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Editorial

Welcome to the December/January edition of the Rowde Village News, the last issue of the year.

There's all the usual excellent articles from the village clubs and societies on pages 4 to 7 and there are also great school 'reports' this month. The pupils at both schools have been busy producing wonderful paintings for Christmas. See some of their work on the front cover and page 21. And read what else they have been up to on pages 19 to 21.

This issue we have a huge amount of local news reported on pages 38 to 47. In there you will find a very good report on the new footpath from the village to the Rowdey Cow. I'm already looking forward to going to the official opening on the 7th of December and walking it for the first time. Read about it on pages 40 and 41.

I'm also looking forward to the Burns Night Supper in January after having such a great time at the last one. It's being organised again this year to raise funds for Rowdeford Charity Trust so why not come along, you are certain to have a great time. See the advert on the back page for more details.

To check for the many other events coming up, have a look at the busy village diary on page 63. And there are lots of bargains to be had in a couple of very full Classified Ads pages (56 & 57).

And, a notice to ALL contributors: Please note that this is a double issue therefore the next issue will not be distributed until the beginning of February and the deadline for submissions is the 15th of January 2015.

Finally, I went along to take some photographs at another local football match a couple of Sundays ago and it was exciting to watch too. Our local team is playing well and is undefeated for the last seven or eight games. It would be great if a few more people could give them a bit of support when they have a home game on a Sunday morning so why not go along sometime and check them out? Read their latest latest match reports on page 43.

All the very best for the coming year, Ed

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Contributors please also note:

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

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

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This month's front festive cover shows the wonderful snowman created by Erin Packer of Rowde Academy. Well done Erin!

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members of the Afternoon Club held their Annual General Meeting on November 4th in the Village Hall.

The report of the previous year's activities and the Balance of accounts were read and agreed as a true record.

The Officers and Committee were re elected and Mr.B.Chorley was elected onto the Committee Chairperson: Mrs.S.Elvin, Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs.D.Ellis, President: Mrs.D.Buckland, Committee: Mr.B.Barrett, Mr.B.Chorley.

The Christmas Dinner will be held at the Oliver Cromwell on December 2nd.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held in the Village Hall on January 6th at 2.30pm.

Why not come along and have a chat and a cup of tea, we are urgently looking for more members to enable the Club to continue and be able to have other activities?

Happy Christmas and New Year from all the members.

D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

There is nothing to report this month as we did not have a meeting in October. A report on our Christmas Evening which was held on November 25th will be in the next Rowde Village News.

Our next meeting will be held on January 27th 2015 when it is hoped to have a Slide Show given by Mrs.P.Hawkins.

All the Ladies Club members would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and all Good Wishes for 2015.

Di Buckland (Secretary)

HIWAY CLUB

No meeting in October (staff on holiday)! The Christmas Party was held on November 26th in the Village Hall (report next time).

First meeting of the New Year will be held on January 28th in the Village Hall when Alan Truscott will be telling us about blue and white china.

If you are Hard of Hearing and would like to meet others with the same problems, why not come along to our meeting and bring your family or friends. We will be pleased to see you or, if you would like any more information about the Hiway Club, contact me (723049) or Barrie (722186).

With Christmas Greetings and All Good Wishes for the New Year from the Hiway members.

Di. Buckland (Secretary)

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

As this is the last "Village News" before Christmas, on behalf of the committee I would like to thank all those people that have supported the fund raising events organised by the committee during the past year. Don't forget our final fund raising event for this year is the Christmas Bazaar on 6th December. Your help on this day would be very much appreciated. These fund raising events help to make the Hall Clean, Warm and Affordable to all.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Village Hall will take place on **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd 2015**.

Should anyone wish to put their name forward for election to the Management Committee we do have a vacancy, contact 722186 for details. And finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

B Barrett, Chairman

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

As last month's print date was before our Autumn Fair we weren't able to report on it - but we are very pleased to say that the afternoon was sufficiently successful to enable us to keep our funds topped up. There weren't so many people as sometimes, but those who were there must have spent very generously because we totalled £580 once everything was in. So we would like to say a very big THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US –all those who donated items for sale, all those who helped on the day and all those who came along and bought what we were offering – we are very grateful.

Also we would like to thank those who gave gifts to the Parish Harvest, as we were amongst those to benefit as a result.

We have again been pooling our efforts to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to the generosity of our members we have been able to fill 18 boxes this year. We were helped considerably by a large box of small toys etc which was donated by Mainlys hardware store in Devizes.

Our afternoon activities over the last few weeks have included another curling match, when Mavis's team beat Sheila's (Sims) team by 21 to 12, and top player was Sheila (Lee).

Another week we welcomed back the "End of the Track" singing group – eleven lovely men singing well known songs from the sixties in harmony – a real treat – and they said we sang well too!

We entertain ourselves sometimes and recently we have been doing this by telling each other a bit about what we've done in the past, or a few stories of funny experiences, and we've enjoyed learning more about each other as a result.

We really would like some new members to come and join us. Anyone over 60 who would

enjoy a bit of company one day a week is very welcome to come and take a look at what we do, or give me a ring and I will come and see you and tell you all about it. If transport is a problem we can help if you live in Bromham or Rowde.

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Claire Ladd (Organiser) on 01380859166

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Alan Watters, Editor



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ROWDE YOUTH GROUPS

A meeting was held on Thursday 6th November in the Village Hall to discuss the arrangements for supporting and providing youth activities in Rowde.

Wiltshire Councillor Mr. Richard Gamble chaired the meeting which was attended by Jan Barber and Karen Weller who were the previous youth club leaders, Sally Willox, community youth officer for Devizes, Jackie Bawden representing youth interests in the village and Shannon Kerfoot, Luke Smith Jack Taylor and Alex Taylor from the re-constituted youth council. Iain Marr and his helpers also attended, as the new organisers of the newly formed Rowde and Local Community Youth Club (RALC).

The meeting covered three main areas of discussion. The first was the re-activation of Rowde Youth Council that had previously been suspended. The four Youth Council members stated their aims to represent the voice of the youth in the village, and to encourage and advise everyone in an inclusive manner.

The discussion then turned to the Rowde and Local Community Youth Club the RALC consists of a new committee - a chairman, secretary and treasurer plus others, and has around 14 volunteers. The club meets every Friday from 6.30 – 8.30pm at the school. The charge is £1 per night and currently around 40 attend. The group is planning to extend the age group to include 7 and 8 year olds with the younger group in a separate room. Mr Marr outlined the need to replace equipment such as table tennis and snooker tables plus he would like to consider spending on other possibilities such as I.T. equipment. Currently the club is attracting members from both Rowde and other local villages and is using the weekly fees to finance its activities.

The meeting discussed the available money and the funding requirements for the two youth groups. Some of the money previously raised by the Youth Council from sponsored bike rides, car washes etc. is to be ring-fenced for specific projects such as the skateboard park at the playing field. The total funds at the bank currently stand at £4,323 and after a good deal of discussion it was decided that £1,500 should be allocated to the youth council for development and maintenance projects on the large playing field. The remaining money would be split between the two youth groups so that each received £1,411. In addition Sally Willox and Richard Gamble outlined a number of other options in respect of grant funding which could be applied for.

John Butler

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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next club meeting will be on 9th December when we will be having our Christmas Supper and December 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.**

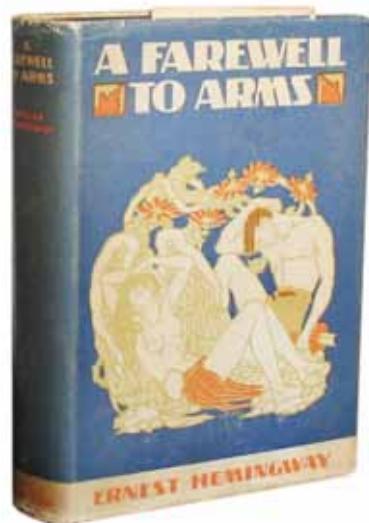
BOOK REVIEW A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemmingway

This classic novel, a tragedy set during the 1st world war was chosen by the reading group in respect of this year's centenary.

The group agreed that the short and sometimes abrupt sentences made this novel frustrating to read. The story line may have been seen as a shocking tragedy for the period it was written, but it is hard to believe today's readers would react in the same way. The change in our social behaviour and attitudes mean that the impact of the story is diminished.

The group thought that there are far better novels set during the 1st World War and did not feel they could recommend this book.

Rosie Berry



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

Please note that our Rowde Village website manager is Amanda Boorman and she can be contacted at amanda@homegrownpigs.co.uk or tel: 01225 704054

Your Parish Council

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

New Marsh Lane footpath!

o Work to create a new permissive footpath in Rowde will soon be completed, from Marsh Lane to Devizes Road across Oxhouse Farmland. All three kissing gates were installed on the first day of work (a record for Wiltshire Council). The footpath will be ready for the official opening on 7th December, when there will be a walk along the route starting around 1.45pm and ending at the Rowdey Cow for celebrations around 3.00pm.

New Youth Club

o The Chair welcomed the new Youth groups in the village: the newly formed Youth Club and the re-constituted Youth Council. The Parish Council look forward to working formally with the Youth Council.

o The Rowde and Local Community Youth Club meet every Friday from 6.30pm onwards at Rowde Academy School. All children from Y5 onwards are welcome. If you would like further details on the Youth Club, please contact Iain Marr, tel: 01380 738096.

Playground Safety

o There is a safety issue concerning the damaged goal post in the small playing field. The area has been cordoned off and quotes are being sourced to repair the equipment.

o A recent safety report showed concerns that the top layer of the BMX track has worn away in places and has left exposed rocks. A meeting will be arranged with the new Youth Council leaders to discuss the issue.

o Cllrs S Mundy, C Stevens and A Seedhouse have agreed to work together to remove a section of the damaged fence in the small playing field (alongside Tower View residence). The link fence will be cut out and some of the hedge removed. The area will be re-planted with hedging plants, which will need to be cut by a flail when established.

Allotments

o At least one allotment has been unallocated this year. The Parish Council therefore voted on a proposal to open up the allotments to people within a 3 mile radius of the parish of Rowde. All voted in favour. It was agreed that a condition will be added to the tenancy agreement to state that allotment plots held by non-Rowde residents will be reviewed every two years. The Clerk will draft an amendment to the tenancy agreement and bring back to the Parish Council meeting in December.

o Concern was raised about the state of some of the allotments suggesting that they were not currently being worked. Letters are to be sent to the relevant allotment holders.

o C Stevens updated the Parish Council on plans to form an Allotment Society.

Village Amenities

o It was agreed to ask WC to move the waste bin on 'The Hill' to a more useful location on Springfield Road. It was further agreed to purchase a bin to site at the junction of Rowde Court Road with Marsh Lane.

o The Clerk will write to the owners of the stables on Marsh Lane and remind them of the laws against fly-tipping in litter bins.

Planning Application

o 14/09512/FUL: 1 Chestnut Close: Rear single and two storey extension, alter existing rear dormer to catslide dormer. The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

Wiltshire Council update

o Cllr Philip Whitehead is covering the Rowde area in Cllr Liz Bryant's absence. If you have any queries for your local County Councillor, please contact Wiltshire Council at: 0300 456 0100

o A County Wide parking review is open until 16th January 2015. The consultation is available at <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal> or through the

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde, Bromham & Potterne

Liz Bryant	Wiltshire Councillor	01380 850316
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Sustainable Transport Group: 0300 456 0100. Current revenue from car parking charge is £2.5 million. This funds the rural bus services. Wiltshire Council is not averse in principle to any extension of free parking, such as in Devizes Market Square, but it would have to be counteracted by higher prices in pay and display car parks or a reduction in rural bus services.

- o Narrowing of road by West End Farm has been discussed further at the recent CATG meeting. CATG will put forward some proposals to improve safety at this point on the road.
- o A section of the tow path in Devizes is being replaced and drainage added, in partnership with the Canal and River Trust. This will take place at the beginning of 2015 and will improve cycle and pedestrian access into Devizes.
- o Concern was raised with Cllr Whitehead about the condition of the pavement from Tanis to Dunkirk Hill.
- o A further concern was also raised with Cllr Whitehead about the lack of a flashing warning sign as you approach Rowde primary school on Devizes Road.

Police matters

- o Police have reported the following thefts: Between 9th-14th October 2014 a garden shed was broken into and a Stihl strimmer to the value of £120 has been stolen. Between 11th-14th October 2014, a garden shed has been broken into and laundry related items stolen. Between 15th-17th October 2014 access has been gained to the rear garden of a residential property and a petrol Stihl strimmer to the value of £140 has been stolen.

Speeding

- o Tony Jeffries introduced himself as the new leader for the Community Speedwatch team in Rowde. If you are concerned about speeding traffic through the village and have an hour to spare to help the team, please contact Tony on tel: 01380 720988, or e-mail: wajeffries888@gmail.com. Speedwatch sessions will re-commence soon!

Highways

- o Complaints have been received about cars using the pavement opposite Paradise Lane to park on. The Parish Council request that drivers respect local residents' property and observe the 'no parking' requests.

- o Repairs have been carried out to the potholes on Conscience Lane.

Hedges & Signs

- o The hedge at the junction of Conscience Lane has been cut back. WC has also re-instated the gap in the hedgerow opposite the entrance to Conscience Lane to improve visibility when pulling out of the junction.

Finance

- o Monthly invoices totalling £1779.94 were approved (proposed by C Stevens, seconded by S Mundy) and the cheques signed.

Staff costs & printing	918.33
Grounds & Village Maintenance	400.41

Training/Safety reports

461.2

Total:

£1779.94

Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th December 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.

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

Waste Not Want Not

Waste Not Want Not (WNWN) is a furniture recycling project where the primary aim is to help those 'in need' to furnish their homes with good quality second-hand furniture, at low cost.

Sadly, due to some Charity Shops now selling second-hand furniture, WNWN is suffering from a lack of donated goods. This not only affects the disadvantaged (those on benefits or low income – and Senior Citizens, who are also able to avail themselves of this service), but it also means that the future of WNWN is questionable?

In order that the superb charitable work of Waste Not Want Not can carry on, it is important that more donations of furniture and household goods are received. So many people/families have been thankful for the Charity's help in furnishing their homes over the past decade, in fact Waste Not Want Not has an excellent showroom displaying quality furniture and household goods (for every room) at: 303, Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham.

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Just order your fresh vegetables and cream or any other goods etc from us and we will have it ready for you to collect on Christmas Eve.

Please order by Monday 15th if at all possible.

Don't forget your sausages and bacon as well (they make the best Pigs in Blankets).



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

Our turkey comes via John Butler at Rowdefield Farm and with the local veg it is the tastiest Christmas dinner ever.

It is sad that we are losing a lovely and cheery volunteer in Julia, she is moving away and we wish her well and hope she will pop in when she passes, we shall miss her lovely smile.

I am giving you a versatile recipe for Christmas; it is suitable for vegetarians and carnivores alike! It can also be used as a spread or sandwich filling.

Please remember to cancel papers if you are going away. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and thank you all for supporting us throughout the year.

Last but not at all least, Chris's money tube outside the shop has yielded £76-12p when last emptied and the small shop donation tin yielded £41 -58p. Thank you everyone, this helps with the overheads.

The Christmas opening times are:

Christmas Eve	7-30 to 4 o'clock
Christmas Day	closed
Boxing Day	9-00 to 12 noon
Saturday	8-00 to 4 o'clock
Sunday	9-00 to 12 noon

All opening times will be on the notice board outside.

Kind regards to you all

**Jan Barber, 01380 739800
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JAN'S RECIPE

Mushroom Pate

INGREDIENTS:

- Medium sized onion 1
- Mushrooms 1 lb (450gms)
- Butter or Marg 2oz (50)
- Wholemeal breadcrumbs 6oz (175 g)
- Hot water 1/4pt (150 ml)
- Lemon juice of half
- Garlic cloves crushed (optional) 1-2
- Fresh yeast crumbled 1oz (25g)
- Ground nutmeg to taste
- Salt@ Pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Finely chop the onion, mushroom caps and stalks.
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan and sauté the onion until transparent.
3. Add the mushrooms and cook for a further 2-3 minutes.
4. Soak the breadcrumbs in the hot water then add to the mushrooms with the lemon juice and garlic.
5. Cook over a gentle heat, beat in the remaining ingredients and check seasoning to taste.
6. Spoon into a serving dish, cover and refrigerate until required.
7. Garnish with raw mushroom slices.

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

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EATING OUT - THE BELL AT WEST OVERTON

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We rang last minute and were lucky to get the last table in the bar area.

Staff were polite and efficient, quality of the food was excellent and the atmosphere was really nice.

We'll definitely return soon, despite the 15 mile car journey.

Highly recommend!

...and they did return as we also have the following review by them from only a couple of weeks ago:

My wife and I both opted for the chicken liver parfait to start, delicious! My wife had smoked haddock for her main which I couldn't resist a little try of, that was also delicious! I opted for the roast sirloin and was glad that I did! Everything was cooked to perfection and I didn't want it to end.

The service was also excellent, waitresses very polite and professional.

Great pub, great service, beautiful food.

10/10!



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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

DID YOU KNOW?

10 Facts about Christmas

1. Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
2. The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.
3. Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in America alone.
4. All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would total 364 gifts.
5. The "true love" mentioned in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" does not refer to a romantic couple, but the Catholic Church's code for God. The person who receives the gifts represents someone who has accepted that code. For example, the "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ. The "two turtle doves" represent the Old and New Testaments.
6. Most of Santa's reindeer have male-sounding names, such as Blitzen, Comet, and Cupid. However, male reindeers shed their

antlers around Christmas, so the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh are likely not male, but female or castrati.

7. In A.D. 350, Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.
8. According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221 foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.
9. The traditional three colours of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.
10. According to data analyzed from Facebook posts, two weeks before Christmas is one of the two most popular times for couples to break up. However, Christmas Day is the least favorite day for breakups.

The Reverend John Rees

Thoughts from The Rectory

As I write this I'm expecting to see the first Christmas lights and decorations appearing in homes and gardens across the village – as we get nearer Christmas I find them to be a welcome sight, breaking into the long, dark nights and often grey, gloomy days. Christmas this year marks the anniversary of an extraordinary event; the Christmas truce between allied and German forces in December 1914.

On a December night the sound of the carol "Silent Night" rang out from the trenches and cautiously troops from both sides ventured out into the battle scarred darkness of no-man's land. Greetings and presents were exchanged and the wounded and dead were retrieved. There were even games of football; though the playing surface must have been very difficult.

Sadly this season of goodwill was not to last. The horror of war resumed all too quickly and the soldiers who had sung carols and exchanged gifts were to remain enemies for nearly four more years. The darkness continued.

However, unlike the truce the Christmas message which was celebrated all too briefly in 1914 is a message that endures.

Jesus came to bring light to the world. He came to earth, born in the humble setting of that Bethlehem stable to reveal God's love for people of every generation in a new way. St John, in the opening chapter of his Gospel, proclaimed that all who believe in Jesus Christ have the right to become Children of God. Since that first Christmas, countless millions have discovered that following Jesus Christ has transformed their lives, and sustained them in the joys and difficulties of life. This is the lasting good news we celebrate at Christmas. It is good news offered to everyone.

I look forward to celebrating Christmas with many of you at our Christmas services (to which everyone is welcome) and/or meeting you at our other village celebrations.

With my best wishes for Christmas and 2015,

Best wishes, John

Notes from our Churchwardens

Mothers' Union: Deanery Advent Service on 3rd December at 2pm at St Nicholas Church, Bromham. All welcome.

January meeting on Thursday 8th at 2pm at The Rectory, Bromham.

Reminder: subs for 2015 due at the end of the month. Also monies from the 5p collection jars. Advent Course: Continues through December.

Maureen Hiscocks, Church Warden

Contacts:

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

Churchwardens:

Maureen Hiscocks Tel 01380 725406

Gavin Moss Tel 01380 729160

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Church Cleaning

Friday 19 December at 10.30am

Wednesday 14 January at 1.30pm

Wednesday 19 February at 1.30pm

Brass Cleaning

Phil Hale

Flower Arranging

December - Advent, no flowers until Christmas

17 December - Christmas - All volunteers

4 & 11 January 2015 - Liz Ibbetson

18 & 25 January - Carole Nutland

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

Christmas at St Matthew's

You are very welcome to join us at St Matthew's church this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Services and other events are as follows:

Monday 8th December: Meet at Church at 6.30pm or join in as we sing carols around the village. We will be collecting goods and money for the Devizes Food Bank.

Saturday 13th December at 4.00pm: Christingle service for all the family.

Wednesday 17th December at 7.30: Calne Choral Society Christmas concert. Tickets (£6 adults and £2 children) available from the Village Shop.

Saturday 20th December from 10.00-12.00: Christmas Coffee Morning with crafts for children.

Sunday 21st December at 6.00pm: Carol Service.

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm: Crib Service for all the family

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm: Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day at 10.00am: Family Communion.

THE ST MATTHEW'S CAFE

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

PRAYER TREE

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

The tree is there for you to use in order to write, as anonymously as you want, your thoughts and hopes.

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

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

December Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

Everyone is very welcome at all our services



Date/Time	Service
Wednesday 3 11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.00 pm	Advent 2 (St Niocholas) Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service at Rowde Academy <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
Saturday 13 4.00 pm	Christingle
Sunday 14 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 3.00 pm	Advent 3 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Parish Communion <i>Carol Service, Sandy Lane</i>
Wednesday 17 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
Saturday 20 6.00 pm	<i>Carol Service, Bromham</i>
Sunday 21 6.00 pm	Carol Service
Wednesday 24 4.00 pm 11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service Midnight Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 8.00 am 10.00 am	Christmas Day <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Christmas Family Communion
Sunday 28 11.00 am	<i>Benefice Holy Communion, Bromham</i>

In addition, a short service of Morning Prayer is normally said on Tuesdays at 8am; please join us if you are able to.
Please note that the Church is open every day from 10am – 4pm
Coffee is available from 10.00 – noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays

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

January Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

Everyone is very welcome at all our services



Date/Time	Service
Sunday 4 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Epiphany Parish Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> <i>Family Service (in St Matthew's)</i>
Wednesday 7 11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> Parish Communion
Sunday 18 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Epiphany 2 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Parish Communion <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 21 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House, Bromham</i>
Sunday 25 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Epiphany 3 (Conversion of Paul) <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Family Service <i>Service of Unity, Bromham Methodist Chapel</i> Holy Communion
February Sunday 1 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.00 pm	Candlemas Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service at Rowde Academy <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>

October and November Church Cleaning at St Matthew's Church

Another good cleaning session took place on Wednesday 15th October. We had 11 cleaners which meant that we were able to give the church a good clean and polish in three quarters of an hour, followed by Rock cakes and Viennese whirls kindly made by Jo.

The November clean was on Friday 14th, we had 7 cleaners and again we were able to give the church a good clean,

including a thorough clean of the Kitchen and toilet area. This was followed by a chat, tea/ coffee and ginger cake.

The next two cleaning sessions will take place on Friday 19th December at 10.30 pm and Wednesday 14th January at 1.30 pm.

If you would like to come and help please contact Jane Moss 01380 729160 or Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406 or just turn up on the day.

Jane Moss

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Sidony, Kelsey, Kiah, Elissa and Thalia from the Rowde Junior Choir met in St Matthew's church to make decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at Bromham Church.



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What do Christians believe?

Who is Jesus?

Why do we pray?

Why go to Church?

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When?

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Where?

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For further information or to book please contact:

**Rev Annie Wintour - 01380 850880 anniewintour@btinternet.com,
or Gavin Moss - 01380 729160 mosscadet@lineone.net**

NEWS FROM Hft

This last year has flown by and here we are, facing another Christmas in a few weeks. As usual we are all very busy here with lots of Christmas activities.

We had a very successful Market here on Friday 21st November. A big thank you to all who came and supported us either by having a stall or coming along to buy some early X-mas presents.

A very extra special Thank You must go to Mrs and Mr Knapp for bringing their wonderful Fairground organ down which really added to the atmosphere.

Thanks to everyone's generosity; we made a grand total of £1400.

We are holding a series of workshops in Furlong Close in the run up to Christmas, unfortunately we have had to cancel the first one (29th) due to lack of interest, but the Shabby Chic decorations (6th) and Wreath making (13th) will go ahead. Cost is £20 and the session will provide all materials you will need, plus refreshments.

If you would like to come along and join us please ring Jan Emm on 725455 Ext 1004 to book a place.

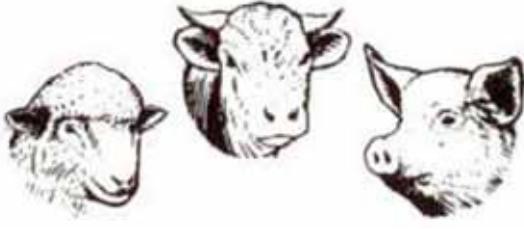


We will be holding a week of Christmas based Activities in the run up to the 24th December, when we finish at 1.00 pm.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and say thank you for your continued support.

Jan Emm





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Christmas Opening Times

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Wednesday 24th	8am – 1pm

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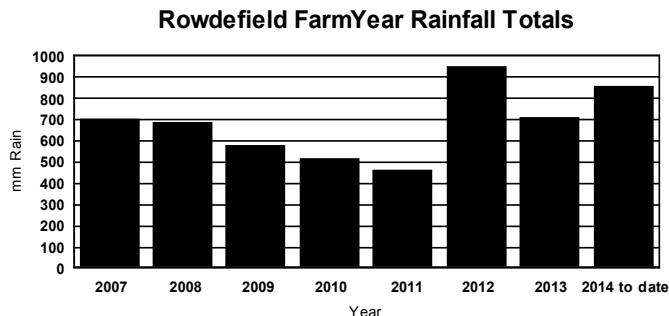
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JOHN'S FARM



The rain has certainly returned this autumn. The fields are now saturated and the land drains have begun to run once more. Let us hope it will not be a repeat of last year. The graph below show the total rainfall for the last few years – it looks like the total for 2014 will be very close to 2012.



We have two new additions to the farm – Meg and Skip. They came from Banbury and are currently 12 weeks old. Meg is very adventurous and into everything while Skip is a little more cautious. They have just started going for walks around the fields and are getting used to a lot of fascinating bird noises and smells!



Meg and Skip

Another new addition is the Case Puma tractor that has replaced one of the John Deeres. It is almost 20 years since we last had a working Case on the farm, although we have a classic 1988 model that we bought a few years ago and does some light work in the summer. The John Deere is off to a new home in Germany.

Also arriving this month were some new pullets. Some of our small flock of hens are old-timers that have come to the end of their laying period, and are now in retirement. We have 40 new birds, aged 18 weeks, and they are just starting to lay although the eggs are quite small at first.



The new laying flock!



The sheep and goats in their winter housing

The goats and sheep have moved into their winter quarters as the field is now very wet. They have all been wormed and had their feet trimmed. Hopefully the weather will soon cool down as there can be problems like pneumonia when stock are housed in warm damp conditions and there is little airflow. The ewes are expecting lambs, which should be due around the middle of March. This is designed to fit in with the large number of school visits that tend to happen in the spring. So far this autumn we have had ten schools visiting the farm with a total of 304 pupils.

The next magazine will be in 2015 so everyone at the farm wishes everyone in the village a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm

NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our final commemoration of WW1 was to work alongside a sculptor to build a wire soldier from the Wiltshire regiment. Our soldier stands at 1.5m, the typical height for a young man who would have joined up to fight for his country.



Virtually all the children in the school were able to contribute to building him. They made medals, buttons, his belt and hat along with creating a sturdy body for him, all from wire. We are all delighted with how wonderful he looks and we hope that we are able to loan him out to local groups so that our community can share him too. If you would like to come and see him or request to borrow him, please call the school office on 01380 723991.

Over the months of October and November, we welcomed different service men and women into school. They joined us to commemorate WW1 and WW2. We met Mr Reid; a paratrooper, who

talked to all the children about being a paratrooper and jumping from aeroplanes from low heights. He also went out to the playground with the children and showed the children what inside a parachute looks and feels like, using the school parachute! We greeted Mrs Elvin and Mr Read who shared their medals and their humorous stories with us. We also heard from Mr Bazire, who was a prisoner of war in China. All these visitors were an inspiration to staff and children and we thank them all for visiting us.

Moving forward, we find that we are in December. This is a magical month at Rowde Academy and there is lots going on. The children in KS1 will perform our Christmas play, The Landlord's Cat. Our performances are on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm and Wednesday 10th December at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £2 and are available from the school office.

Our Christmas fair is on Friday 5th December, starting at 5.30. There will be lots of different stalls and Father Christmas is making a special stop to visit the children too!

There will be Christmas parties and meals as well as fun and laughter. Our term ends on 19th December with Carols around the tree. This service begins at 1.30. You will need to obtain a ticket so that we know numbers. Again, please call the office.

A new term begins on Monday 5th January 2015. Everyone at Rowde Academy wishes you a wonderful Christmas.

Lorraine Colquhoun

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

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

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

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



Ailsa Devon
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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

The aim of Enterprise Day this term was to design and make products to sell in our new Enterprise Shop. Local artist Zoe Rucker visited the school to help all the pupils design beautiful, colourful doodles. These will be used to go on mugs, key rings, T-shirts and many other ideas that the pupils will decide upon. A mass production of loom band items like bracelets, earrings and necklaces were also made for sale. All together it was a very industrious day. Anyone visiting the school will be able to buy these gifts from reception.



Pupils' designs



Thursday 20th November saw the return of the majority of last year's leavers. They returned to collect their certificates for the exams they passed in July. They were all pleased to reunite with friends and staff as they are now spread far and wide in colleges over Wiltshire. Even in the short time they have been in college they seem to have grown in size and maturity. It was wonderful to welcome them back.

On Tuesday 25th November the whole school took part in a Street Dance Workshop. Each year group had the opportunity to learn a new street dance from 'M' and Emily who are now an annual event in our school calendar due to its popularity. Lots of talent was on show by the pupils, X Factor watch out!



Street Dance Workshop

Many more exciting events are planned for next month, with each class planning their performances for their concerts; nine boarders will be attending the Ballet Alice in Wonderland in London and all of them the Dick Whittington Pantomime in Swindon. The kitchen are busy planning Christmas Lunch and the Site Manager has started sorting the Christmas lights. So on that note may I wish you all a wonderful, peaceful Christmas.

Lorraine Schwarz



Loom band bracelet and rings



Loom band necklace

ROWDEFORD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ART



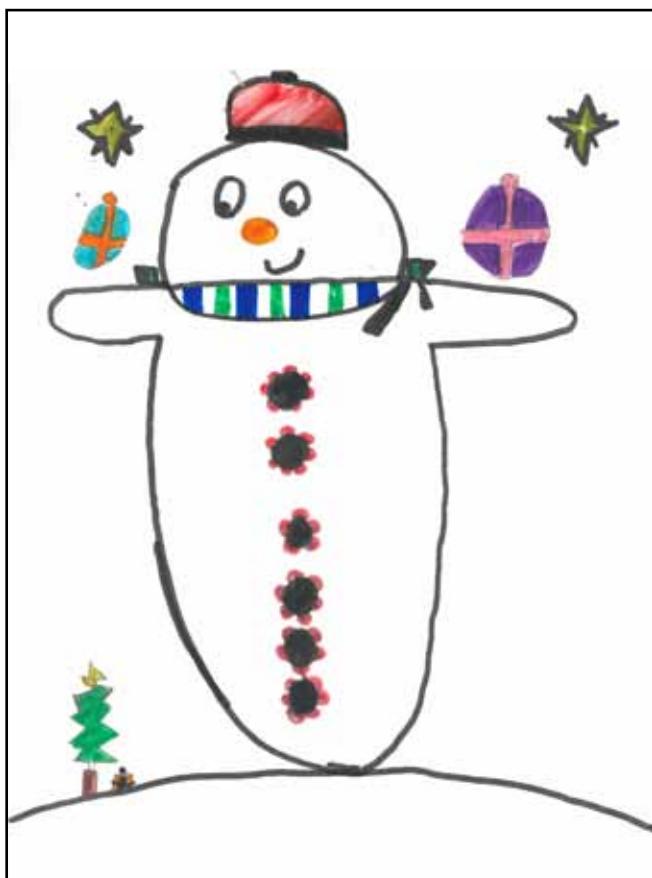
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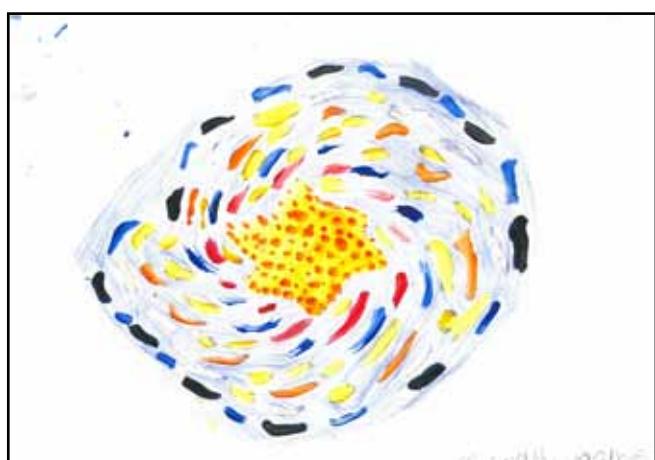
'The Nativity' by Jordan McKenna



'My Snowman' by Richard Griggs



'Snowman with presents' by Joshua Mitchell



'Swirling van Gogh star' by Gareth Thomas

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL



XMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY DEC. 6th. 2PM.

IN AID OF VILLAGE HALL

Father Christmas will be collecting on
WEDNESDAY. Dec. 3rd.. Bunny's Lane, Tower View,
Rowde Court Road & Closes.

THURSDAY Dec. 4th. Tanis, Devizes Road &
High Street to Close Lane.

FRIDAY Dec. 5th.. Marsh Lane, Springfield Road
Silverlands, Scholars Park

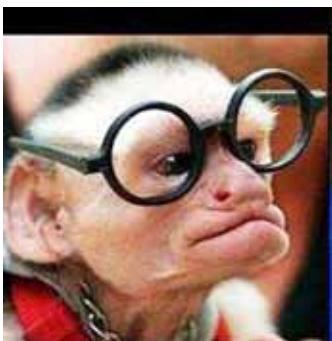
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PHOTO FUN

People and animals who look like each other this month. Some of them are famous (humans that is), how many can you name? Send them in and we will give a prize to the winner (watters.alan@gmail.com).



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

GOOD NEIGHBOUR NEWS



At the heart of your community

Every year the Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation offer grants to help people who may struggle to meet the rising fuel costs over the winter months.

These 'Surviving Winter' payments are one-off payments of up to £200 to assist people that spend upwards of 10% of their income on energy. The grant is to help pay fuel bills, purchase oil, purchase an oil heater, purchase coal, top up electricity or purchase a pair of warm slippers and a blanket.

If you think you may be eligible for a grant and want to find out more, please get in touch and I will be happy to help you in the right direction. Similarly, if you know a friend or neighbour that might be interested then encourage them to get in contact and I can assist them in making an application.

For those of you that may not be eligible for the grant but want to support this, it is possible to make a donation to the Surviving Winter pot to help ensure everyone that needs the help can access it. Donations can be made online via the Wiltshire Community Foundation website at <https://wiltshirecf.org.uk/> or by contacting the Community Foundation directly on 01380 729284.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing people in 2015.

Alex North, Good Neighbour

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FUN COLUMN

This month we have some spontaneous quotes from TV personality Paul Merton:

"The first Underground station ever opened was Baker Street in 1906. What was the point of that? Where would you go?"

(Talking about ex 'Have I Got News For You' presenter Angus Deayton) "His name is Angus. The G is silent."

My aunt died at precisely 10.47am and the old grandfather clock stopped at precisely the same time also It fell on her!

There are various ways to stop yourself from smoking – nicotine patches, nicotine gum. My auntie used to pour petrol over herself every morning!

My hair's got a life of its own. Last week I found it in the kitchen, making an omelette...

(On reading the A to Z) Can't wait to see what happens at the end. The characters aren't up to much but the places, they seem so real.

It's silly to make generalisations, but if you talk to anyone in the south for longer than five minutes, they will try to sell you fruit.

When I wake up on a Monday morning and I realise I don't have to go and work at the civil service, I really think I've won.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Children have a remarkable talent for not taking the adult world with the kind of respect that we are so confident it ought to be given. To the irritation of authority figures of all sorts, children expend considerable energy in clowning around. They refuse to appreciate the gravity of our monumental concerns, while we forget that if we were to become more like children our concerns might not be so monumental.

Conrad Hyers

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

Never again clutter your days or nights with so many menial and unimportant things that you have no time to accept a real challenge when it comes along. This applies to play as well as work. A day merely survived is no cause for celebration. You are not here to fritter away your precious hours when you have the ability to accomplish so much by making a slight change in your routine. No more busy work. No more hiding from success. Leave time, leave space, to grow. Now. Now! Not tomorrow!

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Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Alan Watters, Editor

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After enjoying a very busy half term we have now quietened down and changed our opening hours back to winter hours 10am to 4pm (7 days a week). In the run up to Christmas we have plenty of festive activities to prepare for which we are very excited about:



Friday 5th December: We are opening our doors in the evening for a spectacular 3 course Christmas meal. Tickets to be bought in advance ~ we will also accept group bookings of up to 15 per table so suitable for smaller Christmas work parties as well ~ £19.95 for 2 courses & £23.95 for 3 courses

(see website for menu www.rowdeycow.co.uk)
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From 12th to 22nd December we will have Specials on the Board to include delicious Christmas Lunches so book in advance for a special Christmas Lunch to avoid disappointment!

We will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day and we will be open 10am to 2pm New Year's Day, otherwise open 7 days a week 10am to 4pm. Please call 01380 829666 if you would like further details of any of the above.

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We would like to say a big thank you to all our families that helped us raise money for children in need last month, we all enjoyed dressing up as superheroes and princess. Lots of yummy cakes were baked and sold too!



Here at sunny days we have been busy preparing for Christmas and most certainly getting into the festive spirit. Staff and children alike are rehearsing their special Christmas performance ready for the 4th December, where we are also expecting a special guest visit from Father Christmas himself.

Extended opening hours.

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

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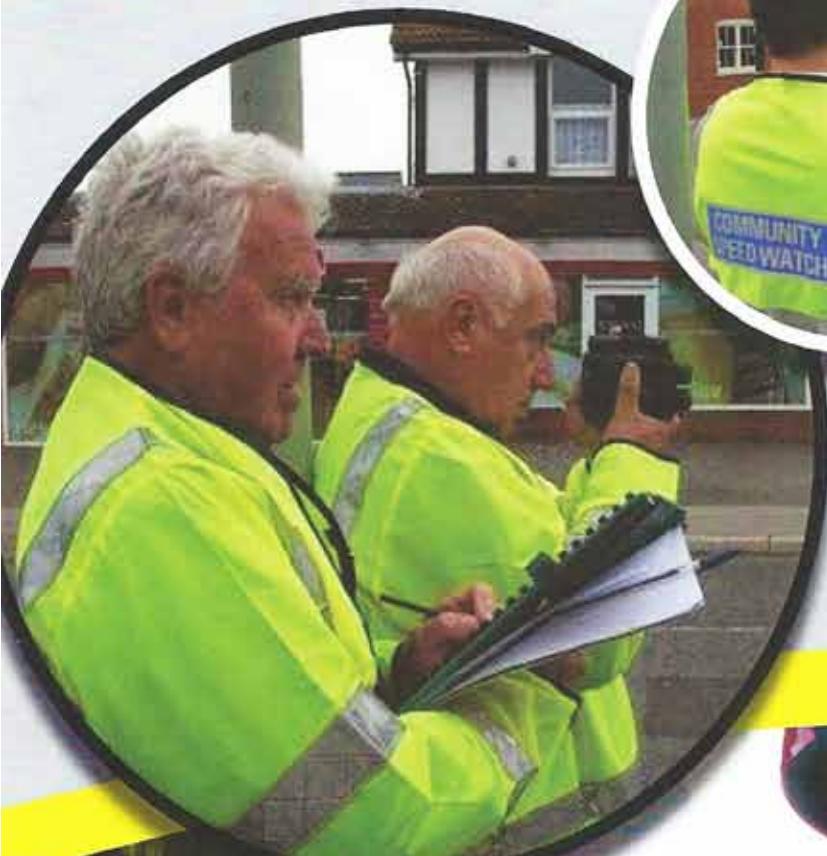
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Our Christmas menus have been available since mid November. We still have availability throughout December for both menus which can be found on our website www.thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk.

We will be kicking off our Christmas celebrations with the annual Rowde Christmas Carol gathering on Sunday 14th December at the G&D at 5.30pm. Do join us afterwards for the as always, popular delicious 2 course traditional roast Christmas supper @ £17.50pp. Please give us a quick call and book your places to avoid disappointment. 01380 723 053

On Christmas Eve we will be serving lunch & dinner as usual and whilst we await the chimes for Midnight mass we will be enjoying our Christmas Village Drinks. Please come and join us for a Christmas Cocktail or your usual tipple.

Christmas Day the pub is closed as we have a family gathering to attend this year. Sorry.

But.... Boxing Day we will be back with a bang with our Boxing Day Feast. We will be open for drinks from 12 and have 2 lunch sittings at 12pm & 3pm.

Our opening hours will be as normal from then until December 30th. This New Year's Eve we will be closed. Not only is 2015 a big birthday year for Mich (big 40!) but also one of her closest friends' 40th birthday bash is being celebrated this NYE, so that's where we will be. However, after our amazing 10th anniversary bash in October, we felt sure you could do with rest....

New Year's day 2015 we are definitely open for Hair of The Dog. Come and join us from midday till 4pm.

We would like to wish all of our friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in the G&D soon. Love Phil, Mich & Chippy x

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ROWDE'S SAM WINS BAKE OFF!



Sam, Enwezor and the winning cake

On 15th November 9 years old Sam Briggs from Rowde won the Best Children's entry in the Great Bromham Bake Off. He was presented with his award by Great British Bake Off contestant Enwezor Nzagwu who had cycled from Portsmouth to Bromham to judge the best Children's cake and raise money for Children in Need.



Enwezor tasting Sam's cake whilst being interviewed by BBC Wiltshire's Graham Rogers

BBC Wiltshire covered the bake off at the Bromham Social Centre and featured the event on BBC Radio Wiltshire. Pudsey was also there and was a great hit with children and adults alike.

HELD: MAN ACCUSED OF ROWDE BURGLARY

A man who is accused of burgling a house in Rowde has been remanded in custody by a judge.

Jamie Baines, 22, is said to have stolen a Honda motorcycle in the alleged raid on the property in Elm Close on Wednesday, September 10.

No charge was formally put to Baines, from Bristol, and he did not enter a plea during the brief hearing at Swindon Crown Court recently.

Judge Peter Blair QC adjourned the case to Friday, January 2, and remanded him in custody until then.

TRIBUTE TO THE AIR AMBULANCE HEROES WHO KEPT ROWDE MAN ALIVE

Prison officer Gary Maslin from Rowde was at the sandwich counter in Sainsbury's in Devizes when he had his heart attack.

He was driven to the WAA base at police headquarters, airlifted to Frenchay Hospital in Bristol and then driven by ambulance to the specialist Bristol Heart Institute.

Mr Maslin said: "When I was taken out of the ambulance into the helicopter, the paramedic said to me, 'That's what your taxes paid for, now you're going into charity'. That will always stick with me.

"The air ambulance, all the paramedics, and the staff at Sainsbury's were absolutely brilliant. They saved my life."

THEFTS FROM SHEDS IN ROWDE

Three separate incidents of thefts from garden sheds have been reported recently. Various items were stolen including two strimmers worth £140 and £120. Please be aware of this and make sure your sheds and outbuildings are well secured and consider fitting an alarm.

ROWDE SCHOOL SAYS AU REVOIR TO TEACHER

French teacher Jayne Andrews-Wheeler has said au revoir to the school where she has taught for 34 years with a tea party with a Gallic twist.

Staff and pupils at Rowdeford School special school, in Rowde, all dressed in red, white and blue, wore berets and put onions around their necks to surprise the 57-year-old.

She said: "It was a complete surprise to me. It was really lovely."

She joined the school a year after leaving teacher training college and originally worked as a house mother to some of the boarders. She then became a teacher of general subjects before moving to her speciality of French.

At the party, where French-style cupcakes, croissants and pains au chocolat were served, Mrs Andrews-Wheeler was presented with gardening vouchers and so many bouquets of



From left, Claire Brown, Jayne Andrews-Wheeler, Emma Rossiter and headteacher Ingrid Sidmouth

flowers she had to go and buy extra vases for her Rowde home.

Also saying a temporary goodbye were deputy head Emma Rossiter and science teacher Claire Brown who have gone on maternity leave.

CHRISTMAS TREATS AT ROWDEFORD SCHOOL



Three days of shopping for Christmas from local artists and designer-makers on 21st to 23rd November at Rowdeford School raised £1,072 for Rowdeford Charity Trust towards their new building programme'.



Visitors were 'treated' to mulled wine, mince pies and delicious food by local caterers 'Radish'.

ROWDE SETS A RECORD!

During November, volunteers from Rowde have been working at weekends under the direction of Paul Millard, Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way Warden, to construct our new footpath. The work has involved opening up gaps in hedges, putting in kissing gates and bridges and cutting back vegetation.



Paul is used to working with volunteer groups and was amazed that in one day the volunteers had erected not the usual 2 kissing gates but 3!!! He said it was certainly a record!!!



The new path starts where the Marsh Lane footpath, coming towards Rowde from the locks, crosses the track going up to the Caen Hill cafe. It goes through the Jubilee Wood parallel to Marsh Lane then follows the edge of

the field running at the back of Hft and beside Rowde Academy School. The path comes out on Devizes Road opposite the Rowdey Cow.



The path takes walkers across land owned by the Canal and River Trust and Wiltshire Council. The landowners have given permission for a permissive footpath. This means that access may be withdrawn if walkers or their dogs stray onto the agricultural land beside the path.



Join us for the official opening of the path on Sunday 7 December. Meet at the Marsh Lane end of the track going up to the Caen Hill Cafe at 1.45. Walk the new path to the Rowdey Cow for refreshments.

FIRE CREWS TACKLE ROWDE FLAT BLAZE

On 26th November firefighters tackled a fire in Rowde in an upstairs flat in Springfield Road.



A fire crew at the smoke filled flats in Springfield Road
(photo by Stephen Payne)

Passers-by noticed the fire at around 9am. Two other flats were evacuated while Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service crews were on their way from Devizes. The flat was empty at the time and the male owner was told about the fire, which gutted it. No one was injured and the fire was under control by about 10am. Fire services were on the scene until 11am, damping down and securing the flat.



Damage was done to the roof along with water damage to the flat below. There was also smoke damage to the surrounding flats and houses backing onto the property.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS AT ROWDE COURT STUDIOS



There was a steady stream of visitors to Ann Swan's Christmas Open Studio in Marsh Lane on 15th and 16th November.

Shoppers from near and far were able to buy early Christmas presents from Ann's wonderful range of botanical artwork, giftware and jewellery.

And Alan's mince pies and mulled wine went down well with donations going to Rowdeford Charity Trust.

CAR PARKING REVIEW

The review focuses on car parking charges and management, with the potential use of new technologies and the future role of local communities. The review also covers other aspects such as parking standards, first hour free parking and other charging exemptions.

We encourage people to respond to the review through our website

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>. Hard copies of the background information will also be available at local libraries and the main council office.

The consultation is open from now until the 16th January 2015.

REMEMBERANCE DAY PARTY



We recently held a Remembrance Day party at my home in Springfield Road in Rowde. I never forget World War 1 or World War 2 and now have many items from that era. This is how we remembered our fallen heroes and these pictures are of my family at the party. I hope you like them.

Kim Topp

December 2014 & January 2015 Rowde Village News

STOP PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE G&D

January will see some major but exciting changes at the G&D. Chippy has been offered a wonderful job, full time, and will be returning to Soho House, London.

He will, however, retain ownership of the pub which will be run and managed by a highly experienced General Manager, Paul Smith, whom Chippy has known for 20 years. Amy has had a fantastic year with The G&D and has now been promoted to Manager and will be responsible for the day to day running of the front of house and our cooking super star Tom, will head up the kitchen. Paul, Amy and Tom will have continuing excellent support from Mo, Mark, Sarah, Jack, Annie, Bella, Arthur & Ben. Phil & Mich will still live here in Rowde and look forward to being a part of the village and the pub but on the other side of the bar!. Phil will also be seeing many of you through his Sports Massage Clinic if you are that brave!.

You won't be able to get rid of Chippy that easily either as he will be here as much as he can on his days off from London. He will also continue to work with Mich who will be focusing on their bespoke outside Catering Company 'George Goes Out' which already has an excellent reputation for weddings and all types of celebrations and which we are looking to expand in the future.

This is a massive change for us all and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your custom, friendship and support throughout the last 10 years.

We hope you will be as excited as we are about this news both for the George & Dragon and for the three of us and we look forward to seeing you in the pub and around the village.

Phil, Mich & Chippy

STEWSDAY

On November 4th, I was asked to help with Stewsday as I had helped a bit with the harvest lunch. After school I went to Gavin Mosses house to help with the making and preparing for Stewsday. Gavin, me and Tayte first had to finish off the Chicken tagine, Chicken and spicy cassoulet - which was one of my favourites, Lancashire hotpot, Beef stew, and a corn Thai green curry. Me and Tayte did most of the Thai green curry which involved cutting up lots of vegetables, frying the corn and adding coconut



milk. We also had to add lots of spices like coriander to give it flavour.

The Stewsday started at half past six so we had to make a few trips in the car to get all the dishes to the church on time and heated up (no one wants cold stew). When we got there we had to set up all the plates and knife and forks, we put out a basket of bread for people to mop up sauce.



At about quarter to seven most people were there so we started to serve up. I was in charge of the rice and corn curry and loads of people



loved the curry, not just vegetarians! Of all the dishes people tried, I think the beef stew was the favourite. Everyone loved all the stews and kept on saying how good and tasty it was. Then after everyone had eaten I tried a bit of the cassoulet, it was amazing, the spicy sausage was my favourite. All in all the night was very successful and after the stews we had lots of puddings which were all lovely.

PS: Whoever made the banana cheesecake, it was absolutely amazing!!

Joe Dilling

ROWDE COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH AREA

I thought I would give residents an update on where we are at with Speed Watch.

I went out for 8 o'clock one morning to a local village to see how their scheme operated and was more than surprised to see two young ladies operating the camera, (by young I mean less than half my age!) surprised because I thought of such schemes as being run by pensioners. These young ladies whilst being very careful and capable had a sense of humour, and were competing to see who wore the large Sheriff's badge which was awarded to the person who caught the most for the day, or caught the person driving through their village at the highest speed. As soon as they had finished they went off to work! It was certainly an eye opener for me.

So as a reminder to you all you only have to be over 18 as opposed to over 65 to take part in the scheme and it could well be possible to take part before you go off to work.

Most if not all families in Rowde should by now have seen the article in the Magazine as well as parents who received a similar article circulated by the local school, (big thanks to Alan at the Magazine and to the School for their much appreciated help). Unfortunately the training evening later this month is full and Chris and I were lucky to be included. (The training event is not just for persons on the Rowde scheme). The next training session will be in January so if there are any more volunteers out there please let me know ASAP so that I can get your name passed on to the relevant parties.

Tony Jeffries

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OBITUARY **Alice Mary Wiltshire**

Alice Mary Wiltshire died in the Royal United Hospital, Bath after a short illness on October 19, aged 92.

She leaves behind husband of 71 years, Alf, son Alan, two grandchildren, Alison and Andrew, and a great grandson, Oliver, ten.



Mrs Wiltshire was born in Marsh Cottage, St Edith's Marsh, Bromham in 1922. She was an only child and was always known as Mary, but because her initials would have spelt 'Mad' with a maiden name of Davis, her first name was officially Alice.

Mrs Wiltshire met her husband Alf, 92, at a wartime dance in the Cross Keys pub in Rowde in 1940. In 1942 Mr Wiltshire was called up into the Armed Forces serving in the RAF Regiment. He returned home in June 1943 on a seven-day pass and the couple were married that same week in St Nicholas Church.

Mrs Wiltshire worked for the Foxhangers Laundry and then for Harris's until the couple's only child Alan was born in 1948. She then worked as a dinner lady at St Nicholas School in Bromham for 26 years.

Mrs Wiltshire was always interested in gardening and Mr Wiltshire has put their long lives down to eating organic food from the garden. Other hobbies included the village bingo and crosswords and Mrs Wiltshire danced all of her life apart from the last few years due to her health. Mr Wiltshire said: "She had a good busy active life and she enjoyed every minute of it; everyone loved Mary."

Her funeral was held at West Wiltshire Crematorium in Semington on November 6 followed by a celebration of her life at St Nicholas Church, Bromham.

Donations should go to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

...and from 25 years ago:

A survey has shown only 3,100 vehicles would use a bypass from the A361 near Bishops Cannings to the bottom of Caen Hill at Rowde. "Very substantial volumes of traffic would therefore remain in Devizes," said highways director David Gardner.

FOOTBALL

Rowde's unbeaten run continues

On Sunday 2nd November two goals in the final quarter at home to FC North Wiltshire earned Rowde a nervy 2-0 victory, Bradley Whitbread's fierce drive breaking the deadlock and Matt Lever's late finish sealing the win.



'Matt Lever's late finish sealed the win'



Fast and furious play against North Wiltshire



A near miss by Rowde early in the second half



Acrobatics from Matt Lever to clear the danger

On Sunday 9th November, after suffering their first loss of the season last weekend, North Star slumped to a second successive defeat, second division Rowde Cow Rowde beating their first division opponents 3-1 to book their place in the last 16 of the Eric Hughes Memorial Knockout Cup. Bradley Whitbread (twice) and Josh Scott being on target for Rowde. Mickey Taraskevics replied for Star but also missed a penalty.

And on 16th November Rowde held the division leaders Worton & Cheverell to a 2-2 draw at Sands Lane, in a match that was a great advert for the Sunday League. For Worton, who beat Rowde earlier in the season, the draw saw them stretch their unbeaten start to 10 matches. Danny Williams and Matt Minnis scored for the leaders with Aaron Chivers and Rory Collins finding the net for Rowde.

....and from 10 Years Ago

Pupils go Dutch for tournament

A group of young Rowde footballers know exactly how the England national team feel after they suffered a last-minute defeat to France in their own version of Euro 2004.

The Rowde Primary School side, made up of ten and 11-year-olds, took part in Team Bath's mini Euro 2004 competition at the University of Bath on Tuesday. Ten schools from the South West were invited to take part and were drawn sides to represent from the real-life tournament out of a hat.

Rowde were given the honour of representing the Netherlands and they swept through their group stage without losing a game.

They defeated the Czech Republic (Sefton Park Junior School, Bristol) 2-0 and drew 1-1 with England (St Anne's Park Primary, Bristol) then they thrashed Russia (Bathampton Primary) 4-0 to book their place in the semi-finals.

Rowde were drawn to face France (St Philips Primary, Bath) in the semi-finals and had a chance to avenge their England heroes' defeat to France on Sunday. But the match went the same way with France coming back from 1-0 behind to win 2-1 with a winning goal ten seconds from the end of extra-time.

Rowde's Ruud Van Nistelrooy and Patrick Kluivert hot-shots proved to be Owen Alsop and Sophie Wright who top-scored with four and two goals respectively.



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ROWDE VILLAGE FETE AND SCARECROW TRAIL 2015

Dear Villager,

Rowde Village Fete and Scarecrow Trail Saturday 4th July 2015 12 - 4pm

The village Fete committee are starting preparations and planning for next years Fete and Scarecrow Trail. We really hope to repeat the success of this summer which was a most enjoyable day for the whole village.

I am writing to you as a Resident, local group or business to let you know of the date for next years Fete in case you would like to be involved. In essence the Fete is a village party and we would like all the Village groups represented.

Last year we made £500 for Devizes Opportunity Centre. And the School and other stall holders all raised funds for their own causes. This year we would like to raise funds for a Rowde based project, if you have any suggestions please let us know, suggestions so far are for a Rowde Bonfire and Fireworks night or the Village Shop for example.

Stalls for the Fete will be free to any village based group although a £10 donation to the running costs of the fete would be appreciated, Groups can keep their own takings and it is an excellent way of raising funds. Stalls for external groups or commercial businesses have a charge of £15.

We will be running as many of the same stalls and events from last year's fete as possible and need volunteers to help on the day. If you can man the bar, BBQ, sell raffle tickets or run one of the children's games, for any amount of time, please get in touch. This year we will also be having the Royal Wootton Bassett Silver Band and a Puppet show. We are also in need of any Gazebos and outdoor tables and chairs.

We would like to have a 'Made in Rowde' section of the fete for any local produce, crafts or interactive stalls (if you have a skill you could teach or share). We really need someone to lead on this, please let us know if you are willing to be involved.

The committee will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Church 7.30pm. (dates below) come along or give your details to the Fete Secretary at anytime, contact details below.

Wednesday 5th Nov, 7th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th Mar, 1st Apr, 6th May 3rd Jun.

If you are interested in running a stall, making or hosting a Scarecrow please fill out the form opposite or visit the Rowde village website to download one and either email to the Fete secretary, drop it off at the Shop or through the Secretary's door.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Lorna Freemantle

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Alan Watters on 01380 724788 or by email at watters.alan@gmail.com

or **Suzan Jackett** on 01380 729791 or by email at suzijj@rocketmail.com

Rowde Village Fete 4th July 2015 12 - 4pm

Stall application form

Stall Name

CONTACT DETAILS

Stall holders Name

Email Phone number

STALL DETAILS

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

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

EVENT DETAILS

Location; St Matthews Church Playing field.

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

Set up times;

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

Vehicles to be clear of the field by 11am

All stalls to be set up by 11.30 am

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

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

Scarecrow application form

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



I would like to build a scarecrow;

Name Email Phone

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

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

Name Address

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

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LETTERS

TO EVERYONE

I would like to say I am not giving Christmas cards this year as I am donating to Dorothy House Hospice instead. Have a happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

Kind Regards, Gordan Underwood

TO FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE

Warmest wishes for a very Happy Christmas & all the best for 2015!!

In lieu of cards a donation is going to the Spinal Injuries Trust, Salisbury who assist people with spinal cord injury, enabling greater independence and quality of life.

Mel and Laura

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Peter and Wendy wish all their friends in the village a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

As usual we will be making a donation to Help for Heroes instead of sending out cards.

Pete and Wendy Williams

CAROL SINGING

On Monday 8th December there will be Carol singing around the Village. This will be lead by St Matthew's Church choir but everyone is welcome to join us – the more the merrier.

We will meet at St Matthew's Church for a 6.00 pm start, children must be accompanied by an adult and please bring torch.

We will make our way around the village hopefully singing to as many people as possible. We aim to finish back at the Church by approximately 7.30 pm where there will be refreshments for everyone.

Jane

POPPIES IN ROWDE

Thank you to everyone who made poppies and displayed them around Rowde. The village looked fantastic. Although the focus was to commemorate the start of World War 1, the poppies were a poignant reminder of all those who have lost their lives fighting for their country. We hope you enjoyed the Poppy Trail and worked out that rearranging the letters on the poppies you found the phrase 'the poppy is a symbol of remembrance'. It certainly was in Rowde!

Lorraine Colquhoun, John Rees and Jackie Bawden

WHAT A WONDERFUL DISPLAY

May we offer our congratulations to the people who organised the brilliant display of poppies

around the village this year. It was an inspired decision and has been taken up by so many in the village. We should all be very proud.

WELL DONE ROWDE

Peter and Wendy Williams

FANTASTIC IDEA AND WONDERFUL DISPLAY

What a fantastic idea the Poppy Trail was and what a wonderful display of poppies marked the route. Who would have thought that such a simple theme could inspire such variety; everything from a single poppy to a display inspired by the installation at the Tower of London!

I spent a very happy afternoon following the trail with my grandchildren who enthusiastically searched for poppies and were very excited when we discovered a letter! I'm pleased to say we found them all and were able to complete the phrase.

Many thanks to Jackie and her team and to all who displayed poppies.

Susan Cannings

POPPY APPEAL 2014

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all who collected and donated - WHAT A RESULT! The Grand Total is £1248.36.

Thank you,

W.G. Stevens (Village Organizer)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you all a merry, peaceful Christmas.

Lorraine Schwarz

Senior TA, Rowdeford School

MAGICAL 2015

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all the very best for a magical 2015.

Jack Stephens www.jackstephens.co.uk

CAN YOU HELP FIND TINA POUND?

Dear Readers,

My mum has asked me if I could help her find a lady called Tina Pound (maiden name). She used to live at Tower View in Rowde many years ago and then moved to Aylesbury as a child. Her mum was called Mabel Pound and her father had passed away when she was young. She would be approx. 50yrs old now and she used to go on holiday to Bowleaze Cove in Weymouth. If there is anyone who has any information or can help in anyway I would really appreciate it. Please contact me at suemarywestrupp@hotmail.co.uk or call me on 07880 344004.

Many thanks, Laura

LETTERS

THANKS FOR SUPPORT AFTER FIRE

We have some very dear friends who have helped us and still are with their support either through talking to us through difficult days, even better using their trade skills to help us resolve other problems, some even brought food in on the day of the fire and following day, this was greatly accepted and thanked especially from our ever hungry family. To all of you who called in and rang up, your kindness has overwhelmed us. Thank you all for your support.

Thank You from Debbie, Martin, Philip and Edward Handy, West End Farm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please would you kindly put the following in your next parish magazine edition:

White Horse Opera's Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm in St John's Church Devizes.

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***Thanking you and best wishes,
Barbara Gompels***

SUPER SPREAD OF POPPIES

Thank you so much for the super spread of poppies in the magazine. We have really achieved the aim of raising awareness of WW1.

Jackie Bawden

STEWSDAY WAS GREAT!

Dear all,

Stewsday was great yet again. Many thanks to Gavin and all who helped in any way. We look forward to the events next year!

Best wishes

John Rees

STEWSDAY

Thank you to all of you who came along to Stewsday. It was a brilliant evening again and it was lovely to have some new faces in the Church, hopefully we will see you again at one of our future events. Special thanks to Sally and 'The Boys' for helping Gavin with all the cooking and serving

up, and to everyone that made a pudding. To Caroline and Richard for the loan of the tables, 'The girls' and Ehren for helping with the serving out of the puddings, and to everyone who helped clear up at the end of the evening. Without you all we wouldn't be able to do it.

After costs we made just over £300 which was a wonderful result.

Please keep an eye out for our next foodie events – Stewsday next February 2015 (date to be arranged) and our two consecutive Spanish nights which will be in May 2015 (again date to be arranged)

Look forward to seeing you all again soon

Jane and Gavin

INTEREST IN A WHIST CLUB?

Hi, I was thinking of starting a whist club/drive in the village somewhere, maybe weekly or fortnightly. Could you please ask in the mag for a helper and an idea of how many would be interested in attending by ringing or emailing me.

Thanks,

Robin Myerscough Tel: 01380 729319

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HELPING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

I'm spreading the word for this local group who have set up a FB page and are in the process of registering as a charity. Initially they set out to help one family they heard about, but this has had the snowball effect and they are hearing of more and more families who have had to flee the family home with nothing but the clothes they stood up in.

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Sue

***p.s. with Christmas just around the corner
they are making up Shoe Boxes for all
members of the family and have various
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AND FROM THE MAGAZINE TEAM....

We hope that all Rowde Village News readers have a very merry but peaceful Christmas and that 2015 brings you all you wish for.

Alan, Suzan, Julie and Jan

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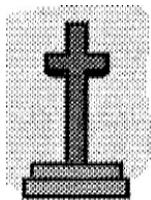
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6	5	8	7	9				
	1		5		6			
9	2				1			
					7	6	8	3
	8							1
		2				7	4	
2			3					6
			1		3	2		
	4				7		9	

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (medium this month)

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

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Chris Stevens, Tel: 01380 738438

Bell Ringing

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

Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

Book Club

Meets monthly - Ann Swan 724788

Charities

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

Church

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

Church Choir

Practice Thursdays at 7 pm
Nicola Brown 722406

Church Wardens

Maureen Hiscocks Tel: 01380725406
Gavin Moss Tel: 01380729160

Clarence

0800 232323

Community Advisor

Emergency Planning

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

Doctor

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

Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

Footpaths

Ben Bentley 01380 728360

Garage

Slades of Rowde Tel: 01380727936

Good Neighbour Coordinator

Alex North 07557 922027

Hospital

Devizes Community Hospital
Tel: 723511

Ladies Club

Held in Village Hall on last Tuesday in the month at 8 pm.
Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council
Tel: 0300 4560100
Devizes Town Council 722160

Parish Council

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

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

Sunny Days Nursery

Contact Liz or Sam on 01249 818824 or 01380 723991

Playing Fields

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

Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

Pubs/Restaurants

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

Rifle Club

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

Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

Rowde Rainbows

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

Rowde Riders

Wendy Williams, Tel: 721554

Rowde Runners

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

Rowde Village Hall

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

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

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

Rowdeford Special School

Head Teacher
Ingrid Sidmouth Tel: 850309

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Rosa Lancaster, Tel: 725455

Sewing Circle

Ring Yvonne on 01380 728745

St Matthew's Flower Guild

Liz Ibbetson, Tel: 720630

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Toddler Group

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Mrs D Ellis, Tel: 722655

Veterinary Surgeries

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

Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

Website

www.rowdevillage.org
amanda@homegrownpigs.co.uk
Tel: 01225 704054

or contact Rebekah by email at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Youth Clubs

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

Village Diary



- 5 December **Evening Christmas Meal at the Rowdey Cow** (see page 30)
5 December **Christmas Fair** (see page 19)
6 December **Xmas Bazaar** (see page 22)
6 December **Christmas Fair** (see page 48)
7 December **Official opening of the new path** (see page 41)
8 December **Carol Singing around the village** (see page 56)
10 December **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
14 December **Christmas Carols at the George and Dragon 5.30pm** (see page 34)
17 December **Christmas Concert** (see page 12)
20 December **Christmas Coffee Morning** (see page 12)
26 December **Nativity with a twist** (see page 2)
14 January **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
31 January **Charity Burns Supper** (see back page)
11 February **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
11 March **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
15 April **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall (3rd Wednesday due to Easter)**
13 May **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
17 May **Rowdeford Garden Fair 11am to 3pm**
18 May **Concert by Devizes town Band in St Matthew's Church**
10 June **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
4 July **Rowde Village Fete and Scarecrow Trail** (see pages 46 & 47)
8 July **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
9 September **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
14 October **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
11 November **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
9 December **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**

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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