

# Rowde Village News



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and  
Alan Watters**

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## Editorial

Welcome to the December/January edition of the Rowde Village News and I hope you enjoy reading it. This issue we have the usual excellent reports from our schools, clubs and societies and also some very good articles.

There's a great fun column on page 12 with quotes from the brilliant Robin Williams and I once again found myself laughing out loud as I was typing it!

It was great to hear about the amazing fund raising efforts of our own 'local hero' Wayne Cherry and his all-weather daytime 'vigil' on The Hill. He is featured on the front cover and you can also read all about it on page 31.

On a much sadder note, the end of October also saw the end of our community shop. Do read Jan Barber's final report from the shop on page 18.

Suzan Jackett has written an excellent 'Eating Out' review on page 7 which has already tempted me to try this gem of a restaurant which has been created in an old fire station.

There was a long-awaited reunion of Rowde football club's ex-players held in the Cross Keys recently and by all accounts, a great time was had by all who attended. This amazing gathering of around 70 players is featured on pages 28 and 29.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all along to Rowde Court Studios in Marsh Lane for our Christmas Shopping day on Sunday 8th December and to join Ann and I in a festive drink, or two (see page 2).

It only remains for me, on behalf of the magazine team, to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year (Brexit permitting!).

**Cheers,  
Ed**

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### Contributors please also note:

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

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## Cover Photograph

The photo on the front cover this month shows Wayne Cherry during his 'Stand of Remembrance' on The Hill in Rowde to honour the fallen from the First World War. It was dreadful weather on the day I took the photograph but it didn't deter Wayne from his daytime 'vigil'. Utmost respect to him!! Ed (see also page 31)

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The members of Rowde Ladies Club met on September 24th and had a Recipe Exchange evening, where we brought along our favourite recipes and passed them on to others. Winner of the raffle was Mrs D Ellis.

At the next meeting held on October 29th we were pleased to welcome a member's husband, John Swift, who told us about his childhood in Somerset which we all found interesting.

The raffle winner was Mrs. J. Arnold.

The members will this year be having a Christmas meal at The Crown on November 26th. There will be no meeting in December and we meet again on January 28th in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

**Di. Buckland, Secretary 01380723049**

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Another very successful Ploughman's Lunch was held on October 19th where over 60 meals were served to our regular 'customers' and several new clients which we were pleased to welcome. Over £320 was made at this event for Village Hall Funds.

Lucky Door Ticket winner: Colin Morris.

When weather allows, work will start on the roof of the storage room which will be felted, insulated and any necessary repairs made.

The Christmas Bazaar was held on November 30th. Report next Rowde Village News.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 3rd 2020 at 7.30pm.

**Barrie Barrett, Chairman**

## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

*Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People*

We have been delighted to welcome a number of new members to Monday Club recently. If you have wondered what we do and whether it might be for you or one of your friends or relatives, do call in one Monday morning after 10. You might be surprised! Our members are from all walks of life, with an even mix of men and women and an age range of four decades. Some members enjoy poring over photos and newspaper articles of Bromham and Rowde in the past. Some enjoy a game or two of whist, whilst others complete sudoku, crosswords or jigsaw puzzles. If you would like to join us we have one or two spaces at the moment.

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*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

We met in the Village Hall on October 1st and after our tea and cakes had a few games of Card Bingo. We met again on November 5th and over our 'cuppa' arrangements and choices were made for our Christmas Dinner on December 3rd at the Cross Keys.

Weather permitting we will be meeting on January 7th and February 4th, both in the Village Hall at 2.30pm and would welcome new members.

**Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655**

## HIWAY CLUB

*(for the hearing impaired)*

On September 25th. we met at in the Village Hall and all enjoyed a Social evening where members each told about their lives and their interests. It was also the birthdays of Nicky and Di so we all enjoyed a slice of birthday cake! There was no meeting in October and members will be having their Christmas evening on Nov. 27th. in the Village Hall. There will be no more meetings until March.

**Di Buckland (Secretary) 723049**



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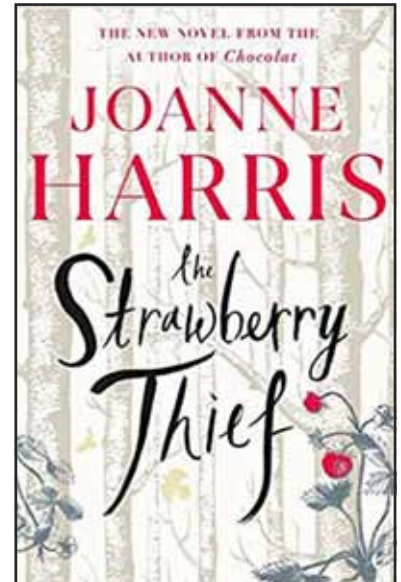
The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd January (to be confirmed). **Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.**

## BOOK REVIEWS

### ***'The Strawberry Thief'***

**by Joanne Harris**

The Strawberry Thief is the latest in the series of four novels about Vianne Rocher, who in the first novel moved into a small French village with her then young daughter, Anouk, to set up a chocolate shop. In this book, set around 16 years later than the first, Vianne has returned to live in the French village of Lansquenet-sous-Tannes after having lived in Paris for a number of years. The first novel, *Chocolat*, focussed on the conflict between the church and the individual. The Strawberry Thief focuses on the conflicts within families and sensitively considers the bond between mother and child and the difficulties in letting go. Vianne has returned to the village with her mute 16-year-old daughter, Rosette. Rosette is left a piece of land by Narcisse, an unhappy man tormented by a tragic family history. We learn Narcisse's story, which is inter-twined with that of his contemporary, the local priest, who, in turn is tormented by his own past. The novel is full of mystery and mysticism, and while the story-line is quite complex, with references to characters and events from the earlier novels in the series, those who had not read the earlier books felt that they could none-the-less enjoy this story.



Four members of the book club subsequently went to hear Joanne Harris speak at the Marlborough Literature Festival. It was very interesting to hear about her motivations in writing this series of books, and to learn that this may not be the last we read about Vianne Rocher and her life!

**Suzanne Jacobs**

### ***'Wake'***

**by Anna Hope**

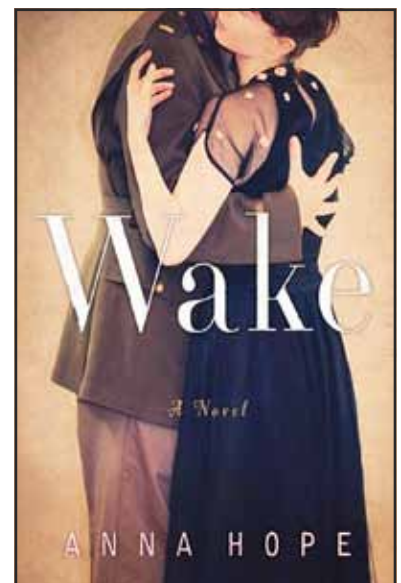
A hastily reconvened meeting due to Mo's illness saw just 3 of us (Anne F, Suzanne and me ) gather at my home to discuss 'Wake' by Anna Hope.

As backed up by some of your email comments, the consensus is that this was a thoroughly enjoyable read with convincing but diverse central characters giving insight into the impact of WWI on real people's lives, particularly those of women. The unexpected link between the characters added to the interest of the narrative and the selection of the Unknown Warrior was informative. The impact of the lack of understanding of PTSD at that time was exhibited and we were saddened by the way that legacy would endure for generations.

At the time of the meeting, no venue had been decided for the next meeting on November 27th. It is a free read month.

**Best wishes to you all,**

**Karen**





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- The choir sings at Rowde parish church each month and further afield including Salisbury Cathedral
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What a breath of fresh air! The Old Fire Station - located just behind the Athenaeum Theatre in Warminster - is truly a little gem! Based within the ground floor of an Old Fire Station, it is ideally positioned for 'pre theatre supper' - but it's generally great for going out with family and friends if you are looking for a place with a difference and a cool, relaxed atmosphere. The Old Fire Station is mainly a Pizza Restaurant, but you can also order meat dishes - many with Spanish influences - for instance selections of different 'sharing boards' like Spanish Meat Platter or a Sausage Board or even tapas dishes, and if you pre-order you can even have Spatchcock Chicken or Tomahawk Steak. There is a lot of fire service history and paraphernalia in the building, including old ladders, helmets and firemen's hoses! The place has a very 'trendy' feel about it, the chairs are functional and modern rather than soft and comfy, but the firm seats are soon forgotten over the tasty, freshly prepared pizzas (lovely vegetarian options available), cooked in a brilliant wood fired oven. There is a nice selection of local beers and quality wines available as well as a very large collection of whisky! (That might be because the proprietor is Scottish!) All the staff are very friendly and really keen to please. The decor is simple to quirky but very effective and the colors were chosen wisely to fit an 'Old Fire Station'. The original big doors that once upon a time allowed fire engines to exit and enter the building are an integral part of the restaurant and complete the 'fire station' experience perfectly.

Right now, it already feels Christmassy with pretty little lights draped over the interior and I can imagine that absolutely great Christmas parties can be had in this unique place. Background music varies throughout the night and certainly puts you in a happy, chilled mood.

This place is so unique, you would usually only find something like this in bigger cities - I will definitely return with my family and friends - next time to sample the meat dishes. Be aware, pizzas do not come cheap here, but the quality of food and overall experience is worth it! Price range: £12 - £40 (specially prepared dishes).

Opening hours are 6pm to 10pm Wednesday to Saturday and 11am to 3pm on a Sunday.

These are the standard opening hours, however, for private functions and parties guests are encouraged to call for special arrangements. If you are attending a show at the Athenaeum and require an earlier booking you can contact the restaurant beforehand and they will try to accommodate you earlier if at all possible.

**Suzan Jackett**



## REVIEWS NEEDED!

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



## ROWDEY COW NEWS



October saw a busy half term and then a great Halloween party. The building work is progressing well for the shop and is very exciting. This should be finishing in March ready for the Spotty Dog Farm Shop to move in. The covered area for the toys in the garden is coming along well and will hopefully be finished in December!

We have quite a lot of Christmas parties booked in where they can enjoy private use of the café, a 3 course meal and dancing – we do have availability for more if you have not organised your Christmas party yet! Our first one being on the last day of November. We are also taking bookings for our delicious Christmas lunches which start next week as well! We will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day and New Year's Day but otherwise open as normal throughout the festive period. We are currently planning a 2020 children's party in the Christmas Holidays and will have more information on this soon.



*Hunters chicken- one of the new dishes on our brand-new winter menu*



*Baileys Hot Chocolate and lattes are back*

We have various daily offers throughout the Winter: Mondays are "Fun Day Monday" where we have special deals on for toddlers and their accompanying adult. Tuesdays are Senior Citizen Day where we have a set 2 or 3 course meal plus other deals such as 10% discounts. Wednesday is White Wine Wednesday where

you get a free glass of wine with any of the main meals off the Specials Board. Thursday is "Treat yourself Thursday" where all desserts are half price including the legendary new ice cream cakes! Followed by Thank Fish it's Friday with delicious Fish dishes on our Specials board. Every Saturday we have a small animal feeding and talk at 10.30am and of course Sundays we offer our scrumptious Sunday Roasts.

**Sue**



*If you are wondering where Reggie has been he has become broody and is sitting on some eggs!*



# SAVE THE DATE!!

## V.E DAY

CELEBRATION  
IN ROWDE!

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020



We will be hosting a village football match: the  
past vs present

A tea dance in the afternoon and other activities  
with food, music & entertainment.

Team meetings:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

All at 7.00pm, in Rowde Village Hall

*Everyone is invited to attend*

*Rowde Parish Council*

# NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

*Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring*

## National SEND (Special Education Needs & Disability) Award

Everyone is delighted that School has recently won a National Award for the 'Most Innovative SEND Intervention'.

This is a fantastic accolade for the school and the culmination of many years work. It is fantastic the school has been recognised in this way and of the positive impact this work is having on young people at Rowdeford School, as well as those from other schools in Wiltshire, that we reach through our PLUS programme. The judges commented that, "It is an amazing use of an outdoor learning environment to meet needs. A creative programme making the full use of the grounds and evidencing the impact."



## Sponsored Wheel & Walk

This year's even was again a great success with all students taking part either at Southwick Park or along the Kennet & Avon Canal and the weather remained mostly dry.

## Harvest Festival

We had a lovely service at school with lots of donations from staff and students, these were then sent to Devizes Food Bank for distribution.

## Remembrance Day

We held a remembrance service in school; some students dressed in their Club uniforms; some great art work was made for this special service.



## Children in Need

Students and staff dressed up for 'Children in Need' raising money for this worthwhile cause.

*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*

I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone in the community about recent changes happening at Rowde Primary School. As many will know, there has been a school here since 1841, serving not only Rowde but surrounding villages too.

At present, the school finds itself in some difficulty. An Inspection at the start of 2019 placed it in Special Measures, and a follow-up visit in September showed that the school was not yet doing enough to address its challenges. This led to Acorn Education Trust taking over the school on November 1st and the introduction of a school improvement team of experienced professionals, each given a specific responsibility in turning round the fortunes of the school, and making it one that the community can be proud of once more.

My role is the day-to-day leadership of this process, and I as I write, I am half-way in to my second week here. Much of this time has been spent meeting pupils and parents, and identifying the work needed to bring the school back to its best. There is a great deal to do, including improving outcomes for pupils, the quality of teaching and assessment, behaviour and

rewards, internal systems, communication with parents, provision for special educational needs and also the progress of our more able students. Crucially, we are working hard to make sure that the steps taken make a rapid difference, and that improvements are secure and long-lasting. Between now and the end of the academic year in July, we will ensure that we are a vastly-improved school.

I will be hosting an evening to meet parents and interested members of the community just before the Christmas break, where I will announce the first phase of changes. It would be wonderful to see you there, and details of times and dates will be published very soon. For now, if you would like to meet me or be part of the transformation, or even just share your views on the work ahead, please get in touch. I would be delighted to hear from you.

*Jon Edy-Berry*

*Acorn School Improvement Team*

*JEB@rowde.wilts.sch.uk*

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

## A little bit more Silliness

*by Madisyn Taylor*

Giving yourself permission to be silly will nourish your creativity, and is a good exercise in letting go

Children appreciate all that is silly as a matter of course. Their grasp of humour is instinctual, and even the smallest absurdities provoke joyous gales of earnest laughter. As we age, this innate ability to see the value of silliness can diminish. Work takes precedence over play, and we have less incentive to exercise our imaginative minds by focusing on what is humorous. When we remember childhood, we may recall the pleasures of donning funny costumes, reciting nonsense poems, making up strange games, or playing pretend. This unabashed silliness nourished our vitality and creativity. We can take in this nourishment once again by giving ourselves permission to lighten up and be silly.

Too often we reject the wonderful silliness that is an inherent, inborn aspect of the self because we believe that it serves no purpose or is at odds with the grown-up culture of maturity. We play yet we do not lose ourselves in play, and our imaginations are never truly given free rein because we regard the products of irrational creativity as being valueless. Yet silliness itself does indeed constitute a vital part of human existence on a myriad of levels. Our first taste of ethereal bliss is often a consequence of our willingness to dabble in what we deem outrageous, nonsensical, or absurd. We delight



in ridiculousness not only because laughter is intrinsically pleasurable, but also because it serves as a reminder that existence itself is fun. Skipping, doodling, and singing funny songs are no less entertaining than they were when we were children. We need not lose all interest in these cheerful and amusing activities, but to make them a part of our lives we must be ready to sacrifice a little dignity and a lot of fear.

It is precisely because so much of life is inescapably serious that silliness should be regarded as a priority. Through the magic of imagination, you can be or become anything--a photographer, a professional athlete, a dancer, a pilot. Whether you take hundreds of silly pictures, revel in the adulation of your fans as you make the winning catch, boogie down rock-star style in front of your bedroom mirror, or turn your desk into a cockpit, the ensuing hilarity will help you see that lighthearted fun and adulthood are not at all incompatible.

## FUN COLUMN

***Welcome to this month's fun column, featuring classic quotes by Robin Williams.***



Some are born great. Some achieve greatness. Some get it as a graduation gift.

If women ran the world we wouldn't have wars, just intense negotiations every 28 days.

You're only given one little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it.

I think the saddest people always try their hardest to make people happy because they know what it's like to feel absolutely worthless and they don't want anyone else to feel like that.

For a while you get mad, then you get over it.

I used to think the worst thing in life was to end up all alone. It's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people that make you feel all alone.

Good people end up in Hell because they can't forgive themselves.

Ah, yes, divorce . . . from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet.

No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world.

What's right is what's left if you do everything else wrong.

I do believe in love; it's wonderful – especially love third time around, it's even more precious; it's kind of amazing.

If it's the Psychic Network why do they need a phone number?

I believe in destiny. There must be a reason that I am as I am. There must be.

Why do they call it rush hour if no one moves?

Please, don't worry so much... Because in the end none of us have very long on this earth.

I'm sorry, if you were right, I'd agree with you.

All it takes is a beautiful fake smile to hide an injured soul.

If Heaven exists, to know that there's laughter, that would be a great thing.

Make your life spectacular. I know I did.

***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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com), or by telephone: 01380 501919.

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 9th October and 13th November were:

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

- Would you like to watch or take part in a Rowde Village football match: Past vs Present?

- Would you like to take part in a war time Phys. Ed drill?

- Would you like to re-live old memories with a tea dance, followed by bingo?

These are a few of the events that we are planning for VE day next year.

Do you have a spare hour to help us plan the day? We are a small but friendly team.

Our next planning meetings are on:

Wednesday 15th January, Wednesday 5th February, Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday 21st April, from 7pm in the Village Hall,

You are very welcome to join us.

**Farewell** to Cllr Yazmin Pullen. The Parish Council is sad to say goodbye to Yazmin but would like to thank her for all of her help and input, especially guiding us in environmental matters. We wish Yazmin every success and happiness in the future.

**Fundraising** – Donations have been received of £300.00 towards the purchase of a raiser chair for use in the village. The Parish Council will match this amount.

## Planning

Rowde joins Devizes Neighbourhood Planning

- Rowde Parish has agreed to join the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan.
- There will be consultations for residents about what the priorities are for the village.

## Tower View – outline development proposal

- An outline proposal has been submitted to the

Parish Council to build on a plot of land adjacent to 41 Tower View. This land is owned by Aster and it is considered to be suitable for infill development. The initial sketch plan shows scope to develop a three bedroom detached house with 2 off road parking spaces.

## Malthouse Farm

### Planning applications

- Two further applications have been submitted for Malthouse Farm. One is to vary the conditions of the original application (17/08775/FUL): condition 3, 4, 5 and 19 of application (19/10318/VAR) and

- To discuss reserved matters (19/10497/REM) dealing with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following approval of hybrid planning application 17/08775/FUL. These applications will be considered at the Parish Council meeting in December.

### Access to development

- It has been suggested that construction vehicles for Malthouse Farm should not access the site via Cock Road. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that the principle access into the site is off Cock Road and this will be the access point for five of the six dwellings. The Clerk has tried to contact the developer to discuss access to the site from alternative routes. There has been no response yet.

- Wiltshire Council has confirmed that it will not be possible to erect a sign stating "no construction traffic". Any sign erected on highways land may be subject to enforcement action and removed by an officer. The sign would not carry any weight and could not be enforced by the Council or local highway authority.

### Footpaths

- Wiltshire Council has made an order to divert footpath ROWD13, on the Common.
- The hedgerow along the permissive footpath, off Devizes Road, needs attention. Wiltshire Council are dealing with any issues that arise.

### Highways

### Pavements

- The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) has agreed to fund 10 dropped kerbs and to widen 4 kerbs around the village. The Parish Council will pay 25% of the costs (£2, 275). It is anticipated that the work will take place in January, allowing for the winter team to be taken off to do other jobs at short notice.

- The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) has also agreed to create a design for the proposed footpath in Tanis. The Parish Council will contribute 25% to the cost of the plan.

### Tractor transport

- Complaints have been received from residents about crops spilling onto the roads and pavements in the village from unsheeted tractors. If there is a risk of hay or straw blowing onto the road the driver should consider sheeting the load.



- It was noted that it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that his load is safe before he travels. It is a government recommendation to sheet loads of crops for transport.

- Wiltshire Council is aware of problems with tractor transportation around the County. The Police is the main enforcement body for road traffic offences. It is recommended that residents record the tractor registration number if they are concerned about the safety of a load and report it to the Police.

## The Common

The Parish Council will host a meeting in January with residents from the Common to discuss the ongoing maintenance of the area.

## The Playing Fields & Allotments

- Residents are asked not to use unauthorised vehicles on the playing field, for example tractors, quad bikes or motorbikes.
- The Parish Council's grounds contractor has carried out work to clear the area adjacent to the allotment car park to prevent further fly-tipping. Repairs have also been carried out to the Sands Lane track.
- Wiltshire Council has agreed to work to side out the pavements around the village and along the A342. This will be carried out by the Parish Council's grounds maintenance contractor.
- Quotes are being sought to carry out minor repairs highlighted in the recent safety reports.

## Police Update

### Rowde incidents

- Overnight on 26.10.19-27.10.19, Unknown suspect/s have entered a farm yard and forced open a combination lock securing a white diesel tank. Suspect/s have then taken an estimated 300 litres of fuel from the tank.
- The Police have received reports of Cold Callers this month in Rowde. Please remain vigilant, and do not answer the door unless you are expecting somebody. If somebody tries to sell something to you on the doorstep, just close the door and call the Police, as a lot of these people are not licensed to sell door-to-door.

## Finance

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

Admin costs	£1,223.52
Grounds Maintenance	£452.37
Playground safety reports	£263.40
Total:	£1,939.29

Monthly invoices for October were as follows, proposed by C Stevens, seconded by Y Pullen.

Admin costs	£1,371.43
Grounds Maintenance	£707.67
Materials for PC Shed	£1,976.14
Wreaths, noticeboard, Xmas lights	£482.76
Total:	£4,538.00

- The Parish Council accounts for 2018-19 have been reviewed by the external auditor. There were no issues raised.

Income for September & October 2019:

25/09/2019	Precept	£17,537.36
05/09/2019	Playing field hire	£40.00
13/09/2019	Playing field hire	£8.00
09/09/2019	Interest	£0.30
30/09/2019	Interest	£6.46
22/10/2019	Solar Community Fund	£108.58
08/10/2019	Playing field hire	£200.00
09/10/2019	Interest	£0.29
31/10/2019	Interest	£6.47
Total		£17,907.46

## 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 11th December and Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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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## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

We don't need to wait until we are struggling with our mental health; there are lots of things we can do to protect ourselves and prevent problems escalating, just as we do with our physical health. The new Every Mind Matters campaign encourages adults to be more aware of their mental health and helps them to discover simple steps to look after their mental health and wellbeing.

The focus of the campaign is very much around promoting wellbeing rather than diagnosed mental health conditions or crisis and is centred around the five ways to wellbeing:

- **Connect** – connect with the people around you: your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Spend time developing these relationships.
- **Be active** – you don't have to go to the gym. Take a walk, go cycling or play a game of football. Find an activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life.
- **Keep learning** – learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence. So why not sign up for that cooking course, start learning to play a musical instrument, or figure out how to fix your bike?
- **Give to others** – even the smallest act can count, whether it's a smile, a thank you or a kind word. Larger acts, such as volunteering at your local community centre, can improve your mental wellbeing and help you build new social networks.
- **Be mindful** – be more aware of the present moment, including your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you. Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". It can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges.

## **Further information**

*For further information or if you wish to discuss any aspect of the programme, please contact Jessica Ryan on [Jessica.ryan@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.ryan@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 01225 713105.*

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Pest control:	01380 734721
Planning:	01380 734812
Recycling boxes - Hills Waste:	0845 6032085
Registration – Births, Deaths & Marriages:	01225 713007
Roads & pavements (Clarence) Freephone:	0800 232323
or mobile/outside Wiltshire:	01225 777234
School admissions:	01225 713010
School special educational needs:	01225 718095
School transport:	01225 713004
Social care – adults:	0300 456 0111
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Street care and cleaning:	01380 734849

## **Rowde Primary Academy offer a photocopying and laminating service**

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**5 pence – black & white**

**10 pence – colour**

### **Laminating @**

**30 pence – A4 sheet**

**50 pence – A3 sheet**

**For more information please contact 01380 723991 or just pop into the school office between the hours of 8.30am and 4.00pm**



*In Concert* 7:30pm

St Matthew's Church - Rowde 

Saturday February 15th 2020



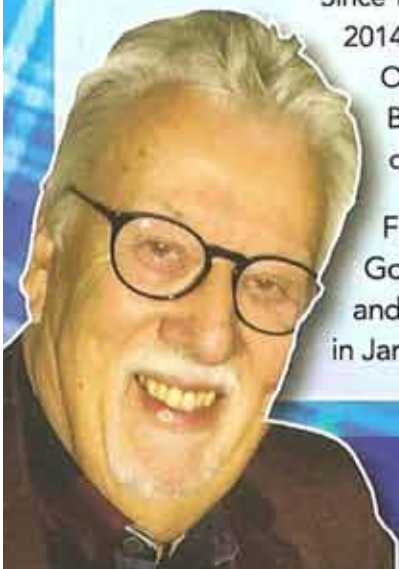
## BATH MALE CHOIR

*Tickets* Priced £12, Under 12's £6 from **01761 472468** or **01380 729160**

**The City of Bath Male Choir** was founded by Bath's 'Mr Music' Grenville Jones in 2007. Soon after the choir were invited to sing on a major new Saturday evening BBC1 show entitled 'Last Choir Standing' the boys from Bath reached the finals of the popular series which has since been shown Worldwide on various BBC networks.

Since then the choir have sung across the United Kingdom and Europe, in 2014 they were the first amateur male choir to visit Japan with Standing Ouations all the way! They were invited to sing at the Menin Gate in Belgium at the renowned 'Last Post Ceremony' in front of an audience of thousands and travelled to Boston in October 2019.

Founder conductor Grenville Jones leads 14 choirs. He takes four Good Afternoon Choirs himself (including Devizes GAC) each week and is also the founder of the Golden-Oldies Charity. He was on BBC1 in January 2019 as one of the '100' judges on 'All Together Now'.



[www.bathmalechoir.org](http://www.bathmalechoir.org)

# ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello Everyone,

We would like to thank everyone for their support following the shop closure.

For several years now we have been saying we needed more volunteers and more importantly increased trade to make it viable. Neither have been forthcoming.

So as stated in previous mag articles it was a case of use us or lose us. The small band that kept it running must be thanked for their dedication in working hard to keep it going for the last ten years.

There is also another band of villagers, that although not seen behind the counter, were there to do building work, repairs, electrical work, deliveries and banking. And this includes Janet at accounts. This team gave their time for free, as well as parts etc, and all this has been lost because the village chose not to listen. Another important community group wiped out by village apathy.

We have had comments regards devaluation of their houses, now there is no shop.

Also missing will be popping in to pick up courier parcels left at the shop, as well as using the toilet facility, or expecting it to do pay point which we had to pay a fee for every transaction done which made it too expensive to implement, hence why all shops in Devizes stopped doing it. Providing tobacco at as low a cost possible, or a newspaper, without any other purchase did not give the village a shop.

It is worth pointing out Lidl and Aldi do not sell tobacco, because there is no money in it.

When the shop idea was born, it was easy to say yes, sign a share to prove the village wanted it then think there was not a need to actually use it for it to survive. It is an easy option to say we did not stock what was wanted, we stocked a wide range of goods and some specific items asked for, only to find the customer did not bother to purchase them.

We have had some good times with our regular customers and the laughter and camaraderie will be sadly missed.

We wish you well and hope that, as you pass an empty building that was once a happy place to visit, you will remember us all. Festive greetings to you all.

***The shop Committee,  
Jan Barber, Chairperson.***



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Rowde Community Shop Ass. Ltd Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved by the consent of three quarters of the members by their signatures to an instrument of dissolution, or by winding up in a manner provided by the acts. If on the winding up or dissolution of the association any of its assets remain to be disposed of after its liabilities are satisfied, the assets shall not be distributed among its members, but shall be transferred to such organisation or organisations having objects similar or compatible with those of the Association as may be decided by the members at or before the time of the winding up or dissolution or, in so far as the assets are not so transferred then to some charitable object.

### Shares

Shares of the value of £10 each shall be issued to persons and corporate bodies upon admission to membership of the Association. The shares shall be neither withdrawable nor transferable, shall carry no right to interest, dividend, nor bonus, and shall be forfeited and cancelled on cessation of membership from whatever cause, the amount paid up thereon shall become the property of the association. A member shall hold one share only in the association.



# Christmas at Avebury

23 November—5 January



## A traditional Christmas made at Avebury

*23 Nov - 5 Jan, 11am-4pm (closed 24, 25, 26 Dec)*

Christmas at Avebury Manor is a calm and relaxing experience, reminiscent of times long past. Each room in the manor is furnished in the style of a different historical period, from Tudor times to the 1930s. This year the festive decorations throughout the site have been skillfully hand-made by our volunteer sewing team and are themed on traditional carols—you're invited to discover which carols and songs have been brought to life.



## Make the perfect Christmas wreath at Avebury Manor

*2, 3, 4, Dec, 10am-2pm, £50, booking essential*

Nothing says 'Christmas is here' like putting up a home-made wreath on your front door. Florist, Sue Scott, will help you to craft your own festive wreath using natural greenery and festive decorations. You will be welcomed with a hot drink and mince pie, and a light lunch will be served half-way through the workshop. All materials and refreshments included.



## Winter warmer walks Avebury prehistoric landscape

*5 & 12 Dec, 10.30am-12.30pm, £16, booking essential*

Why not leave the crowds behind and join National Trust archaeologist Dr Nick Snashall for a winter ramble around the stone circles? The walk will be followed by Christmas liqueur and mince pies, served in the National Trust shop where you'll have a 10% discount on all items purchased.



## Music, lights and merriment at Avebury Old Farmyard

*7 Dec, 4pm-6pm*

Why not soak up the Christmas atmosphere at this early evening event at Avebury? There'll be Christmas carols played by the Devizes Town Band, festive food and warming drinks. The Barn Gallery of the museum will be open for free and there'll be a wide range of gift stalls for you to browse.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Avebury](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Avebury)

For further information, text, expert quotes and photographs please contact :

Abby George, Senior Marketing and Communications Officer on 01672 538035 or [abby.george@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:abby.george@nationaltrust.org.uk).

If you'd like to attend one of these events as a journalist please get in touch.

# December/January Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

**Services in St Matthew's, Rowde, unless otherwise stated**  
Currently, there is a service at 10am every Sunday; usually in Rowde but sometimes in Bromham.



**Everyone is very welcome at all our services**

Date/Time	Service
<b>Sunday 1 Dec</b> 8.00 am 9.30am - 10.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Advent 1</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde</b> <b>Breakfast Church, Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion (Common Worship), Bromham</i> <i>Service of Darkness to Light, Bromham</i>
<b>Tuesday 3</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Christingle, Rowde</b>
<b>Wednesday 4</b> 11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion (CW), Rowde</b>
<b>Sunday 8</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Advent 2</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Benefice Communion (CW), Rowde</b> <i>Evensong for St Nicholas (BCP), Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 15</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 4.00 pm	<b>Advent 3</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> <b>Holy Communion (CW), Rowde</b> <i>Family Service, Bromham</i> <i>Carol Service, Sandy Lane</i>
<b>Tuesday 17</b> 1.30 pm	<b>Rowde Primary Academy service, Rowde</b>
<b>Thursday 19</b> 2.00 pm	<b>Benefice MU service, Rowde</b>
<b>Saturday 21</b> 6.00 pm	<i>Nine Lessons and Carols, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 22</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Advent 4</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Nine Lessons and Carols, Rowde</b>
<b>Tuesday 24</b> 2.00 pm 4.00 pm 11.30 pm 11.30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Crib Service, Rowde</b> <i>Crib Service, Bromham</i> <b>Midnight Mass (CW), Rowde</b> <i>Holy Communion (CW), Bromham</i>
<b>Wednesday 25</b> 10.00 am	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Holy Communion (CW), Rowde</b>
<b>Sunday 29</b> 10.00 am	<b>Christmas 1</b> <i>Holy Communion (CW), Bromham</i>



Date/Time	Service
<b>Sunday 5 January</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	<b>Epiphany</b> Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde Breakfast Church, Rowde Holy Communion (CW), Bromham
<b>Wednesday 8</b> 11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW), Rowde
<b>Sunday 12</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Baptism of Christ</b> Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Benefice Holy Communion (CW), Bromham
<b>Sunday 19</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Epiphany 2</b> Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham Holy Communion (CW), Rowde Family Service, Bromham
<b>Sunday 26</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>Epiphany 3</b> Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Morning Worship, Rowde Joint Service with Methodists for the week of prayer for Christian unity, Bromham

**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.**

**Breakfast Church** – 1st December 2019 and 5th January 2020, time 9:30am to 10:30am.

An informal service for all including Coffee, bacon rolls, brioche and newspapers, followed by short service - sing, pray, discuss, craft for all.

### **Saturday Morning Youth Group**

**14th December 11am – 12.30pm**

**18th January 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**

Please contact Ruth Bray on 01380 859847 or ruthbray@outlook.com for more details.

**Mothers' Union** Please contact Jo Partt for details: 01380 850435 parttsofbromham@internet.com

### **Church Cleaning**

We will be cleaning the church ready for Christmas

on Wednesday 18th December at 1:30pm. Please bring your dusters, polish and elbow grease to make our church sparkling clean for the festivities. For more information contact Jane Moss on 01380 729160 jmosscadet@gmail.com (Brass cleaning Rota)

Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406

### **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**

1 & 8 & 15 Dec - Jill Myerscough

21 Dec - Christmas - All Flower arrangers

29 Dec - Christmas flowers

5&12 Jan - Liz Ibbetson

19&26 Jan - Carole Nutland

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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Facebook page: Churches of Rowde and Bromham

### Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

The temperature outside is falling as I write, and it feels as though autumn is over and winter is standing by to take over. Our Christmas is set at the darkest time of year, just as the winter solstice is past and we can start to look forward to the return of light and warmth. It's no co-incidence that we celebrate the birthday of Jesus at the same time as the ancient festival of Saturnalia, when Romans marked the solstice.

There is no accurate record of the day of the year when Jesus was born. Over the years, many dates have been claimed by different writers, and in the early years after his life on earth, some of these included April 18th, May 20th and November 2nd! But some people didn't like the idea of celebrating his birthday, as it seemed too similar to the way that kings in the Middle East were honoured. Some Christians today, such as the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), choose not to mark Christmas Day at all because they want to think about the birth of Jesus every day of the year.

Christmas has been observed on December 25th in western Europe since about 312 AD. The Emperor Constantine who converted to the Christian faith decided that Christians and non-Christians should be united in commemorating the Venerable Day of the Sun, a Roman festival. Christians wanted to celebrate the one true God, and adopting a pagan event seemed a good way to show how important Jesus was to them. One of the early titles for Jesus was the "Sun of Righteousness".

At Rowde Church, we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with carol singing, a crib service, a Christingle service and Communion services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Do come and join us, to remember what God has done for us in coming to earth to share our joys and sorrows. However you are spending the holidays, we wish you joy, peace, and every blessing.

**Revd Ruth**

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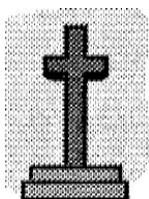
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## St Matthew's Church Cafe

10.30-12

Open every Tuesday

All welcome

Fairtrade Ground coffee

Freshly made tea with choice of blends

Decaffeinated tea and coffee available

Choice of freshly made cakes

Tea/coffee and cake £1.50



## WE NEED YOU!

Do you have some news to share or just have something to say about the village? If you can contribute to the content of your Rowde Village News in any way or would like to give us feedback (good or bad) or discuss any magazine issues then please contact: **Alan Watters** on 01380 724788 or by email at [watters.alan@gmail.com](mailto:watters.alan@gmail.com) or **Suzan Jackett** on 01380 729791 or by email at [suzijj@rocketmail.com](mailto:suzijj@rocketmail.com)

## Magazine Submission Deadlines for 2020 (bi-monthly)

15th January

15th March

15th May

15th July



## NEWS FROM Hft

Wow, we are nearly into December and lots of things have been happening at Rowde!

Voices to be Heard held a Halloween Disco on the 31st of October and the event was enjoyed by all who attended. Everyone looked fabulous in their fancy dress costumes and March Hall was transformed into a suitably spooky venue.



The Voices to be Heard group raised a total of £69 which will be put towards the next event. This event is the M & Co Fashion Show and by the time you are reading this it will have already taken place on the 28th November (Note that ticket sales will be split between HFT & Wiltshire Ambulance).



We also had a super bonfire night which warmed us all up nicely on a rather cold evening at the beginning of November.

Events to look forward to are:

- The Hft Christmas Market on Friday 6th December 5pm-8pm on site. There will be local stall holders, refreshments and BBQ.
- Christmas Jumper Day on the 10th of December which will include panto, games, disco, lunch and refreshments.

*Bye for now, Sharon*



## Become a support worker and change someone's life

**We have vacancies in Rowde, near Devizes, Wiltshire.**

You don't need experience of support work or any special qualifications for this job as we will provide all the training you need. What matters most is a **positive attitude** and a real desire to support people with learning disabilities to **live the best life possible**.

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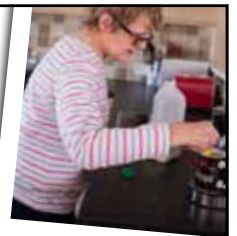
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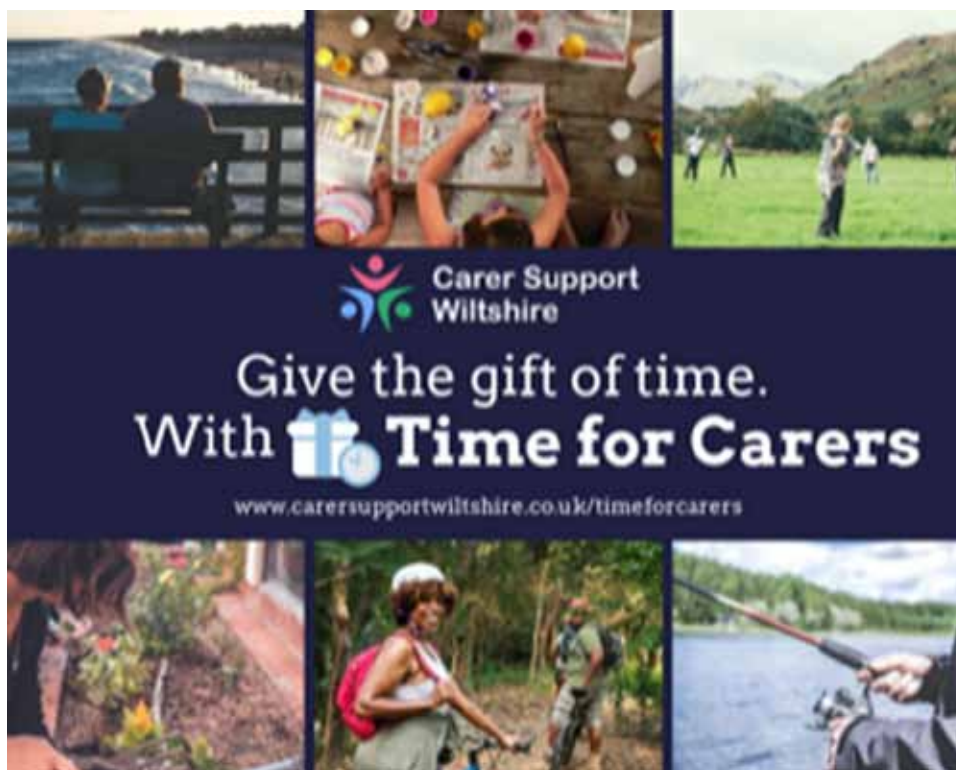
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## Time for Carers Appeal 2019/20

Carer Support Wiltshire, the charity that supports the unpaid carers in our communities, is currently running an appeal to raise £30,000 to spend on carers.

They are looking for local groups and individuals who would like to help fundraise for the Time for Carers Appeal. That could be by holding an event like a raffle or auction, asking for donations at a quiz or bingo night or taking part in a sponsored run or swim. Anything you'd like to do, CSW can support you with.

There are an estimated 47,500 carers in Wiltshire. A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who could not always manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

It can be an incredibly rewarding thing to do for someone, but can take its toll as well. 40% of carers say they haven't had a day off in over a year, while 25% haven't had a day off in over five years. The effect of not getting a rest from caring is shattering, with carers describing being close to breaking point, desperate for some time to themselves, to sleep, recuperate and see friends and family.

Regular breaks have been proven to combat burnout and stress and money raised by the appeal will directly pay for breaks for carers. Last year's appeal helped over 80 carers take the time they needed to improve their health and wellbeing. It paid for respite care, theatre tickets, yoga classes, counselling sessions and much more.

Claire, a carer who looks after her mother who has dementia, said: "It wasn't even about being given the money to go away – it was about being seen and valued as a carer and given the recognition and support that enabled me to carry on."

If you would like to help the appeal and get involved you can find out more by contacting the CSW fundraising team at [fundraising@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) or phoning 01380 871690. There is also a Time for Carers JustGiving page.

## Helping Unpaid Carers in Wiltshire Return to the Work

Carer Support Wiltshire has launched a new programme that will help unpaid carers in Wiltshire who want to return to work.

Many people give up work when a loved one becomes ill in order to care for them. It can be challenging to return to work once they are ready to go back – carers often feel their skills have become out of date and they lack confidence.

Funding was awarded to the Wiltshire charity by the government and the Returners Fund website is now live at [carersbacktowork.co.uk](http://carersbacktowork.co.uk). Carers can register on the site and will then be able to access support and various tools and resources. There are also small group training sessions and mentoring available.

CSW will also work in partnership with local employers, who will provide mentoring, advice and on-site training. In return they will have access to skilled potential new employees and CSW can help employers to support the carers in their workforces. If you're an employer who would like to find out more, please visit the site or contact the charity on 0800 181 4118.

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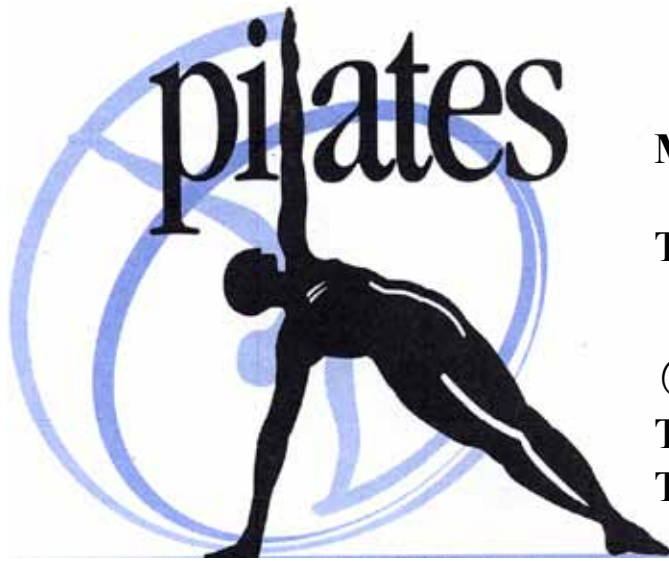
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With Chippy I have been organising an evening of bridge + supper at the G&D on the last Monday of every month. This has proved very popular and we are turning keen bridge players away as there is only room for 24. We want to encourage ANYBODY interested 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

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

8.15pm supper, £10.00, in the sitting room, play on  
till you drop, pay your tab before you leave

Dates, all Mondays, are

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February 10th and 24th

March 9th and 23rd

April 27th

***I hope to hear from you***

***Caroline/Miffy***

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Uncovering the Unexpected**  
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**Botticelli's Florence**  
*Paula Nuttall*

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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## Local News



### ROWDE FC REUNION

Rowde football club held it's long awaited reunion at the Cross Keys on the 9th of November. Around 70 ex-players attended, the oldest player to attend being 80 year old Ken Surman who, back in the early 60s, scored 70 goals in a single season when Rowde played in the Wiltshire league junior division putting Rowde up into senior league football. I am led to believe that Ken still holds that record today.

Until I decided to look into the reunion, I did not know how much history Rowde FC had. I was informed that the club goes back to the very early 1930s with names like Tom Wheeler and Bill Sims pulling on the shirt. It was great to see so many ex-players turning up, including a team from the 1964 season who turning up en mass. A short moment of respect, remembering all players and members who had passed on was observed, with a special mention for John Pearce; without all his



*Ken Surman*





efforts, Rowde would never have had what it has done including Rowde having three pitches, at Close Lane, The Common and finally at Sands Lane with the boys from the Tanis having a small seven a side pitch on Conscience Lane.

It was so nice to see so many of his old side attending; Messrs Gingell, Gale, Sainsbury, O'Brien, Alexander, Sorley, Wixon, Ferris, Chapman - then on to the team I assembled with names like O'Rourke, Dalley, Buckland, Joyce, Griffin, Packer, Maslin, Knapp, Webb, Burgess, Stevens, Hurcombe, Hampton, Gidding, Clack and Ellis.



*Dave Corbin, Reg Davis, Fred Clark (who had trials for Tottenham Hotspur in the mid-60s) and former manager Colin Shaftoe (who had trials with Manchester United)*

We were delighted to be joined by Mr John Ivey our old sports teacher at Rowde Primary. As he was going through all the old team sheets with the boys I don't know who was more excited! All John's ex pupils were so pleased to see him; Rowde boys Fred Clark and Dave Corbin getting special praise on having trials at Tottenham.

A big thankyou to Gee, Teresa and the staff at the Cross Keys and to the fantastic DJ Eddie for being MC for the night. With no charge for entry, we had a collection bucket and raised £90.00 for Macmillan

Cancer Support. Great effort! And there was a nice photo of all the old Rowde boys taken at the end. Pictured are Barry Webb, Adrian Knapp, Troy O'Rourke, Andrew Packer, Laurence Plumb, Ellis Chapman, Paul Ferris, Steve Gingell, David Ellis, Fred Clark, Martin Robinson, Dave Corbin, David Dalley, John Ivey, Darren Joyce, Justin Maslin, John Dalley, Stuart Buckland, Matthew Stevens, Darren Griffin and James Webb.

A great evening was had by all with so many memories shared.

I think it is now time that I closed the book on my time associated with a club that I hold so dear to a big part of my life; so many memories, a few bad ones but some really memorable times. I made some great friends on the way and there were some great presentation evenings!

A huge thank you goes out to all of you who helped over the years, far too many to mention but you know who you are ...thank you again, John Dalley.

## **POLICE HUNT THE POST BOX THIEF WHO HAS STRUCK IN ROWDE**

In the past few months a thief with an obsession with post boxes has stolen 12 boxes from across Wiltshire, including one from Springfield Road in Rowde on the 12th of September.

Police say the spree started at the end of August and since then the boxes, which are the type that are fixed to a pole, have been cut free and stolen.



PC Michelle Haley, who is based at Trowbridge Police Station, said: "There are 12 offences which have been reported to us, but there is a possibility that there have been further incidents which haven't yet been



reported. The thieves seem to be targeting post boxes in quieter, rural areas, and not only are they stealing the boxes but also the mail inside. These boxes may have been stolen for their scrap metal value, or perhaps because they may be collectable items, so we are appealing for anyone with information to come forward. If you have seen any post boxes for sale in unusual or suspicious circumstances then please contact us."

Anyone with information should call PC Haley on 101, quoting crime reference 54190109101. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

## BOOKS BOOST ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY'S NEXT CHAPTER



*Pupils enjoying their new reading corners and books and pictured with I-r Lisa Wills (RAFT) and teacher Kate Dummett. Photo: Siobhan Boyle*

Scores of extra books are now on the shelves at Rowde Primary Academy which is embarking on a new chapter in its life.

Rowde Academy is undergoing many changes after Ofsted inspectors highlighted a number of issues that need improving including reading.

But head Sue Hulford is confident her school can get out of special measures and is delighted with the gift of £4,000 worth of books from Rowde Academy Friends and Teachers.

Teacher Kate Dummett, who is the school's reading lead, said: "Having new and current high quality children's books is very important as reading and building a love of reading has a strong impact on all areas of their learning. Reading for pleasure increases empathy, better relationships with others and improved well-being. It also impacts of children's attainment now and in the future. Plus it's great fun."

Money was raised by holding events including discos, a film night, selling Christmas cards and refreshments at school tournaments.



*Head Sue Hulford and new chairman of governors Kate Hunloke*

Head Sue Hulford believes her school has a bright future as it prepares to become part of an academy trust, despite Ofsted inspectors deciding the school must stay in special measures. Their report, following a monitoring visit after the rating was given in March, said: "Leaders and managers are not taking effective action for the removal of special measures."

Mrs Hulford believes the decision to join the Acorn Education Trust will be the start of a new chapter for the school. Rowde was due to join the trust, which includes two senior schools and a number of village primaries, on November 1.

She said: "We believe we have already made a number of changes since the main Ofsted inspection in March. My top priority was to make sure that safeguarding was brought up to scratch and the monitoring inspection found that safeguarding is now effective."

Experienced teacher Hannah Elson has joined the school as deputy head and Max Burr from the Acorn Trust is now its executive head.

She said: "Being part of the trust gives me so much more support. We have started along the right path. Joining the trust is going to be a new start."

Reading was highlighted by inspectors for a cause for concern and Mrs Hulford said changes were already being put in place to make sure children received more supervision and are challenged more.

A number of governors left the school last term, but new chairman Kate Hunloke is also confident the school will have improved when inspectors return again in a few months time.

She said: "I have been a governor here for a long time but taking the chairmanship is a big responsibility. I believe in Sue and all the staff. The report was disappointing but it was not all negative, especially when you put it in context."

She said that parents had been mainly supportive and staff were enthusiastic.

## WAYNE IS OUR VILLAGE HERO



*Wayne (right) presenting the Rowdeford Charity Trust cheque to Mike Bowden*

Following last year's Stand of Remembrance to honour the fallen from the First World War, former Soldier Wayne Cherry once again staged a Stand of Remembrance. Over 32 days he stood for 104 hours on 'The Hill' in Rowde (see front cover photo) and in the Brittox in Devizes to honour the fallen from World War 2, raising £1,335.87 for Rowdeford Charity Trust.



At a cheque presentation on 20th November, Mike Bowden, the president of the Rowdeford Charity Trust, thanked Wayne for his endeavours to raise much needed funds on behalf of the trust.

Wayne's collection was a joint one which also included Cancer Research UK Devizes for whom he raised £1,110.44.

## ROWDE RIFLE CLUB ARE WINNERS!



Back in August, Rowde Rifle Club were victors once again in the Carnival Cup. A lovely bit of Devizes tradition, the Carnival Cup is a shooting competition started by Harry Bates, manager of the Dolphin Public House many years ago. The competition is still held but is now run by Bernard Ashton at The Conservative Club.

The Carnival Cup final is always held during the Devizes Carnival Week and is for teams of six shooters. The teams can be made up of anyone wishing to take part. Using a .22 rifle and live ammunition, team members take it in turn to shoot at a 'bell target' (a small hole in a steel plate with a bell behind it). If the bell rings the shot is counted as a hit. What makes this particular competition even more interesting is that everyone must use the same rifle, an ancient thing that there is always talk of it being worn out, doesn't shoot straight and so on. There might well be some truth in that but certainly the reality is that it is unfamiliar to the shooters so levels the playing field somewhat.

This year Rowde beat Potterne in the final, repeating our success of 2017 and 2018. The final started quite tensely, with the scores being neck and neck for the first few shooters. Then one good score from a Rowde shooter put us several shots ahead, unsettling the



opposition maybe, then another good Rowde score made it difficult for Potterne to keep up. A team can never sit back and relax because the competition can change quickly but Rowde kept the lead and won.

Members of Rowde Rifle Club have won other trophies this year – Chris Godwin won the highest individual score in the Carnival Cup competition and some of the league cups came our way too, with Laurence Plumb becoming Tube\* Individual champion, Bob Luke and Eddie Bowden were runners up in the Holloway Cup and Mayenne Cup respectively.

*\*Tube is the term given to the type of range, where the target is at the far end of a steel tube that you shoot down. Rowde's range is a tube.*

The Devizes Miniature Rifle League shoot at different venues in the Devizes area, including several pubs and an "open" range where the shooters lie prone, holding inter-club and individual competitions. It is peculiar to Devizes and nearby villages; well it's about right at that only in Devizes would you find folk with a pint in one hand a rifle in the other. Originally set up over a hundred years ago country-wide to improve marksmanship (trouble was on the way by way of war), this is now the only part of the country in which the sport continues. The Rowde Rifle Club, a member of the Devizes Miniature League, is open to new members. If you are interested please contact team captain Andy Stewart on 01380 721398.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL STEWSDAY



Thank you to everyone that came along to Stewsdays on Tuesday 19th November at The Cross Keys pub.

It was a brilliant evening and it was good to see some new faces, hopefully you will be able to come along to one of our fundraising events in the future.

Special thanks to Mary and Michol who helped Gavin on Monday and Tuesday afternoon and then helped out with the serving and raffle. Amanda and Wayne who helped set up the



Cross Keys pub. Wesley who helped with the serving, Jacky who helped with the raffle, serving puddings and clearing up. Michael who helped set up, serve and clear up.



Also thank you to everyone that made all the wonderful puddings and Vegetarian options and for all the 38 raffle prizes that were donated, and of course Gee, Tee and their staff at the Cross Keys - without you all Stewsdays would not happen.

Ticket sales were £616, The raffle took an amazing £190 thanks to Mary and Jacky, and donations for food £14, so a total of £820.

Costs including food etc were £156, so we made a grand profit of £664.

## Future Events

There is going to be a fundraising Concert in St Matthew's Church, Rowde featuring Bath Male Choir on Saturday 15th February 2020 at 7.30pm - Doors open at 7.00pm

Tickets: Adults £12, Under 12's £6 available from 01761 472468 or 01380 729160 - please book early to avoid disappointment as tickets are limited.

## OBITUARY

**Elizabeth Ann Davies (née Potter).** Passed away peacefully at Blaenos House care Home, Llandovery on September 29th, 2019, aged 78 years. Ann formerly of Horse Lane Farm, Rowde. Enquiries to IC & SM Davies Funeral Directors. Tel: 01550 720636.





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# SHORT STORY

## FORGET ME NOT

### *A tribute by Sylvie, aged sixteen*

I'd never had a granddad but that was to change when I was six. My grandmother, widowed before I was born, surprised us all with the sudden announcement that she was getting married. I found it hard to imagine her as a bride in a wedding dress and even more difficult to imagine a whole new grandparent by her side. Having had no experience of a granddad, I had only a very stereotypical idea of what one would be like - a kind, slightly tubby old man with grey hair, puffing on a pipe and wearing brown slippers - after all, this was the granddad figure that was depicted in my story books.

The first meeting was arranged and I realise now that he was probably rather nervous about meeting us whereas I was just interested in a promised trip to the local park which almost always had an ice cream van. When the doorbell rang I was taken aback to see a tall handsome man standing there. He had white hair that was neatly combed into place and a gentle face with twinkly blue eyes that promised mischief. He wasn't wearing the brown jumper with elbow patches that I'd expected but was dressed in a button-down blue shirt and smart trousers much like my dad might wear to work.

This new granddad did not behave like a granddad either. To my amazement, once at the park, he launched himself down the slide and was first in line for an ice cream.

As I grew, so too did our affection for one another. Rather than taking on the traditional role as grandparent he became instead my friend. Before retirement he had been an accountant. You would have thought that being responsible for other people's money meant you had to be serious but he had never grown up; he was a big kid.

In the hallway of his house was a large hamper and one afternoon I had opened the lid expecting it to be full of uninspiring things like blankets. Instead inside was a huge collection of polar bears! Each toy was different and had been carefully named by him. I remember him taking a childish delight in throwing them head first down the stairs. He reasoned that, "They wanted to go sky diving!" Every so often, for a change, he'd tie one to a long piece of elastic for a spot of bungee jumping over the landing.

Whenever I was told that we were going to visit I would run straight to my room and find a good pen because we would always sit down and do word searches together or play on our matching Nintendos. He was no ordinary granddad - he was unique.

As I got older our conversations became more and more interesting and he would often talk to me about his past. He told me how he had learned to read at an early age and would sit and read aloud from the newspaper to his parents when he was just four. He was disappointed when he finally started school to be given books with no more than a few simple words on each page. In the house

he shared with Grandma almost every room was crammed with books.

The garage had been converted into a library but even then a separate cabin was built in the garden for the overflow. My Grandma told me that there were over 10,000 books, some of them rare first editions.

My sister and I decided he must be very wise and so gave him the name "Grandpa Owl" after the wise old owl in Winnie the Pooh. He lived up to his new nickname and never tired of my questions; he was the perfect person to go to for help with homework.

It started with a simple question. One summer afternoon he asked me whether I wanted a cold Sprite. Of course, I said yes but the minutes ticked by and there was still no sign of the promised drink.

I went to investigate and peeking into the kitchen I saw him staring at the can puzzled. I asked him whether he was okay. He slowly shook his head and said he couldn't remember how to open it. I was shocked. I didn't understand. I opened it for him, laughing it off, but from that point on I began to notice other things that he forgot - places he'd been, his pin number, the way home...

Later I overheard my mum on the phone talking about a thing called "dementia". This "dementia" was about to tear my grandpa from my reach and keep him lost in his forgetfulness. More and more of his memory was locked away - names, places, the days of the week and even how to get dressed and how to eat. I watched helplessly as he would stand very still willing the right words to come out but often what he said made no sense at all.

Gradually the ties that connected us so tightly became loose. Grandpa couldn't remember what a Nintendo was or how you might use it. The books stayed on the shelves collecting dust and I was left to do the word searches on my own. Only the polar bears remained as part of our games though even they had to adjust to a less adventurous lifestyle. I had to learn to treasure the little things such as when I would tickle his toes as I'd gently place his slippers back on the right feet.

My last visit was to the care home. He had gone to live there when caring for him had become too much for my Grandma. Despite its soft furnishings, and the carers in blue uniforms efficiently bringing tea, it didn't feel homely. I remember feeling afraid that he would not know who I was, but though he was very frail, and seemed to have shrunk, he looked up straight away and smiled directly at me. He couldn't recall my name, or remember exactly how we were connected, but in the still handsome blue eyes there was the flicker of recognition.

"Hello, Grandpa Owl," I said simply and I sat down on the edge of the bed with his favourite polar bear safely tucked up between us.

**Editor's Footnote:** Sylvie is a 16 year old student living in Scotland. She wrote a heartfelt essay, titled *Forget Me Not*, about her granddad's earliest signs of dementia. I have printed Sylvie's essay unedited and exactly as she wrote it.

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

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**Alan Watters, Editor**

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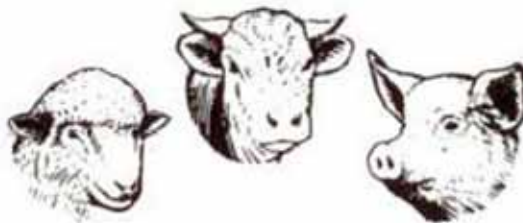
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We will, therefore, not be continuing with the advertisement in the Rowde Village Magazine for another year.

**Thank you for your help with this,**

**Camilla Jequier**

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**Chippy**

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**With best wishes,**

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

## Last Month's Solution

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

## 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.

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

## Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Chris Stevens, Tel: 01380 738438

## Bell Ringing

Friday evenings, Bell Tower, St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm  
Contact Richard Heath  
on 01380722379

## Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

## Charities

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

## Children's Art & Craft Classes

Hayley Mitchell 01225458679  
hayleymitchell@thecreationstation.co.uk

## Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:  
Sarah Bowler 07876142112

## Church Choir

Junior Choir Practice Thursdays  
at 6.45 pm, Portia Broomfield  
07514047878  
Senior Choir Practice Thursdays  
at 7.15 pm, Gavin Moss  
01380 729160 / 07771780016

## Church Wardens

Michael Cornwell Tel: 01380 722855  
Gavin Moss Tel: 01380 729160

## Doctor

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

## Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

## Footpaths

Ivan Whittaker-Axon 01380 728669

## Garage

Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

## Hospitals

Devizes Community Hospital  
Tel: 723511  
Chippenham Community Hospital  
Tel: 01249 447100  
Trowbridge Community Hospital  
Tel: 01225 711300

## 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

## Neighbourhood Police Team

Jo Newbury Rural Beat Manager  
PCSO Georgina Dodd  
Ring 101  
Google devizes npt to contact the  
team on  
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## Parish Council

Chair - Mr John Hawkins  
Tel: 07929 424781  
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries  
Tel: 01380 501919  
**PC Repairs** - 07833696328  
ian@pcdoctor-devizes.co.uk

## Playing Fields

For playing field bookings  
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Council Clerk on 01380 501919  
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.  
Laurence Plumb, Tel: 728174

## Roads/Pavements

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## Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

## Rowde Rainbows

Meet: Tuesdays 6.15 to 7.15pm  
Contact: Pam Ridley 01380 730442  
Email: RowdeRainbows@gmail.com

## Rowde Village News

Alan Watters, Tel: 01380 724788

## 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  
Mr M Loveridge Tel: 850309

## Hft (ex Self Unlimited)

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## Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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the month at 2.30 pm.  
Mrs D Ellis, Tel: 722655

## Veterinary Surgeries

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

## Village Fete - Lisa Wills

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 730078

## Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

## Website

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

## Youth Club

Iain Marr 07540017184



# Village Diary



30 November	<b>CHRISTMAS BAZAAR</b> (see back cover)
Dec & Jan	<b>Christmas at Avebury</b> (see page 19)
4 December	<b>Carols from Kings: Uncovering the Unexpected</b> (see page 26)
6 December	<b>Christmas Market</b> (see page 23)
8 December	<b>Christmas Open Studio Shopping Day</b> (see page 2)
9 December	<b>Pre-Election Forum</b> (see page 40)
11 December	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>
22 December	<b>St. Matthew's Christmas Carols &amp; Village Supper</b> (see page 44)
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31 December	<b>G&amp;D New Year's Eve Dinner</b> (see page 44)
All Tuesdays	<b>St Matthew's Cafe</b> (see page 22)
2 January	<b>Charity Quiz Night</b> (see page 38)
8 January	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>
8 January	<b>Botticelli's Florence</b> (see page 26)
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12 February	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>
15 February	<b>Bath Male Choir Concert</b> (see pages 17 & 32)
11 March	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>
1 April	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>
8 May	<b>VE Day Celebrations</b> (see page 9)
13 May	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>
10 June	<b>Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in village hall</b>

## Updating the Diary or Village Guide

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Rowde, Cross Keys	0800 1038 1238 1418 1518 1618 1740
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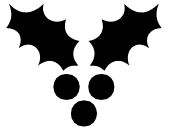
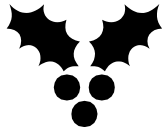
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