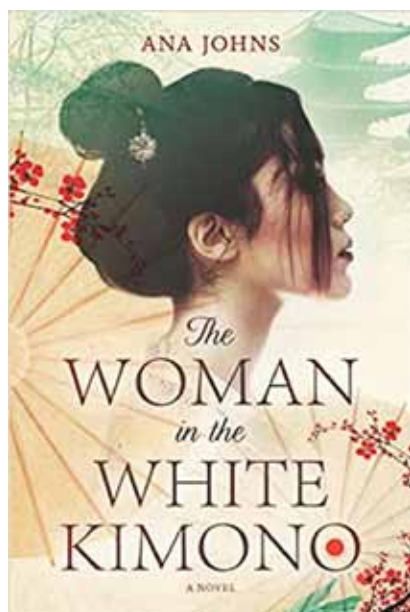
The January book chosen is "The Woman in the White Kimono" by Ana Johns to be discussed at the meeting on 22nd January.

The February book will be "Big Sky" by Kate Atkinson to be discussed on 26th February.

The March book will be "The Rules of Civility" by Amor Towells for the meeting on 25th March.

Best wishes for 2020 and happy reading to all.

Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.



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EATING OUT - HAVELI INDIAN RESTAURANT

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The Haveli Restaurant re-opened under new owners last summer.

We have eaten there several times since, including twice already this year. We have also enjoyed a take-away from there.

Haveli serves a wide range of dishes, some cooked in the tandoor. Quite a number were unfamiliar to us but delicious, nonetheless. Portions are well presented and generous.

The restaurant décor is tasteful, and the staff are very welcoming and attentive.

Well worth a visit.

Hugh and Judy Whittle, Rowde

Opening Times

Mon: Closed

Tue-Sat: 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Sun: 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Price range: £15 - £40

Description: Authentic quality Indian food from experienced chefs, creating a traditional atmosphere.

Check out [www. http://haveliindian.co.uk](http://haveliindian.co.uk) for a look at the menu (including Takeaway or Delivery).

Other Recent Reviews:

Thoroughly enjoyable evening

Excellent food and service. The 4 of us each had different main courses and we felt they were all a high standard. There was a wide selection of starters, and the menu included some more unusual options as well as the trusted favourites. The staff were very friendly, helpful and attentive. We will definitely go back!

S Walker

The best Indian restaurant EVER!

The best Indian restaurant ever. The food was just amazing. The poppadom and dips were gorgeous - finely cut onions - I had a variety of vegetable dishes and rice with the sharing vegetarian starter as my meal - wow - just so tasty. All so reasonably priced with attentive waiters. We congratulated the chef at the end for accommodating 18 people with such divine food. We were celebrating a 21st birthday and what a good choice of restaurant. I will most definitely be going there again I brought a doggy bag home!

Tregster29



Excellent!

We were not sure what to expect from our visit here. Had seen it had been rebranded but not sure if it was just a name change.

Whow, the restaurant has had a make over. The staff are efficient, friendly with great humour. There was banter with them all evening. Simple things like coats were taken as we arrived & ready for us on leaving.

The food was excellent, the staff were happy to explain dishes make recommendations & to adjust the choice to suit your desired taste.

We were not rushed at all.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our evening & we will return again.

Hillary M

REVIEWS NEEDED!

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

ROWDEY COW NEWS



Wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year! After a very busy Christmas period we have now settled down into the quieter January and February months. We are still a hive of activity with all the building work finishing off ready so the Spotty Dog Farm shop can open in March which is very exciting! Also we hope to have our undercover play room up and running very soon!



We have enjoyed hosting some ice cream making birthday parties this month and our Sunday roasts are particularly popular this time of year. We also have some nice hearty winter warmers on our specials board as well as some healthier options for those being good after Christmas!

It was an amazing Christmas period for us being the busiest we've ever had! We enjoyed several private evening functions and we received fantastic feedback from all of our parties. Now we are looking forward to plan for the Spring and Summer. Before that, however, we are excited to be holding Valentines Evening here again – we will be launching details later this week so please see our website or Facebook page for more details.



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With the wettest Winter on record most of the animals are tucked away in the barns keeping dry. The donkeys are having a well earned rest after all their nativity plays and Christmas present delivering over December with Devizes Donkeys!

Please keep supporting us over the Winter months as we have some really good daily deals on and delicious food being served every day. Also some nice Winter ice cream flavours including cinnamon and also strawberry trifle.

Sue



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WHITE WINE WEDNESDAY!

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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring

Happy New Year from all at Rowdeford School.

We have had a great Christmas with lots of events in school, trips out and some fundraising. Students went skating at Whitehall, we had a visit from the West End in School Theatre Company to perform Beauty & the Beast'.

We raised a combined total of £466.00, which is amazing and will go towards equipment for our sensory room.

£36.20 was raised for Christmas Jumper day which will be donated to Save the Children fund, thank you for your donations.

The Charity collection at the Christmas Carol services was for Open Doors, a local charity for the homeless; this raised £138.80, again thank you for your generosity and continued support.



Students have been busy in the gardens creating woven willow fish which look amazing hanging from the willow arch in the grounds.

North Wiltshire Special School Amalgamation
Following the cabinet meeting in November, Wiltshire Council has now presented the proposal to open a new amalgamated maintained special school to The Office of the Schools Adjudicator, who will make the final ruling on these proposed arrangements.

In the meantime, staff, governors, Wiltshire Council officers and representatives of parent/ carers have been meeting together regularly to think about how the project is moved forward. As a group we have so far looked at five key tasks:

- Creating the shadow governing body which will be set up once we have approval from the Schools Adjudicator
- Drawing up a job description and advert for the new Executive Head
- Planning for children/young people who need a special school place in September 2020
- Shaping a vision for the new school
- Appointing an architect and contractor to take forward the new build

We are looking forward to a busy 2020!

Please follow our Rowdeford School Facebook and Twitter accounts (@RowdefordSchool) to keep up to date with regular notices and information.

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

The new year is well underway, and only two weeks in to the new term, it feels like we were never away. This is a time of change for the school, as we improve the curriculum and outcomes for our children. As is always the case with significant change, there are many points of view to contend with, and challenges to be faced. But I am reminded of the Einstein's definition of madness – doing the same things over and over again, whilst expecting things to be different. They will only be different if we make them so.

To this end, and in addition to the new curriculum and improved teaching, we are placing a new emphasis on our values – which we call 'We Are Rowde'. These embody the things we believe in as a school, but extend well beyond the classroom. Every assembly, every lesson and every conversation refocuses the children on what it means to be part of our school and our broader community. Everything you would expect to be there is included, values such as kindness, empathy, commitment, determination and honesty. And, after only a fortnight, we are beginning to see the impact.

Only this morning, pupils approached me in the hurly-burly of the playground, with a detailed plan of how to raise money to help save the wildlife stricken by the Australian fires. They were insistent, determined and – most impressively – had done their research on how to raise money, and which of the many charities would have the greatest impact. That's the kind of empathetic, caring community they want to be part of, and the school will help that to happen.

There are, of course, countless worthy causes closer to home, and much to be involved with at a local level. We want to be part of these too, and I would love to hear from local organisations, charities and causes with which the school community can engage. What happens in the classroom will always be my greatest priority, but education goes far beyond. At Rowde Primary, we are not just encouraging great scholars, but wonderful young people too.

Jon Edy-Berry, Head Teacher

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

Rowde's Neighbourhood Plan First Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2020, 7.30pm

Rowde Village Hall. Everyone is welcome

Help shape our future!

HAVE YOUR SAY at the meeting

Rowde Parish has taken the opportunity to join with Devizes & Bishops Cannings to create a new, joint Neighbourhood Plan.

A neighbourhood development plan (NDP) is a legally binding document. It would be drawn up by our community together with Devizes, and Bishops Cannings, to give us greater control over development and planning in our village. It means no planning and development can take place without reference to our plan.

A neighbourhood development plan establishes general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood, such as where new homes and offices should be built and what they should look like. The plan can be detailed or general, depending what local people want. It is a chance for everyone to be consulted on what is important to them in their local environment.

It is our chance to shape our village's future.

Some local communities have neighbourhood plans already, others are working on plans. Rowde currently does not have a neighbourhood plan and it leaves us vulnerable to large developments.

Rowde Parish Council (rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, tel: 01380 501919)



FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column, featuring classic jokes and quotes by Lee Mack.



Tim: "You know what they say. No man is an island." Lee: "What about the Isle of Man?"

"She's great my Nan. She used to say things like: 'here's five pounds - don't tell your mother,' I'd say 'why not?' She'd say 'it's hers'."

"I've wanted to have a baby for about five years, but she wants one forever."

I'm going to donate my body to science, and keep my dad happy - he always wanted me to go to medical school."

"We had a bite to eat around the corner. Horse and Hounds - I won't be ordering that again."

"I went to see a handwriting expert last week, she could tell I was laid-back, gullible and well-off just from a signature on a cheque."

"My wife, she's carrying our first child. He's eight, the lazy little..."

"As me old dad used to say, 'Just because Thora Hird can't climb stairs doesn't mean she's a Dalek'"

"I actually got mugged in Limerick. That's the place by the way - not the style. I don't mean someone came up to me and went: 'Hello my name is Pete, I'm standing in the street, don't be rash, give me your cash or I'll kick you in the teeth.'"

"I've always wanted to kidnap the ex-professional tennis player Pat Cash, so after his family pays the ransom I can ring them up and ask them 'do you want cash back?'"

"You give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. But you teach a man to fish - saved yourself a fish haven't you?"

A market researcher said 'can I ask you 10 questions', I said 'go on'. She said 'question number 1: have you ever had a blackout?' I said 'no', she went...'and finally, question number 10.'"

"I got a great review this morning. Prompt and efficient payer. eBay."

Do you have a funny story to tell? Send it in!

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have some amusing baby photos.



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

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Alan Watters, Editor

Your Parish Council

Parish Council meeting - Update

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

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

Concerns

If you have any local concerns about footpaths, hedges, allotments, play facilities, or anything village related, we would like to hear from you. We value your input and suggestions and will try to help.

You can contact us through the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page, or by e-mail: rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 01380 501919.

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 11th December 2019 and 8th January 2020 were:

Precept

The Chair outlined the forthcoming financial issues that face the Parish Council. These include possible legal issues around 'The Common', the creation of the Tanis footpath, funds to deal with potential fly-tipping and funds to create a joint Neighbourhood Plan with Devizes. The budget suggested a higher increase in the precept. It was agreed to propose a lower increase of 9% in the village precept. This will result in a precept of £37,973.42. Payment for a band D house will increase from £70.58 to £76.93 per annum: an increase of £6.35 over the year.

Cllr Cuthbert updated the Parish Council on forthcoming council tax increases for Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council will set a precept increase of 2%, in addition to an adult social care levy. The combined council tax increase will be 3.99%. Wiltshire Council is conducting public meetings around the county about the proposal. The details of all of the public meetings are on Wiltshire Council's website.

NEW builds in Rowde!

Wiltshire Council is proposing to build on land adjacent to Reed Place. It has been proposed that the following homes will be built next to Reed Place:

- 1 x 1 bed social rented bungalow
- 2 x 1 bed social rented houses
- 2 x 2 bed social rented house
- 1 x 2 bed social rented bungalow
- 2 x 1 bed shared ownership house
- 2 x 2 bed shared ownership house
- 1 x 3 bed rented property

This is in response to the recent Housing Needs Survey which was circulated to everyone in the parish and is supported by the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Plan for Rowde

Rowde will join with Devizes Town Council and Bishops Cannings Parish Council in a new, joint

Neighbourhood Plan. A date has been set for the first Neighbourhood Planning meeting in Rowde. It will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2020, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

It will be an opportunity for residents to discuss their priorities for the village and the future.

The Chair asked for residents to consider areas in the village that could be provided for housing and/or industrial use.

Please see page 11 for further information.

Planning Applications

- 19/10497/REM Reserved matters application dealing with Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale following approval of Hybrid Planning Application 17/08775/FUL. Malthouse Farm 1 Bunnies Lane Rowde SN10 2QB. The Parish Council had no objections.
- 19/10318/VAR. Malthouse Farm 1 Bunnies Lane Rowde Devizes Wiltshire SN10 2QB. Variation of condition 3, 4, 5 and 19 of application 17/08775/FUL. The Parish Council had no objections.
- 19/10652/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal:- Rear conservatory: 34 Springfield Road, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2NY. The Parish Council had no objections.
- 19/10592/FUL: Kanihavet, Berhills Lane, Seend, SN10 1ST : Application for Full Planning. Proposal:- Demolition of existing double garage, erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling and erection of detached triple bay garage. Porch to front of dwelling. The Parish Council had no objections.
- 19/11793/FUL: Land adjacent to, 41 Tower View, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2PT Application for Full Planning: Proposal: Construction of a 3 bedroom dwelling. The Clerk asked Wiltshire Council for an extension in time to consider this application but was refused due to an administration error at Wiltshire Council which meant there were delays in getting the application out to consultees. The Parish Council has discussed this proposal at a previous meeting and did not have any objections at that stage.

Safety

The Parish Council has donated £300.00 to the South Western Ambulance Charity towards the cost of Raizer chair which can be used in the village to safely help people who have fallen down and who are unable to get up unaided. Further donations of £300.00 have been made privately.

Pavements

The pavements around the village, including along the A342 have been sided out by our grounds contractor. Large amounts of soil have been removed to reveal the full width of the pavements, to improve pedestrian safety. There has been lots of positive feedback from residents. The Parish Council thanked the grounds contractor for all of the work that has been carried out.

It was proposed at the meeting that the work should be continued to side out the pavements along Marsh Lane,

from Broad Corner to the Marsh Lane bridge, so that the whole village has been completed.

Highways

The Hill

There are witnesses to very large vehicles accessing Cock Road from the High Street and causing damage to the Hill.

- The Parish Council is investigating whether some of the grass can be removed from the Hill to be replaced with hard standing.

Update on the recent accident on the High Street, near to the junction with Close Lane.

A car has crashed into the wall near Close Lane and caused considerable damage. It is noted that the road surface is inadequate at the section and has no surface grip. Resurfacing work is due to take place in February along A342.

Discussion on the need for further waiting and parking restrictions

- It was agreed that the Parish Council will request that double yellow lines are installed on the A342 from the junction with Bunnies Lane to Slade's Garage.
- The Parish Council considered a request from a resident to extend double yellow lines further down Springfield Road and thought that this would exacerbate parking issues around the village.

Update on Conscience Lane resurfacing

The new road surfacing will be re-laid in April 2020 due to the extensive degradation of the new recycled surface. The most serious potholes will receive immediate attention.

Road Closures

There will be a temporary closure from Cock Road, Rowde to Netherstreet, Bromham for carriageway resurfacing works. This will take place on 14th February 2020. There will be a further temporary closure from the Marsh Lane junction with the High Street to the Conscience Lane junction of Devizes Road for carriageway resurfacing. This will take place on 17 February 2020.

Security Issues

The car park by the allotments and playing field is being used for illicit activity. This has been reported to the Police who will include the area in their rounds.

- It was agreed that the Parish Council will purchase a camera and a new security padlock for the allotment area. The Clerk has been asked to purchase two signs to warn people that the area is under CCTV surveillance.

Large Playing Field

The large playing field is being used again after the wet weather. There is ongoing concern about damage that is being done to the pitch areas.

Village Christmas Tree

The Parish Council thanked everyone who was involved with the Christmas tree project, including local residents and Parish Councillors and their families, and the Village Hall Committee. Thanks were also given to J Collett for disposing of the tree.

SAVE THE DAY: VE day celebrations on Friday 8th May 2020

- Plans continue for the VE day celebration.

Do you have a spare hour to help us plan and carry out the day? We are a small but friendly team ☺

Our next planning meetings are on:

Wednesday 5th February, Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday 21st April, from 7pm in the Village Hall.

You are very welcome to join us.

Please see page 32 for more details of the events that will be taking place.

Police Update

Rowde incidents

- On 19.11.19 in Rowde, a pedestrian was walking along the road when a vehicle hit the pedestrian's arm, causing the wing mirror to snap off and causing bruising to the pedestrian's arm. The driver made no attempt to stop.
- On 15.12.19, officers were conducting mobile patrols in the area when the in-car ANPR system informed them that a driver did not have insurance. The driver was stopped and the car was seized.

Finance

Monthly invoices for November were as follows, proposed by L Wills, seconded by C Stevens.

Admin costs	£1,230.72
Grounds Maintenance	£535.82
PC Shed	£176.81
Christmas tree	£322.92
Donation towards Raizer Chair	£600 (inc.
£300 private donations)	
Total:	£2,866.27

Monthly invoices for December were as follows, proposed by L Wills, seconded by C Stevens

Admin costs	£1,309.62
Grounds Maintenance	£2,054.24
Signs, defibrillator	£128.70
Christmas tree	£26.00
Total:	£3,518.56

Parish Council income for November & December 2019

14/11/2019 Playing field hire	£190.00
04/11/2019 Donation (Raizer Chair)	£100.00
11/11/2019 Interest	£0.32
30/11/2019 Interest	£6.07
04/12/2019 Donation (Raizer Chair)	£200.00
09/12/2019 Interest	£0.27
31/12/2019 Interest	£6.72
10/12/2019 Refund bank charges	£1.04
20/12/2019 Donation (shed timber)	£44.00
Total:	£ 548.42

Neighbourliness

- Please can we remind everyone to park with respect for your neighbours and residents who live in the village. Everyone should be able to easily access their own drives or houses.
- Please be aware of any hedgerow/bushes/trees that may hang over your property and cause obstructions and dangers for pedestrians and drivers.
- There is no such thing as the 'dog poo fairy'. Please keep our streets and grassed areas clean for everyone to enjoy. Please do not use our playing fields, to exercise your dogs and leave their waste behind.

My Wiltshire App

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

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

The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at:

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

Police Matters

If you need to report a crime: Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency. It is possible to follow the Police on: Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/> Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Dates for the diary

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Wednesday 12th February 2020 and then on Wednesday 11th March 2020.

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

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

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

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Planning:	01380 734812	School transport:	01225 713004
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Registration – Births, Deaths & Marriages:	01225 713007	Social care – children:	01225 773500
Roads & pavements (Clarence) Freephone:	0800 232323	Street care and cleaning:	01380 734849

CHILDREN'S PRIZE COLOURING COMPETITION



See next page for details

PRIZE COLOURING COMPETITION

(see previous page)

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3 Church View, Rowde SN10 2NB

Alternatively take a good photograph of it on your mobile phone and send it to the editor by email at watters.alan@gmail.com or by text to 07886870053.

Closing date 15th March 2020

A prize will be awarded to the drawing judged to be the best by local artist Ann Swan and the winning artwork will be featured on the cover of the April/May issue.

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Everyone is very welcome at all our services



Date/Time	Service
Sunday 2 Feb 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Candlemas Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde Morning Worship, Rowde <i>Holy Communion (Common Worship), Bromham</i> <i>Evensong (BCP), Bromham</i>
Wednesday 5 11.00 am	Holy Communion, Rowde
Thursday 6 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 9 8.00 am 10.00 am	3 Before Lent <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Benefice Communion, Rowde
Thursday 13 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 16 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	2 Before Lent <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Parish Communion, Rowde <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Thursday 20 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 23 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Next Before Lent <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Morning Worship, Rowde
Wednesday 26 7.30 am	Ash Wednesday <i>Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, Bromham</i>
Thursday 27 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Saturday 29 10.00 am - 4.00 pm	<i>Benefice Quiet Day, Poulshot Village Hall</i>
Sunday 1 March 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Lent 1 Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde Morning Worship, Rowde <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 4 11.00 am	Holy Communion, Rowde
Sunday 8 8.00 am 10.00 am	Lent 2 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Benefice Communion, Bromham</i>

Date/Time	Service
Thursday 12 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 15 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Lent 3 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Parish Communion, Rowde <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Thursday 19 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 22 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Mothering Sunday <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Morning Worship, Rowde
Thursday 26 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde
Sunday 29 10.00 am	Lent 5 Benefice Communion, Rowde

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

Please check the Church notice board for further information or contact the Administrator Sarah Bowler 07876142112 sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Saturday Morning Youth Group

15th February 11am – 12.30pm

14th March 11am – 12.30pm

25th April 11am – 12.30pm

All young people are welcome, there will be activities and lunch provided, do come and join us at St Matthews Church.

For further information please contact Sarah Bowler: 07876142112 or sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Please note that leaders have been fully DBS checked.

Open the Book – we have groups who go into our primary school to act out Bible stories. We are looking for more volunteers to join the team. For more information, contact Revd Ruth.

Growing in Faith

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Mothers' Union Please contact Carole Myer for details: 01380 850706 / ed.myer@btinternet.com

Church Cleaning

For more information contact Jane Moss on 01380 729160 jmosscadet@gmail.com. Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406 for the Brass Cleaning Rota.

Choir

Choir Leader: Gavin Moss 01380 719160

Choir Practise Junior and Adults is on Thursday Evenings from 7pm

New members are always welcome.

Bell Ringing

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

St Matthews Cafe

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

Flower Arranging

2&9 Feb - Jayne Andrews-Wheeler

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

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

Have you ever sat down to do a task, and found your mind wandering? Perhaps towards something you

would rather be doing, or a different job that needs to be done, distracting from the matter in hand? It can be hard to control our mind and our thoughts – it's as though our mind has 'a mind of its own', and pays attention to certain things without our permission!

It's one of the pitfalls when we stop 'doing' and spend some time meditating or praying. Our thoughts wandering all over the place can be frustrating, but it can actually be part of our spiritual growth. If it happens to you, try to notice what it is that grabs your attention. Over time, you can spot a pattern – if you are always distracted by jobs that need to be done, try praying in a different space, perhaps outside where you're surrounded by nature, or in church when it's quiet.

Sometimes, when we pay attention to our thoughts, we can begin to diagnose other aspects of our life that need some change. Perhaps we will think of people we need to forgive, or reconnect with, or relationships we need to work at. If our mind strays to past events, perhaps there is something there for which we need healing. Forgiving other people can be hard – if it's not possible to have a conversation with them, start by thinking about forgiving them as being part of your own healing.

Even if our thoughts wander, it's good for us just to stop and "be". Evelyn Underhill, a Christian writer and spiritual advisor, said this:

Most people spend their lives trying to conjugate the verbs 'to want,' 'to have' and 'to keep'— craving, clutching, clinging—when all the Spirit wills us to do is to conjugate the verb 'to be'.

We don't earn God's approval or love by what we do or have or want, but just by being. We can't make God love us any more than he does, or any less. God adores us, and it is when we stop, and rest, that we can best appreciate that.

If you would like some help in stopping and being, come and join us in Church. In our organised worship, or just to spend some time in a space set aside for being with God – our buildings are open during daylight hours. And on 29th February we are holding a quiet day, joint with Rowde church from 10am to 4pm. It will allow us time and space to be in God's presence. For more information, please get in touch to register your interest or book a place.

In His love, Revd Ruth

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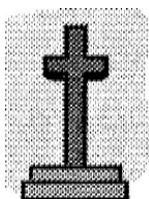
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15th March

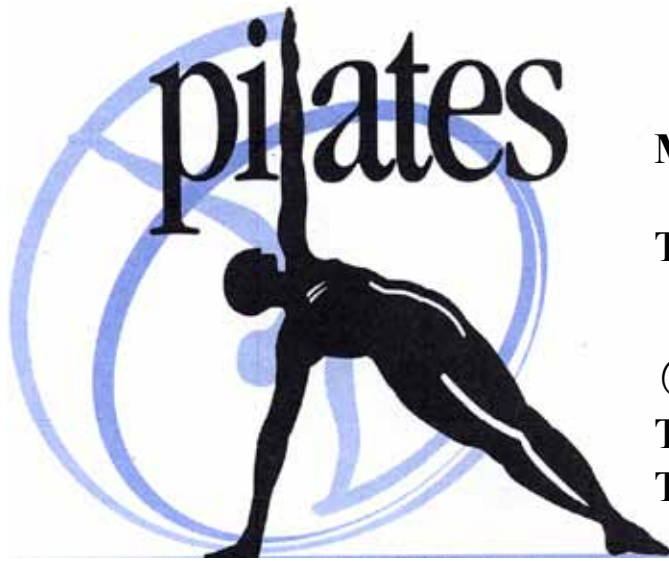
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CHIPPY & MIFFY BRIDGE EVENINGS IN 2020

With Chippy I have been organising an evening of bridge + supper at the G&D on the last Monday of every month. This has proved very popular and we are turning keen bridge players away as there is only room for 24. We want to encourage ANYBODY interested in an evening of bridge. If you are a singleton or a pair I will do my best to place you in a four. We will be doubling up by organising a further evening which will be the second Monday of the month.

Book your table of four or ask to join a table by email to

ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk

6.30pm to meet up & get drinks in, start playing 7pm

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Dates, all Mondays, are

February 10th and 24th

March 9th and 23rd

April 27th

I hope to hear from you

Caroline/Miffy

NEWS FROM Hft

FASHION SHOW



The Voices to be Heard group (our 'speaking out' group) held a fashion show on 28th November in Marsh Hall. The models were people who live on site or attend our O&E with a couple of staff members thrown in!

Charlie and her team at M&Co Calne let us take over the changing rooms to try on our chosen outfits for the evening.

Chippy at the G&D did us proud again by sponsoring the evening and donating the much enjoyed Prosecco.

We raised £447.50, some of which will be donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance, the group's chosen charity.

A brilliant night was had by all and a very big thank you goes out to everyone who supported us.

NEWS FROM Hft (Continued)

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



Many people enjoyed a trip to Longleat to see the Festival of Light. Unfortunately the group chose the wettest night to go to this amazing event and got extremely wet through. Their spirits were soon lifted though when they had their tea and a much needed hot drink in the restaurant.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Hft Christmas Fayre on 6th November. It was a fun festive evening, with some lovely items for sale including wooden gifts, jewellery and board games. There were also Hft Craft and Food stalls, a BBQ, Cafe and tombola.

A big thank you to Mr J Knapp who played his Verbeck Fairground Organ throughout the evening and to all the stall holders for supporting this event. We hope to see you all again next Christmas.

DRAMA - CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA



A drama performance took place on 13th December. The Christmas Extravaganza had characters from Dangermouse and Penfold to Mary Poppins and her Chimney Sweeps. There was even an appearance from Santa with a bit of Cliff Richards to mention just a few. Lots of singing and fun was had by all.

SOW & GROW

Even though the garden is dormant, December and January are still busy months as we get ready for the growing season.

We have been busy pruning our hard fruit trees with help from Community Payback and planting more bulbs in the orchard. We have also been cutting back the boundary hedges to encourage basal growth and improve the habitat for invertebrates and nesting birds who are already pairing up in the recent mild weather.

We also had visits from Sarah Rose Troughton CStJ, the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire and David Scott DL, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire. They were both given guided tours by the people we support who also told them about the work we do here.

HALL HIRE

Marsh Hall can be hired at a very reasonable cost but we are unfortunately unable to provide catering for events any more. The kitchen can be hired however, at a small extra cost.

DUVET CLEANING SERVICE

Unfortunately we are no longer able to provide a duvet cleaning service. If anyone has a duvet to collect, please pick it up as soon as you can.

Thank you to all the people who have used our service over many years.

CRAFT ITEMS

If anyone has any craft items that they no longer use or need (wool, buttons, fabric, craft equipment, paint etc) we would really appreciate them. Please hand them in to us Monday to Friday anytime between 9am and 4pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for enthusiastic people who have some spare time and would like to be a volunteer here in Rowde. No specialist skills or previous experience is necessary but if you do have a particular skill like woodwork, art, dance, acting or music that would be great. If interested, please pop in and see us or contact me by phone on 01380 725455 or by email at deborah.clarke@hft.org.uk

As you can see, we have had a very busy couple of months at Hft.

Happy New Year, Deborah Clarke

The Arts Society North Wiltshire

February 5th:
Great Railway Stations
Ian Swankie

March 4th:
A Tour of Big Ben
Tim Redmond

We are a friendly group who enjoy hearing about a wide range of arts based subjects. Many people from this area and beyond appreciate them – do come and join us! We meet in the Assembly Hall, Melksham from 10am for coffee and at 11am for a one hour lecture.

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ROWDE SCHOOLGIRL MAKES MAGIC REINDEER FOOD TO HELP VULNERABLE SURVIVE WINTER



At a time of year when most children were writing their Christmas lists, one little girl was only thinking of others.

Primrose Hillier, eight, became one of Wiltshire Community Foundation's youngest fundraisers when she raised almost £60 by selling magic reindeer food at her school's Christmas fair.

The Rowde Primary Academy pupil was inspired to help the appeal which provides £300 grants for elderly and vulnerable people in fuel poverty, after watching a TV documentary.

"It was about these children who came home from school and there was no heating and they

had to go to bed wearing their coats because it was so cold. It was very sad," she said.

"I decided to help by making the reindeer food. You can put it on the garden and then when Santa comes the reindeer will have something to eat because it's hard work pulling the sleigh."

Primrose, whose mum Nicola is grants officer at the Community Foundation, spent more than two days making 42 bags of the food, made from porridge oats and seeds, and raised £58.75. Her efforts went towards earning her a charity badge at 1st Devizes Brownies.

CANCER RESEARCH AND SCHOOL TRUST PRAISE WAYNE'S ONE MAN STAND



Old soldier Wayne Cherry has been hailed a hero by two charities after raising cash by holding 100 hours of remembrance in the lead up to November 11.

Mr Cherry was on parade in both The Brittox, Devizes and in his home village of Rowde to honour the fallen. He also raised £1,110.44 for Cancer Research UK and £1,335.87 for the Rowdeford Charity Trust.



He has now handed over the money in two cheque presentations. In Devizes he met with Frank Marshall chairman of the Devizes Fundraising Committee of Cancer Research UK, who thanked Wayne for his generosity in standing in all weather to raise the money that will go towards research for finding a cure for cancer.

In Rowde he met with Mike Bowden the president of the Rowdeford Charity Trust which supports Rowdeford special school.

RVN editor Alan Watters said: "Wayne is our village hero. He staged a stand of remembrance on The Hill in Rowde and The Brittox in Devizes and over 32 days he stood for a total of 104 hours."

Mr Cherry posted regular updates of his remembrance on social media and wrote movingly of the many different people he met. He said: "It was a small token of my gratitude of those who paid the ultimate price for the freedom we enjoy today."

CHLOE'S CONCERT FEATURED CUTHBERT THE GOOSE

Miss Chloe Jordan gave a concert at St John's Church in Devizes on December 7th with singers from the CJ School of Music to support the Caen Countryside Centre at Rowde.

Miss Jordan, who runs CJ Music School in Potterne, is a regular at the wildlife centre run by Chris and Hellie Franklin.



Miss Jordan said: "One of the songs I performed made number one on the comedy iTunes list."

Her song about Cuthbert the Goose gained international recognition thanks to social media posts by the centre and went to number 1 on the iTunes comedy playlist.

She added: "I wanted to help the wonderful charity. I thought I could help best through my music. I wrote Cuthbert the Goose's music and lyrics on my piano and sent it to Pete Lamb who has a music studio in Potterne. I didn't realise how much people would love the song."

COUNCIL BLASTED OVER POOR POTHOLE REPAIRS

Dog walker Des Burnett has accused Wiltshire Council of wasting council taxpayers' money by doing shoddy work on potholes.



Retired engineer Mr Burnett uses Conscience Lane, Rowde, several times a week to take his dogs to walk on Roundway Hill. He had noticed the road deteriorating and was pleased when signs went up saying it was to be resurfaced. But after a closure of more than a week in November he spotted that many potholes quickly reappeared.

He said: "The works will have cost Wiltshire rate payers a considerable amount but the quality of the resurfacing is appalling. In less than six weeks there are countless potholes, some are several feet wide and very deep."

Mr Burnett takes his springer spaniels Zac and Ollie to the paths at the top of Roundway Hill three or four times a week. He said: "The parts of the road where they did a proper resurfacing job are still fine but the places where they just used gravel to fill the holes has been a waste of time. The gravel has just washed away. I have counted 18 potholes within the resurfaced stretch. I don't see the point in carrying out the work if it is going to last such a short space of time. Some serious questions need asking of Wiltshire Council regarding the cost of this work and the unacceptable state after just six weeks."

Cllr Bridget Wayman, cabinet member for highways, said: "We spend around £20m per year on major maintenance, including resurfacing and was allocated £7.3m from the Government's pothole fund. The wet weather and cold temperatures at this time of year plays havoc with the roads and our team works hard to ensure people have as smooth a journey as possible. We are in contact with our contractors to address the issues that have been caused by the bad weather. Although the method they used is a tried and tested method of remediation, the wet weather and poor drainage meant the specific standards were not achieved. The contractor has been on site since and carried out some further work however we will monitor it over the winter period and return in the summer to carry out major works. We apologise that Mr Burnett didn't get any response to his enquiry on this occasion. The best route to report issues is via the MyWiltshire reporting system which ensures our team will investigate as soon as possible."

RIGHT ROYAL WAY TO SAVE OCEANS

Student Oliver Dawe-Lane will be rubbing shoulders with royalty when he joins a team attempting to row non-stop around Great Britain to raise money for an ocean conservation charity.

Oliver, 21, who grew up in Rowde and is a former pupil of The Mill School, Potterne will be joined by three team mates including Arthur Chatto whose grandmother was Princess Margaret and whose great aunt is The Queen. Oliver, who was a sports scholar at Millfield School in Somerset, will also be joined by Frasier Cutt, 21 and Charles Bromhead, 21. All four are studying at Exeter University and are united by their desire to raise cash for the charity Just One Ocean by completing the marathon row in June.

Oliver, who is skipper of the team, is a keen sportsman who played cricket for Potterne and rugby for Devizes. He said: "Just One Ocean is set on tackling the grave issue of ocean pollution and we are hoping to raise as much money and awareness as possible."



Oliver Dawe-Lane from Rowde

A justgiving page has been set up with a target of £150,000. So far £950 has been raised.

The lads have called themselves team Exe Endurow to show their Exeter University links and the endurance level of their challenge.

The team said: "We're raising £150,000 to support Just One Ocean, helping to secure a sustainable future for Britain's waters. We come from different schools, different hometowns, different sports, different degrees but a shared goal. We are a group of final year students from the University of Exeter.

We have a diverse set of interests; ranging from mountaineering, trail running and rugby. We don't underestimate the challenge, we think it's going to be very tough, but we like the idea of entering as a team and knowing we will have as hard a time as one another.

This charity undertakes projects, and develop solutions working alongside local communities."

To support them go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/exe-endurow> or to find out more or go to facebook.com/exeendurow/



The crew including Princess Margaret's grandson and Oliver Dawe-Lane from Rowde



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Wednesday 7pm	– Rowde Playing Fields
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Website: www.townsontraining.co.uk



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We look forward to seeing you at a session soon.

Greg Townson BSc, Director & Lead Instructor

OBITUARY - Gerald Roy Truckle

"With great sadness I would like to say that my dear husband Gerald passed away on Friday 3rd January at Royal United Hospital surrounded by his family. We would like to thank the doctors and nurses from Royal United Hospital for taking care of him until the end."

Carmen Truckle



Gerald Truckle

LARKRISE AND ST NICHOLAS TO BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL ROWDE SUPER SCHOOL IS READY

Headteachers of both Larkrise and St Nicholas special schools have welcomed Wiltshire Council's decision to keep both schools, as

well as Rowdeford, open until the new super school is ready - but they say more funding for the existing schools is needed in the meantime. It has also been decided that a total of more than £33million will be spent on the new school in Rowde.

V.E. Day

CELEBRATIONS in Rowde

Friday 8th May 2020



We will be hosting: a Village Football Match, Light Lunch in the Village Hall, Bingo, a Tea Dance {please see separate invitation}, and Games in the small playing field, Songs of Praise and a Cry for Peace

**Can you help to run a stall or activity:
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The planning team will be meeting on:

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Tuesday 10th March 2020

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From Rowde Parish Council

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SHORT STORY

How the Camel got his big hump

In the beginning of years, when the world was so new and all, and the Animals were just beginning to work for Man, there was a Camel, and he lived in the middle of a Howling Desert because he did not want to work; and besides, he was a Howler himself. So he ate sticks and thorns and tamarisks and milkweed and prickles, most 'scruciatingly idle; and when anybody spoke to him he said 'Humph!' Just 'Humph!' and no more.

Presently the Horse came to him on Monday morning, with a saddle on his back and a bit in his mouth, and said, 'Camel, O Camel, come out and trot like the rest of us.'

'Humph!' said the Camel; and the Horse went away and told the Man.

Presently the Dog came to him, with a stick in his mouth, and said, 'Camel, O Camel, come and fetch and carry like the rest of us.'

'Humph!' said the Camel; and the Dog went away and told the Man.

Presently the Ox came to him, with the yoke on his neck and said, 'Camel, O Camel, come and plough like the rest of us.'

'Humph!' said the Camel; and the Ox went away and told the Man.

At the end of the day the Man called the Horse and the Dog and the Ox together, and said, 'Three, O Three, I'm very sorry for you (with the world so new-and-all); but that Humph-thing in the Desert can't work, or he would have been here by now, so I am going to leave him alone, and you must work double-time to make up for it.'

That made the Three very angry (with the world so new-and-all), and they held a palaver, and an indaba, and a punchayet, and a pow-wow on the edge of the Desert; and the Camel came chewing on milkweed most 'scruciatingly idle, and laughed at them. Then he said 'Humph!' and went away again.

Presently there came along the Djinn in charge of All Deserts, rolling in a cloud of dust (Djinns always travel that way because it is Magic), and he stopped to palaver and pow-wow with the Three.

'Djinn of All Deserts,' said the Horse, 'is it right for any one to be idle, with the world so new-and-all?'

'Certainly not,' said the Djinn.

'Well,' said the Horse, 'there's a thing in the middle of your Howling Desert (and he's a Howler himself) with a long neck and long legs, and he hasn't done a stroke of work since Monday morning. He won't trot.'

'Whew!' said the Djinn, whistling, 'that's my Camel, for all the gold in Arabia! What does he say about it?'

'He says "Humph!"' said the Dog; 'and he won't fetch and carry.'

'Does he say anything else?'

'Only "Humph!"; and he won't plough,' said the Ox.

'Very good,' said the Djinn. 'I'll humph him if you will kindly wait a minute.'

The Djinn rolled himself up in his dust-cloak, and took a bearing across the desert, and found the Camel most 'scruciatingly idle, looking at his own reflection in a pool of water.

'My long and bubbling friend,' said the Djinn, 'what's this I hear of your doing no work, with the world so new-and-all?'

'Humph!' said the Camel.

The Djinn sat down, with his chin in his hand, and began to think a Great Magic, while the Camel looked at his own reflection in the pool of water.

'You've given the Three extra work ever since Monday morning, all on account of your 'scruciating idleness,' said the Djinn; and he went on thinking Magics, with his chin in his hand.

'Humph!' said the Camel.

'I shouldn't say that again if I were you,' said the Djinn; you might say it once too often. Bubbles, I want you to work.'

And the Camel said 'Humph!' again; but no sooner had he said it than he saw his back, that he was so proud of, puffing up and puffing up into a great big lolloping humph.

'Do you see that?' said the Djinn. 'That's your very own humph that you've brought upon your very own self by not working. To-day is Thursday, and you've done no work since Monday, when the work began. Now you are going to work.'

'How can I,' said the Camel, 'with this humph on my back?'

'That's made a-purpose,' said the Djinn, 'all because you missed those three days. You will be able to work now for three days without eating, because you can live on your humph; and don't you ever say I never did anything for you. Come out of the Desert and go to the Three, and behave. Humph yourself!'

And the Camel humphed himself, humph and all, and went away to join the Three. And from that day to this the Camel always wears a humph (we call it 'hump' now, not to hurt his feelings); but he has never yet caught up with the three days that he missed at the beginning of the world, and he has never yet learned how to behave.

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February feels like a turning point in the garden. It's still cold outside, but there are signs of spring's imminent arrival everywhere you look. Bulbs are slowly emerging from the ground, and the days are getting longer at last.

This month's garden jobs are mostly about getting things ready for the spring. But there are also some early sowing and growing tasks to do.

Use February to get yourself properly prepared for springtime. The following jobs will set you up for your best growing season yet:

- Prepare your seed beds. As long as the ground isn't frozen, you can cultivate beds and start to warm up the soil, with fleece, polythene or cloches, in preparation for sowing in the coming months.
- Organise this year's seeds by sowing date. Get hold of a box with dividers, and file your seed packets by the month they need to be sown in. You'll be so glad of this effort in the weeks to come.
- Check your tools are sound and your garden machinery is working. Give your tools and equipment the once over and apply a little TLC to anything that needs it.

- Blitz perennial weeds in your beds and kitchen garden. Dig them up, roots and all, to get a head start on the blighters before the weather warms up.

By mid-March, we're ready to welcome the start of spring - a hopeful, happy time for us gardeners.

There's lots to be done outside, now the slower winter months have passed. You'll find March's sowing and growing tasks here. Or read on to find the other important garden jobs for this month:

This month's timely tips are all about getting a head start in the garden.

- Fertilise your beds. Once your soil is workable, dig a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well-rotted manure into your beds to prepare for the growing season ahead. You can also work in a general-purpose fertiliser, such as pelleted chicken manure, or fish, blood and bone.
- Put supports in. If any of your garden plants need supporting this year, put them in now, so plants can grow up through them. Adding supports afterwards is trickier and often looks unattractive.
- Move deciduous trees or shrubs. Now is the time to do this task, provided the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- Resurface paths before plants start to grow and smother them.

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Tuesday 3rd March 2020

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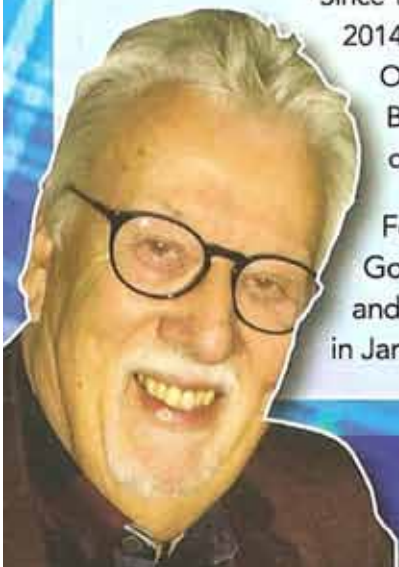
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THANKS FROM POPPY APPEAL

Dear Editor

May I use the Rowde Village News, as the new local coordinator for the Poppy Appeal collection and on behalf of the Royal British Legion, thank the villagers of Rowde for their generous donations during the Poppy Collection fortnight. Through the door to door collection, collections at Rowde Academy and Rowdeford School, The Cross Keys, The George and Dragon, the church collection on Remembrance Sunday and the purchase of wreaths for the Remembrance service we raised £1002.97, which is a marvellous effort.

I am of course conscious that villagers may well have donated money to other Collection Points in Devizes or other towns in Wiltshire or indeed have contributed to that sterling effort of Wayne Cherry of standing for 100 hours on the Village Green.

I would also like to thank those stalwart who undertook the door to door collections around the village, without you we would not have achieved such a tidy total. So large thanks go to:

Mrs Maureen Burbidge of March Lane: Mrs Di Buckland of Springfield : Mrs Holloway of Tanis: Mrs Smith of Devizes Road, Mrs Liz Ibbetson of High Street, Mr George Stevens of Springfield Road, The Cross Keys, The George and Dragon and The Village Shop.

Should anyone wish to volunteer for collecting during the Poppy Appeal 2020 please do not hesitate to contact me on 07388224129.

Once again thank you for your support.

Finally an apology to George Stevens, as the new boy I obviously did not do as well as you did over the past few years, so I will have to pull my socks up.

Yours Aye

Michael Cornwell

FOUR LEGGED UPDATE

Dear Village,

I just wanted to update people on our small herd of Bea, Blondie and Ruby that so many of you keep an eye on regularly.

We have had to move them into the big field by the Mill for the time being as the small fields they were in off the track to the canal were getting so waterlogged that the ponies legs were disappearing and Bea's injury was being aggravated by sinking into the mire. We will move them back when things dry out a bit. They are currently higher and drier, thanks to Charles Mann the landowner who has been very accommodating and generous over the 7 or 8 years we've used his fields even though the rent he asks is very moderate. He's definitely one of the good ones.

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And a big thank you to the Rowde army of dog walkers who keep an eye on the girls and let me know if they think anything is amiss. The ponies have enjoyed being fussed as people have walked through their fields – they are very people orientated. A reward in the shape of a foal is due for all to see in May.

With kind regards,

Kath Shaw,

The Cottage, High Street, Rowde SN10 2PL

ANOTHER STEWSDAY ON THE WAY!


As many of you will already know, we are again having a Stewsdays at the Cross Keys pub on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 6.30pm

We have a limit of 90, so if you would like to come along please can you let me know as soon as possible, as we do sell out.

We will be having a raffle so if you are able to bring a raffle prize that would be great. Also if you are able to make a pudding please could you let me know at the time of booking your tickets.

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Best wishes, Jane & Gavin



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Last Month's Solution

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

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	5		3	6	
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Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

6	2	3	4	5	1
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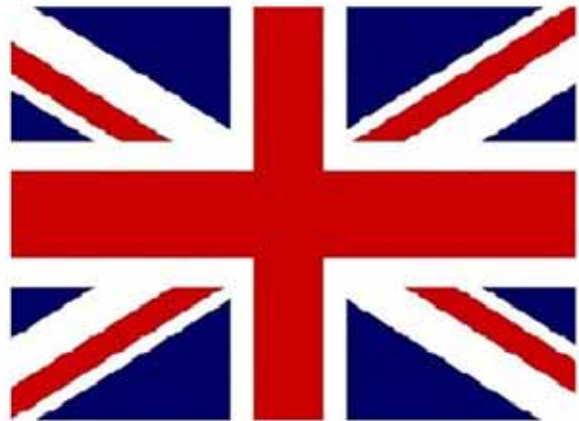
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Sandy Lane	-	-	09:08	-	10:33	-	12:33	-	14:33	-	-	-
Calne, The Pippin	-	-	V	-	V	11:21	V	13:21	V	-	-	-
Calne, Strand	07:15	08:45	V	09:50	V	11:26	V	13:26	V	16:25	17:05	17:51
Bromham, Greyhound	07:27	08:57	09:15	10:04	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	16:39	17:19	18:03R
Rowde, Cross Keys	07:34	09:04	09:22	10:11	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	16:46	17:26	18:09R
Devizes, Market Place	07:42V	09:10	09:28	10:17	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	16:52	17:32	18:14R
Monday - Friday	33	X33	33	X33	33	X33	33	33	33	33	X33	
Devizes, Market Place	07:55	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:13	15:13V	16:13	17:35	18:20	-
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:00	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:18	15:18	16:18	17:40	18:25	-
Bromham, Greyhound	08:06	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:25	-	16:25	17:47	18:30A	-
Calne, Strand	08:21	V	10:56	V	12:56	V	14:38	-	16:38	18:00	R	-
Calne, The Pippin	-	V	10:58	V	12:58	V	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandy Lane	-	09:50	-	11:50	-	13:50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derry Hill, School	08:25X	09:54	-	11:54	-	13:54	14:43	-	16:43	18:06	R	-
Chippenham, Bus Stn	08:37	10:04	-	12:04	-	14:04	14:53	-	16:53	18:16	R	-
Chippenham, Rail Stn	08:45	10:10	-	12:10	-	14:10	14:59	-	-	18:22R	R	-

Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Chippenham, Rail Stn	07:30	08:43	09:43	11:43	13:13	15:43	17:13
Chippenham, Bus Stn	07:35	08:50	09:50	11:50	13:20	15:50	17:20
Derry Hill, School	07:43	08:58	09:58	11:58	13:28	15:58	17:28
Calne, Strand	07:49	09:04	10:04	12:04	13:34	16:04	17:34
Bromham, Greyhound	08:01	09:16	10:16	12:16	13:46	16:16	17:46
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:07	09:22	10:22	12:22	13:52	16:22	17:52
Devizes, Market Place	08:13	09:28	10:28	12:28	13:58	16:28	17:58
Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Devizes, Market Place	08:15	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:30	16:30	17:55
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:20	09:35	11:05	12:35	14:35	16:35	18:01
Bromham, Greyhound	08:26	09:41	11:11	12:41	14:41	16:41	18:10
Calne, Strand	08:38	09:53	11:23	12:53	14:53	16:53	18:21
Derry Hill, School	08:43	09:58	11:28	12:58	14:58	16:58	18:26
Chippenham, Bus Stn	08:51	10:06	11:36	13:06	15:06	17:06	18:34
Chippenham, Rail Stn	08:56R	10:11R	11:41R	13:11R	15:11R	17:11R	18:39R

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V = Operates to/from Devizes School at 0750 and 1510 on schooldays
R - Request set down only
A = Operates via A342
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