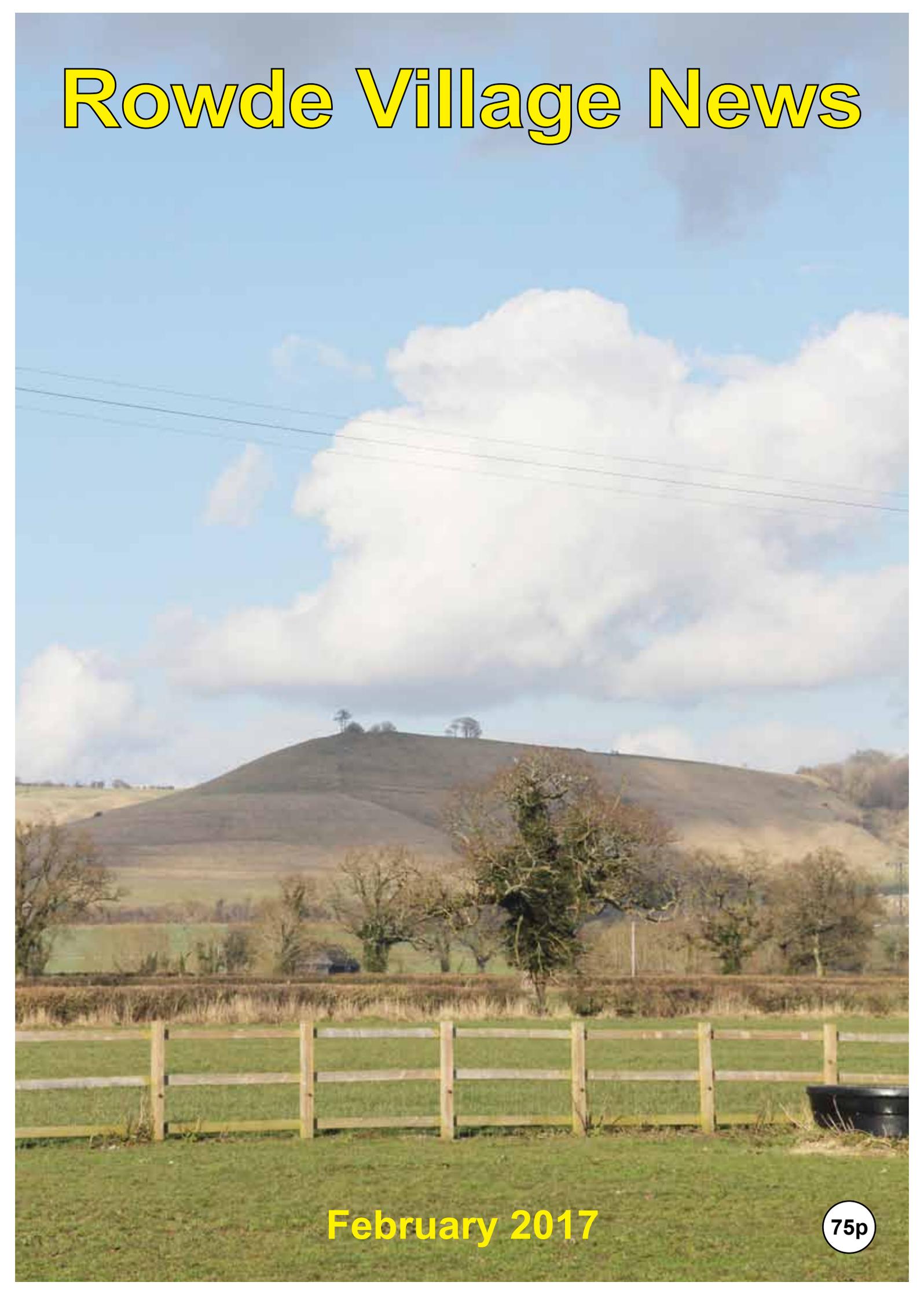


# Rowde Village News



February 2017

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

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

## Editorial

A Happy New Year and welcome to the February edition of the Rowde Village News. I hope you enjoy reading it.

If the various reports about festive celebrations are anything to go by then it would appear a good time was had by all. I sincerely hope that is the case and that we can all look forward to a much improved year in 2017 after the trials and tribulations of 2016!

The old magazine favourites are back this year of course but we also have one or two new submissions. See 'Recovery' on page 37 and 'Tips to stay warm' on page 40. I must say I found the latter particularly useful myself with the weather we are having at the moment!

Some great news with local success in the New Year's Honours List for ex Rowde pupil Aaron Moores. Read all about his MBE award on pages 11 and 29.

Good also to read that a young Rowde cricketer recently played his first match for the England Lions. Read all about how Tom Alsop fared on page 30.

Staying with the sport theme, I thought I might also mention that we now have two football teams representing the village in AFC Rowde and Rowdey Cow Rowde. Read all about their mixed fortunes in their respective leagues on page 31.

Looking forward to your continued support in contributing to the magazine in 2017.

***Mind how you go, Ed***

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### **Contributors please also note:**

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

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

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## Cover Photo

The front cover shot this month shows a view of Roundway Hill looking from the Rowdey Cow cafe. Read the latest from the Rowdey Cow on page 22.

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas Bazaar held on December 3rd realised over £800 for Village Hall Funds.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with this event, including the Handy family for providing and decorating Father Christmas's transport, Father Christmas, John and Sally Knapp for providing the lovely music with their Fair Ground Organ, Stall holders, all who donated items to sale or as Raffle Prizes and all who supported the event.

The date of the Annual General Meeting has been moved to March 7th (see separate notice).

**B Barrett, Chairman**

## ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club went to the Cross Keys in early December and all enjoyed the lovely Christmas Lunch provided by Kelly and her staff.

Next meeting will be on February 7th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall (weather permitting).

**Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655**

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On November 29th in the Village Hall the members of the Ladies Club were pleased to welcome members of Bromham Wives Group and Devizes Evening W.I. to their Christmas evening.

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment which was provided by John Craig's group 'Music and Mirth' and all joined in the singing of the Old Time Music Hall favourites.

A delicious buffet followed provided by members.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.J.Frost, Mrs. A.Smith, Mrs.E.Pearce, Mrs.C.O'Rourke, Mrs.R.Stevens, Mrs.J.Swift, Mrs.H.Jones, Mrs.P.Philips, Mrs.D.Buckland and Mrs.J.Handy.

In January members will have had another Visual Presentation by Mrs P.Hawkins and on February 28th members will be having a Pancake Evening in the Village Hall.

**Di. Buckland, Secretary**

## HIWAY CLUB

*(for the hearing impaired)*

The members of the Hiway Club met in the Village Hall for their Christmas Party on November 23rd. A most enjoyable Ploughman's Supper was catered for by Mrs.M.Burbidge.

Christmas cards and presents were distributed and Miss.G.Harris organised several quizzes which proved rather hard for some of us!!

Raffle winners were: Mrs.Y.Atkins, Miss.N.Drew, Miss.G.Harris, Mrs.J.Ilott, Mr.K.Jacomb, Mrs.D.buckland, Mrs.S.Drew, Miss S.Franklin, Mr.B.Barrett, Mrs.B.Smith and Miss.E.Harris.

Alan Truscott will have been telling us about his various collections on January 25th and on 22nd February we will be having another Visual Presentation by member Mr.W.Ilott.

New members always welcomed. For more information contact B.Barrett 722186 or Di.Buckland 723049

**Di. Buckland (Secretary) 723049**

## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

*Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People*

In our last meeting before Christmas members and helpers had an excellent Christmas lunch provided by the Westbrook Pub and served by the committee and extra helpers, so our hard working kitchen ladies could have a lunch time off! In the morning we were entertained by the children from St Nicholas School, who had us all laughing as they sang and did actions for 'On the first day of Christmas', as well as some other excellent songs. We have started off the New Year with a trip to Japan. Luckily we didn't have to leave the Skittle alley, as John Drew brought a collection of fascinating slides about Japan, including the amazing loos! We are looking forward to a talk about Devizes during the war and an afternoon of poetry. We are enjoying our new exercises to music – do come and join us!

**Caroline Culley, 01380 850531 or 07557 983940**

THE MONDAY CLUB IS A COMMUNITY DAY CENTRE AND LUNCHEON CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND RESIDENTS OF BROMHAM & ROWDE. IT IS GRANT AIDED THROUGH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL, AND SUPPORTED BY AGE UK.

## Rowde Primary Academy Playing Fields

If any organised group within Rowde village or its surrounds would like to use the Rowde Primary School Playing fields for specific training or events then in first instance please contact Philip Piper on 01380 828236



## Rowde Junior Church Choir

(A Royal School of Church Music affiliated choir)

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- The Junior Church Choir has now been running for over 2 years!
- We are looking for more boys and girls aged between 7 and 16 to join our choir
- We sing a wide range of music – both traditional and modern
- Weekly rehearsals are held at St Matthew's Church, Rowde on Thursdays from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm during term time
- The choir sings at both Rowde and Bromham parish churches each month and further afield including Salisbury Cathedral
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**Contact: Victoria Bolley 01225 972096 or 07481 991277**

***victoriam1984@hotmail.co.uk***



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### 'Magic Moments'

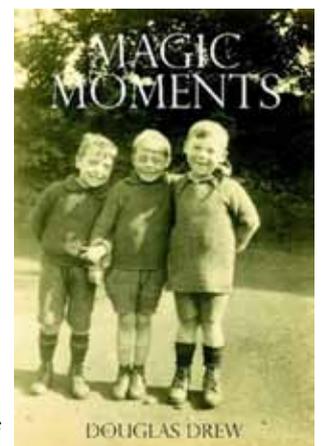
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# ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th February and the book will be reading is 'Apricot Kisses' by Claudia Winter.

## BOOK REVIEWS

It was a free read over the Christmas period and the books read were as follows:

'Killing Floor' by Lee Child

'Die Trying' by Lee Child

These are fast moving but very violent books so very mixed feelings amongst members; some loved them and others were not keen at all.

'The Bones of You' by Debbie Howells - a psychological thriller 8/10

'The Woman Who Went to Bed for a Year' by Sue Townsend - sounds an excellent idea right now 8/10

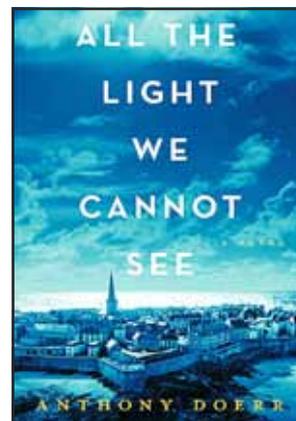
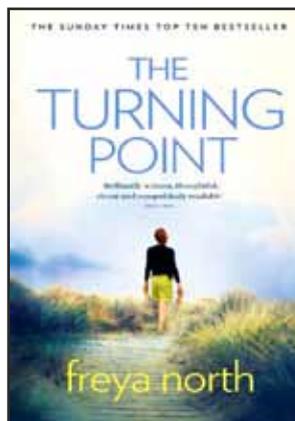
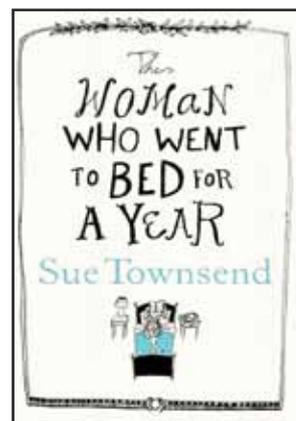
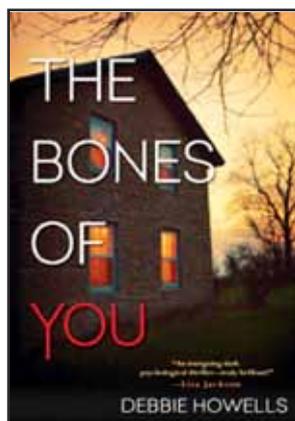
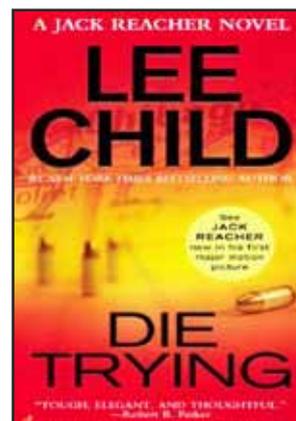
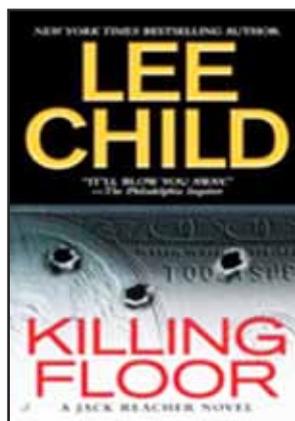
'The Turning Point' by Freya North - an easy read and scored 8/10

'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr - The New York Times rated this in its top 10 books for 2016 and we gave it 8/10.

**The book for February is 'Apricot Kisses' by Claudia Winter.**

**The book for March is 'The Needles Eye' by Margaret Drabble (who is a great Lee Child fan apparently).**

**Ann Swan**



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# EATING OUT - The Raven Inn, Poulshot

*Poulshot Road, Poulshot, Wiltshire SN10 1RW 01380 828271*

Let me introduce myself. My name is Jerry and along with Nathalie, my much better half, we run the Raven Inn at Poulshot. Now for those of you who know us from our time at the Flemish Weaver in Corsham you will already be familiar with us, but for those of you who are looking at this site thinking, mmmm nice pub but what is it like and what are they like, then this is for you.

We had better start with Nathalie, (otherwise I will be in trouble). Nathalie was born and raised in Guyana, South America, (although I think a little more baking powder should have been used as she is quite petite). She is the front of house side of the relationship, and you will always be assured of a warm welcome, smile and lots of care from her. Her wine list, (I'm a beer man myself), is specially chosen to cater for any taste, and budget, and she will be more than happy to advise you on your selection...

Now for me, my name is Jeremy Edwards although everyone knows me as Jerry, and I am the very proud landlord and head chef of the Raven Inn.

I was born and raised in Cornwall, and have been cooking since a child.

I have spent most of my life doing the things that make me happy, (a philosophy given to me by my parents), so this meant surfing, cooking, travelling, then surfing some more, more cooking then more travelling, you get the idea.

There is also two more in our family for me to mention and that is Harvey the Doberman and Faith the Jack Russell.

So that's enough about us, what is the food and beer like I hear you shout. Well the beer is fantastic, Wadworth's finest ales served straight out of oak casks just the way it should be, we have the world famous 6X and Henry's IPA as standard and sometimes feature other Wadworth ales to tempt the pallet. I make sure that the beer is always in tip top condition by continual tasting and assessment, (a horrible part of my job but it has to be done!!!). The food is down to me, I think that the menus portray my personality and varied love of food of all kinds.

The menus don't change so much as evolve, I only cook small amounts so that as it is sold it is replaced by something else. The menu is a mix of traditional pub food, (that is what we are after all) and less obvious choices. The main thing for me, is that, from the simple to the complex

I want it to be as good and as perfect as it can be. So please look at the sample menus, but remember that they are samples and that they are always changing.

So that's a little about the two of us, we really hope to see you all in our little pub which we are so proud of but please remember, do book as we can get quite busy.



## REVIEWS

"What a lovely pub"

Reviewed 3 weeks ago

Met up with friends in between Xmas & New Year for lunch - approx half way between where we both live and what a really nice find this was. Random visit after an internet and Trip Advisor search and we were not disappointed. Super little pub, great food and friendly staff and locals. Earmarked for next time we meet up.

**Mike**

"Outstanding lunch"

Reviewed 11 December 2016

Wife away. Couldn't face cooking my own Sunday Roast!

The best Roast lunch for a long time.

Wonderfully cooked prime beef. Sirloin done to perfection. Light crisp roast potatoes, a bowl full of superbly cooked seasonal vegetables and a crisp Yorkshire pudding.

It doesn't get better than this.

The chief is a real enthusiast and gets a kick out of doing it right.

This is a special pub worth making a detour for!

**Lizzie**

"Another excellent welcome and delicious meal"

Reviewed 20 November 2016

Some while since we have been in the area, but still a great personal welcome and taken to a comfortable fireside table. Delicious meal from a wide range on the menu, all featuring produce from local farms, accompanied with a good bottle of wine. Great atmosphere and no question will visit again when in the area.

**Anon**

## 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***

# Your Parish Council

The information below is current at the time of the Parish Council meeting. If events or information have changed since the meeting, they cannot be reflected here. If you would like further information on any of the matters mentioned below, please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01380 720988, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

There was an error in the reporting of the Parish Council update in the December 2016 – January 2017 issue of the Rowde Village News. It was recorded that:

‘the proposed development is purported to sit outside of the current settlement boundary’. In fact, part of the proposed development (one-third) would sit outside of the current settlement boundary. The other two-thirds of the current proposal would be inside the settlement boundary.

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 14th December 2016 & 11th January 2017 were:

## Welcome...

Welcome to Dave Revell who has joined the Parish Council.

## Budget

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 11th January 2017 to discuss the village precept for the next financial year. During this debate, the running costs of the village, grounds maintenance commitments and the future needs of the village were discussed.

The Parish Council is currently running a deficit budget which it will not be able to sustain. It can cover the existing level of services and provision to protect our infrastructure. However, Wiltshire Council’s budget from central government continues to decrease and as such it is anticipated that they will provide fewer services at parish level, for example less grass and verge cutting.

It is the Parish Council’s aim to improve our village infrastructure and to provide more services, to make Rowde a better and safer place for us all to live. In response to Parishioners’ requests, the Parish Council is looking at improving and/or creating new footpaths, renovations to the pavilion and other projects.

After much debate, it was agreed to increase the budget for the financial year of 2017-2018. We also agreed to offset the increase in the precept tax request through using most of the Parish Councils reserve funds next year. The resulting increase per household, per housing band is highlighted below.

This money will be used directly for you and your village. If there are projects around the village that you would like to be considered by the Parish Council, please contact the Chair of the Parish Council, Steve Mundy on tel: 01380 727598, steve.mundy@gmail.com or our Parish Clerk on tel: 01380 720988, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or through our Facebook page.

## Planning & Development

### Malthouse Farm – Proposed development

An outline proposal for a housing development on the redundant farm yard at Malthouse Farm was presented to villagers at an open meeting on Tuesday 22nd November 2016. The residents who attended the meeting were strongly opposed to the proposal.

The planning consultants are in the process of considering revisions to the drawings. At this point, no planning application has been made.

### Bungalow development – Off Silverlands Road

The new bungalows are on schedule to be completed in Spring 2017. Wiltshire Council has canvassed local residents to encourage them to apply for a bungalow. Promotional leaflets have been distributed to key groups and locations around the village. If you are interested in applying for a bungalow, please contact Andy Mead, Commissioning Officer (Andrew.M.Mead@Wiltshire.gov.uk or 01225 716672) who will be pleased to assist.

### Neighbourhood Planning

A further meeting to discuss the possibility of having a Neighbour plan has been held with a small group of people. The next stage of the process is to contact residents who initially expressed an interest in being involved with developing a plan.

### Planning Applications

16/10381/FUL: Iron Pear Tree Farm, Devizes Road: new farm track with access of the A342. The Parish Council could not see how the proposed track met the proposed need as the track does not lead anywhere. It was commented that the applicants have not requested a change of use from agricultural land. The Parish Council objected to the application and requested further clarification on the purpose of the track (proposed by J Dalley, seconded by C Stevens. All Councillors agreed). [The application has since been approved by Wiltshire Council subject to conditions. It

Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Annual cost: 2017/18	£46.36	£54.09	£61.81	£69.54	£84.99	£100.45	£115.90	£139.08
Difference for each Band per annum £	£7.43	£8.68	£9.91	£11.15	£13.62	£16.11	£18.58	£22.30
Difference for each Band per chargeable month £	£0.74	£0.87	£0.99	£1.12	£1.36	£1.61	£1.86	£2.23

was clarified by Wiltshire Council that the applicant does not need to apply for a change of use as the land use remains agricultural].

16/09487/FUL; Kenavon, Marsh Lane: replacing a poly-tunnel with a storage barn. The Parish Council found no objections to the application (proposed by B Bentley, seconded by J Hawkins. All Councillors were in favour).

16/09932/LBC: The George & Dragon: external redecoration and repairs. The Parish Council supported the application (proposed by G Sartin, seconded by J Hawkins. All Councillors were in favour).

16/10519/FUL: Upper Foxhangers Farm, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1RE Extension to an existing acoustic bund. The Parish Council found no objections (proposed by B Bentley, seconded by C Stevens. All Councillors were in favour). The Parish Council made a request for the landowner to clear the ditches around the junction of Caen Hill with Marsh Lane, whilst carrying out work on the acoustic bund, to improve drainage in the area.

## **Road Safety**

### **Caen Hill**

After the serious accident on Caen Hill in November, the Chair of the Parish Council has written to Cllr Whitehead, at the Highways department, Wiltshire Council to express concern on behalf of the Parish Council over the safety for vehicles travelling along Caen Hill.

In addition, the Parish Council has made freedom of information requests from Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police, and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service for statistics on road traffic accidents on the Caen Hill stretch of road. Rowde Parish Council plan to talk with Poulshot Parish Council about these results and possible ways to improve safety on this stretch of road.

### **Speed Indicator Device**

- New batteries and solar power charging units have been purchased for the Speed Indicator Device. Cllr D Revell is working on making the machine functional for use in the village.

### **Youth Council**

Original members of the Youth Council have kindly volunteered to continue maintaining the skate park and the BMX track. It was agreed that a new youth group could be formed which would concentrate on engaging with the young people in the village and putting activities on for them.

- Luke, Dan and friends were thanked for putting up and taking down the village Christmas tree.

Play equipment

- Cllr D Revell has agreed to inspect the Parish Council's play equipment monthly

### **Grounds Maintenance**

A revised schedule of works has been prepared by the Parish Council and the contract will go out to tender on 1st February 2017. The document is on the village website or a copy can be obtained through the Parish Clerk. The deadline for submissions is 1st March 2017. The new contract will be in place by 1st April 2016.

- Cllr Chris Stevens has volunteered with other allotment holders to help maintain the central grassed path through the allotments. The Parish Council thanked everyone who is involved with maintaining the paths at the allotments.

### **Generator**

- New leads have been purchased for use with the generator.

### **Community Planter Project**

- A design for the planter boxes has been proposed and permission sought for planters to be placed on the High Street, opposite Paradise Lane. It was agreed that 6 planters will be made in the first instance.

- If any villager or village groups would like to adopt or sponsor a planter, please contact Lesley Stewart, tel: 01380 720987, or [lesleystewart493@gmail.com](mailto:lesleystewart493@gmail.com).

### **Ditches**

The Canal and River Trust has cleared the ditches along one side of Marsh Lane. Thanks were given to Mr Chris Edwards and Mr Neal Bawden for facilitating this and for all of their hard work. The drains have also been jetted by Wiltshire Council along this section of the road. The Clerk has logged a request for the Parish Steward to clear debris that has been left behind after the work was carried out.

## **Communications**

### **Fibre-optic broadband**

.... Has arrived in Rowde. BT are taking orders for fibre-optic broadband but there is limited capacity.

BT Payphone

There was little response from residents regarding the proposal to remove the BT phone box. It was agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 14th December 2016 that the Parish Council would not object to the removal of the pay phone.

### **Freedom of Information policy**

The Parish Council's publication policy on material covered by freedom of information requests has been adopted and will be published on the website.

Draft Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy and Wiltshire Open Space Study – consultation

The Clerk has sent amended details of the play facilities in Rowde to Wiltshire Council.

### **My Wiltshire App**

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 that 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>

### **Crime**

Cllr Cuthbert has recommended that the Parish Council and parishioners view the Police and Crime Commissioners' Police & Crime Plan & Precept Consultation for 2017. The proposed four priorities for 2017 - 2020 will be to:

- Prevent crime and keep people safe
- Protect the most vulnerable in society
- Put victims, witnesses and communities at the heart of everything we do
- Secure a trusted, quality and efficient police service

The draft plan is available to read at ([www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)). The policing part of the council tax bill is proposed to increase by 1.9 per cent.

- The community policing team has canvassed parish councils about police attendance at parish council meetings. The Parish Council responded to say that they would like to see the village's own PSCO if possible, otherwise they are happy to receive a written report.
- The community policing team highlighted their daily impactful crime update, which is available through community messaging which residents are able to register with to obtain up to date information,
- There was damage reported at an allotments and theft of some wooden planks. This was reported to the police.

### Finances

- The first payment from the solar farm development has been received £105.31 over 25 years index linked.
- The Parish Council is legally obliged to provide a pension for eligible employees.
- It was agreed to increase the wage for the litter collector and a wage was set for the grounds worker.
- o Monthly invoices for November totaling £1788.49 were approved (Proposed by C Stevens, seconded by J Hawkins. All Councillors were in favour).

Admin costs/Meeting room hire	£1082.69
Grounds Maintenance	£465.80
External audit fee	£240.00
Total:	£1788.49

- o Monthly invoices for December totaling £1770.84 were approved (Proposed by C Stevens, seconded by B Bentley. All Councillors were in favour).

Admin costs/Meeting room hire	£1044.52
Grounds Maintenance	£381.80
Leads/batteries	£344.52
Total:	£1770.84

### Get involved!

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

### Dates for the diary –

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017, then on Wednesday 8th March 2016 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.

Everyone is welcome

**A full set of minutes is available on the Parish notice boards 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 the contact details at bottom of page.

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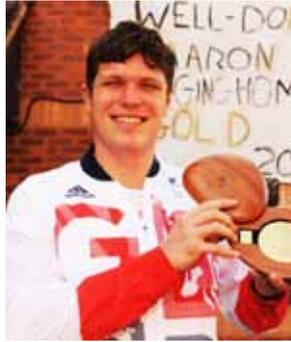
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# NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

*Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring*

We welcomed back out pupils after Christmas and started the New Year with the fabulous news that Aaron Moores, a former pupil, had been named in the News Years Honours list as receiving an MBE.



Aaron, 22, who claimed gold in the pool at the Paralympics in Rio, was a pupil at Rowdeford School in Rowde from 2004 to 2009. Aaron is an excellent role model for young people with learning disabilities and we are so delighted that he has been awarded an MBE following his tremendous achievements at the Olympics in Rio.

Aaron, who grew up in Trowbridge, learnt to swim at junior school and continued his lessons at Rowdeford in Years 7 and 8. Aaron was a very modest pupil who had a good sense of humour. He really loved his swimming but he was a talented all-round sportsman, a very good team player and he always played fairly.

Aaron applied the same determination to try to overcome his significant difficulties with basic skills and he worked really hard to achieve his goals. He was polite, kind and caring towards others and he always encouraged others.

We follow a values based education and the value that we will focus on this term is Happiness. We hope this will brighten up the winter months!

We encourage our families to display the Happiness Poster at home and refer to it when members of the family show that they are being guided by this value.

- Start a daily habit so that at the end of each day everyone at home says 3 things that made them happy today. This has been proven to increase happiness



- Think of ways to spend time making each other happy. Evidence shows that time with others and trying to help others to be happy, makes you happy
- Find ways to be present in the here and now
- Get active. Exercise improves levels of happiness.

We'd like to thank all for the support for our core values of cooperation, responsibility, happiness, resilience, respect and caring.

Clothes Recycling for Rowdeford School

We now have a clothes recycling bank on site for any unwanted clothes, bags, belts etc; which you may no longer need or want. These can be sent into school, our collection last week raised £107.55 for Rowdeford School but we can raise even more with your help!



Upcoming Quiz Night - Friday 17th March 2017 to further raise funds for a new school minibus. Tickets will go on sale at the start of Term4 (20/2/17), further information to follow.

Charity Climb

Mrs Lambert, our Business Manager, is taking part in a challenge to trek to the summit of Kilimanjaro next week, with the charity 'Compassion'.



'Compassion is an organisation which supports children in projects around the world, giving them the opportunity to escape from poverty. She would love to raise £7,500!!

We all wish Mrs Lambert the best of luck for her big adventure. If you would like to help her reach her target you can sponsor her by following this link-<http://www.compassion.ukrft.com/u/rachel-lambert>

Every little helps!

# ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

*Hello everyone,*

A few bits of information regards Christmas.

The Raffle was won by Mike Cornwell. First prize was the turkey dinner.

Second Prize was the whisky won by Wendy McWilliams.

Third prize of the bag of logs was won by Gerald Whiting.



## Opening Hours

Mon to Fri	7:30am – 6:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 11:00am
Bank Holidays	9:00am – 12:00

We did have three persons ask why we were not open on Christmas day!

It was pointed out that even supermarkets shut on that day.

The ladies that made the Christmas decorations for sale did a amazing job making the shop a very good extra bonus. Maggi's Hedgehogs have gained fame through the area!!!! And all the other decorations were really unique. We had some very masculine and large dustbin men stood by the till cuddling small Father Christmas toys and penguins etc to take home to the family!

We would like to bring to your notice that our A.G.M is on February 15th at 7-30 in the village hall. The shareholders letters will have been distributed by the time of this going to print.

We have some sad news that 'our' Jane is to step down from opening up the shop and doing all she does for us at the moment. Rob, her husband, has been such a help in many ways and they really are very special to us all. We hope in the future she will return.

Chris Collett is also going to stand down as chairman of the shareholders, yet another very genuine helper, so we need persons to come forward to join us. There are all sorts of jobs to be done and if we don't soon see more help willing to come forward there will be some tough decisions to make.

So much effort has gone into getting the shop on a secure footing, especially this last three years, it would be criminal to see all that work go to waste. Just two or three hours a week to fill in gaps and help with the Marina run is all that is wanted.

Surely there are one or two persons with a little time to spare.

In the meantime we look at ways to keep ahead of the game. Prices are constantly watched and

updated. Our prices reflect supermarket prices in many cases so why go to town? Save time and fuel.

A couple of jobs for the future are the vegetable fridge if the grant comes through, and we are looking at a computer upgrade. Another item on the New Year list 'to do' is investigate the air con system, it needs to be a bigger one! Also paint the outside of the shop is on the ever growing list.

So we don't stand still but help is needed in many ways.

Have a healthy and happy forthcoming year, from us all at the village shop.

**The Shop Team, 01380 739800**

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- High Street
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- Marsh Lane (to Caen Hill)
- Rowde Court Road
- Springfield Road (Bungalows)
- Springfield Road
- Silverlands
- Tanis
- Wheeler Place

### WHAT?

Are you willing to be a first point of contact for your area in the village, if there is an emergency in Rowde?

It will help us to reach the most vulnerable people in the village at a time of crisis.

Please contact Rebekah (Parish Clerk) if you can help:  
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[rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Notice

**The Village Community Shop  
A.G.M**

**The Village Shop A.G.M  
takes place on**

**Wednesday 15th February 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE the Agendas  
have been sent out and  
there is a vacancy for the  
Shareholders Chairmanship**

# RECIPES

## Colombian Chicken Coconut Curry

### INGREDIENTS:

- Ready cooked chicken or the leftover turkey that was frozen from Christmas.
- 165Blue Dragon coconut Milk.
- 1 Dessert spoon groundnut oil or other flavourless oil.
- 1 sm. Onion peeled, halved and sliced
- 1 glove garlic peeled and chopped
- 2 heaped spoonfuls Caribbean spice blend or what is to hand in the cupboard
- 12 chunks of frozen or fresh Mango
- Juice of two limes
- Coriander leaves to garnish

### METHOD:

1. Put the oil in the pan, add the onions and cook for about 10 mins.
2. Add the garlic and spices and some salt and stir it all around and cook for another minute.
3. Add the chicken/turkey and mango chunks and pour in the coconut milk and lime juice.
4. Stir, then cook over a gentle heat for ten minutes.
5. Be careful that the sauce does not reduce too much.
6. Garnish and serve with rice.

## Prairie Pie

### INGREDIENTS:

- 50gms 2oz Butter
- 4 slices of bread
- 350 gms pork luncheon meat
- 150gms 5oz can baked beans
- salt and pepper
- 2 beaten eggs
- 300ml ½ pint milk 50gms grated cheddar cheese.

### METHOD:

1. Remove crusts from the bread. Butter thickly on one side and place in a buttered oven proof dish. Chop the luncheon meat and mix in a bowl with the beans and seasoning, Pour on to the bread base. Top with remaining bread buttered side up.

2. Mix together the eggs and the milk. Pour over the bread and sprinkle with grated cheese.
3. Bake in the oven at 190 c (375) f mark 5 for 30 minutes Serve hot.

A dessert version of bread and butter pudding is good using the left over mincemeat or marmalade to layer the buttered bread and add some brandy to the egg/milk mixture. To make a special pudding! Serve with vanilla ice cream.

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

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# February 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 05</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>4 before Lent</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> <i>Benefice Evensong (BCP), Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 12</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am	<b>3 before Lent</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>Wednesday 15</b> 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion at Angell House, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 19</b> 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>2 before Lent</b> Parish Holy Communion <i>Family Service (No Eucharist), Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 26</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	<b>The Sunday next before Lent</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Morning Worship with a Baptism</b> <b>The service is being taken by Fr John Hawthorne</b>
<b>MARCH</b> <b>Sunday 05</b> 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>The first Sunday of Lent</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service (No Eucharist) <i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i> <i>Benefice Evensong, Bromham</i>

**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.**

**Growing in Faith** will be meeting on the following Wednesdays at 7.30pm in February, 8th at Gavin's (Tower House, Rowde) and 22nd at Eddie and Carole's (77 Highfield). For more details contact Ruth Bray [ruthbray@outlook.com](mailto:ruthbray@outlook.com) Tel: 01380 859847

**Mothers' Union** Please contact Jo Partt for details: 01380 850435 [parttsofbromham@btinternet.com](mailto:parttsofbromham@btinternet.com)

## Church Cleaning

We need a few more people to join our cleaning group (even if you can only do one or two sessions a year) so if you would like to come and help please contact: Jane Moss 01380 729160 [jmosscaudet@gmail.com](mailto:jmosscaudet@gmail.com) (Brass cleaning Rota) Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406

## Choir

Choir Leader: Gavin Moss 01380 719160  
 Choir Practise for Adults is on Thursday Evenings 7.00 – 8.00pm  
 Junior Choir Leader: Victoria Bolley 07481 991277  
 Junior Choir Practice is on Thursday 6.15pm-7.15pm.  
 New members are always welcome.

## Coffee/ Toddler mornings

St Matthew's Toddlers and Coffee morning: Friday's 9.30-11am (Term-time only) Craft, singing and stories. All welcome for coffee too. Contact: Maureen Hiscocks [mosarum@talktalk.net](mailto:mosarum@talktalk.net) and Caroline Culley [carolineculley1@outlook.com](mailto:carolineculley1@outlook.com)

## February Flower Arranging

5/12 Jayne Andrews-Wheeler  
 19/26 Caroline Keevil  
**1 March - LENT - no flowers until Easter**

## Notes from the Rectory/ Church Wardens

Hello everyone, can you believe it is February already! Christmas just seems a distant memory now. January has been a very quiet month, a time to catch up and a time for reflection. We do not have much to report

on apart from work on the Church roof has now been completed, thankfully with only a few hiccups. We are continuing to prepare for Rev Schofield and her family's arrival, very exciting.

The farewell present from Rev John and Mrs Anne Rees was a sum of money to purchase pew bibles. We now have six Pew Bibles each with marker ribbons. The intention is to have each of the six bibles marked up with the lessons to be read for that service and those wishing to follow the readings in the Pew bibles merely have to ask the Sidemen if they may have a Pew Bible. As we only have six it will be first come first served.

**Blue Gift Aid Envelopes.** Those people who give regularly by using the weekly numbered envelopes (for cash donations) which last 12 months and whose number is between 0001 and 0025 will find their envelopes ready for collection in the church. Please sign for them as it confirms to the Treasurer who is using which number and thus assist him in claiming Gift Aid back for HMRC. Those of you who give regularly and whose number is higher than 25 have two options:

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2. The alternative option is to change you number to one of the unallocated sets of the 0001 to 0025 printing you name against the number, again so the treasurer is aware who is using which number for Gift Aid reclaim purposes. If anyone has any doubts about which number or which envelopes to use please seek advice from the Treasurer.

We hope that you all have a wonderful year and hope to see you at a service if you are able.

**Best Wishes**

**The St Matthew's Team**

## Contacts

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# NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

*Our bright start leads to their bright future*

## What is Rowde Academy like?

As Hercules class teacher I believe Rowde Academy is a truly wonderful place and it's been shaping young minds in the new building for the last ten years. It is a place of high quality teaching and learning, a place of warmth, friendship and collaborative learning. The entire staff, who all contribute to sculpting successful and respectful pupils ready for modern society, are committed to helping each individual student to become the best person he or she is capable of being. The modern style of the building is consistent from the outside in. Classrooms are large, with plenty of space for everyone to feel comfortable and stimulated, which is a common theme throughout; likewise the playground and playing field offer children a truly wonderful space in which to play and build relationships and lifelong friendships.

Speaking of relationships and making new friends, we have a brand new start to our day! Rather than the children coming into the classroom and taking part in a morning activity displayed on the board; they have been given the freedom to play games. In class three, we often play dominoes, cards or do some mindful colouring, or some like to simply sit and chat. I know RAFT are in the process of ordering some lovely, new games for the school so these mornings are only going to get better and more exciting which is fantastic! Since the change to the morning we have noticed a stronger peer-to-peer relationship, not only this, but it is also allowing the class teachers and teaching assistants to bond with their classes in a completely unique way. I have personally noticed children in my class developing their social and emotional skills in this half hour, as well as making new friends in the process. What's nice about this is that it gives the teacher time to move around the classroom communicating with children individually, giving them some quality time to talk about anything; their weekend, what they are doing tomorrow after school or alternatively issues and concerns can be discussed too. What's lovely is that we have even happier children that are keen and excited to come to school and be mindful towards their learning.



## What's all this about - a time capsule?

It's hard to believe that this new building is a whole ten years old! Older than a large proportion of the children at Rowde! Some staff involved in the transition from the old building to the new are still here today. Ten years ago, children (some of whom are now young adults) put together a time capsule; in it, they put things that were relevant to their time and important to them. We welcomed back David Ball, headteacher of Rowde for eighteen years, and famous England cricketer and ex-Rowde pupil Tom Alsop, to help open this time capsule to see what was inside. In it we found lots of treasures including an old mobile phone, photographs of pupils and staff and some slips of paper that stated what the children wanted to be doing in ten years-time, coincidentally (or maybe a little spookily) Tom had written that he wanted to play cricket for England. Over the coming weeks we will be putting together our own time capsule, which each class will contribute to. Personally, I can't wait to put things in the time capsule ready for a whole new set of children to open in ten years-time. This could be the start of a wonderful new Rowde tradition.

## What's going on in Hercules Class?

At the start of the Spring Term we started our new topic; The Shang Dynasty. We've spent a long time learning a Chinese legend The Dragon's Pearl. The children have learnt a new story mapping technique to help remember the story, as they will soon adapt and change it in order to write their own version of this. Hercules is a lovely environment where the children are happy, safe and have opportunities to learn in different ways.

***We are all so lucky to be surrounded by such a warm, welcoming and supportive family. Our school theme is being 'bright' and we are truly privileged as a school to possess so many children, staff, parents, governors and volunteers that follow and adopt this theme. We would love to continue the wonderful relationship with the wider community of Rowde and build it even further!***



# NEWS FROM Hft

A Happy New Year to you all, let's all hope it's a healthy one.

At Hft we have just started our new set of 12 week sessions, and something we tried last year was 'Healthy Me Tuesday' which includes preparing and cooking a healthy lunch, combined with some exercise in our temporary gym, (we are hoping for a more permanent structure sometime) where we have some exercise bicycles, a cross trainer and a stepping machine. The group swap over halfway through the morning so everyone gets to try both, and it's all rounded off with a swim before lunch. This has proved to be so popular that we have put it into our day activities programme again and again it was oversubscribed, which was very encouraging.

Other new sessions include Health & Safety on Site where we have some fun plans to try and stop visitors speeding on site here. Our speed bumps we had installed before Christmas have made a small difference so we are hoping to increase the impact. It's all a bit 'secret' at the moment but hopefully I will have something to show you in the next magazine.

Twiddlemuffs is another new session, these are aids for people with Dementia and are knitted in different textured wools, and have different things sewn on to them, for example something which may make a noise, some things with unusual textures, they are literally what it says: things for people with Dementia to fiddle with. Research has shown it helps keep people engaged and calm.

We have contacts with the Alzheimer's Society so some of the people we support can knit and some can sew and other just like to choose things to go on the 'muffs'.

If any of you out there have a spare couple of hours on a Friday afternoon, feel free to come along and join us, a fun end to the week.

Mary, a lady we support here, has been busy knitting hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles in aid of Age UK . She looks really pleased with her efforts.



We had a very successful Drama performance before Christmas with our very own version of Oliver. However, Abba did manage to make an appearance... it seems Drama isn't Drama without an Abba song or two.



Looking forward to this New Year we already have plans underway for a Clothes & Accessories Bring & Buy Sale on Friday 24th March at 7pm in Marsh Hall. Please come along and bring any items you wish to get rid of and see if you can pick up a bargain at the same time. Tea, Coffee and Cake will be available. Free entry.

Finally another date for your diary is our ever popular Quiz night, the first one of 2017 will be on 21st April, so watch this space for times and ticket information.

That's all for now, till next month when we will be creeping closer to the better weather.

**Jan Emm, Tel: 01380 725455 Ext 1004**

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**Alan Watters, Editor**

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# JOHN'S FARM



The weather over the past few weeks has been a little more traditional and it is good to have some frosts – it must be several years since we had a good run of cold, crisp weather. This has enabled us to complete all the winter ploughing and put all the machinery away. The spring seed has started to arrive which must mean that the new growing season is just around the corner. We are planting spring beans and spring oats this year at Rowde and some maize on the rented land at Bowden Park. The frost will have worked into the soil and the effect should be that it will break down naturally, ready for sowing in March.



*Seed beans ready for the spring*



*Keeping the hens safe*

Last month I reported that the new hens had started to lay some egg at last. No sooner had they got going then the Government issued restrictions on their outside access due to the avian flu issues. So they have been kept in the stables for the past few weeks, which is not to their liking, but we have tried to keep them amused by giving them fresh straw to scratch around in and carrots which they can peck at. However, they have decided that egg laying is not

a top priority and our daily egg counts have fallen dramatically. They have to be kept in until at least 28th February.

The fields are still looking green and the crops are looking well. The biggest problem at this time of year are pigeons eating the oilseed rape. So far, we have been lucky and although there have been a few random attacks – we have not seen the vast flocks which sometimes move in on it at this time of year. However, there is a while to go until we can say that it is safe for another year.

Training courses are continuing on most Fridays with some good numbers – this month there are courses on digger driving, rat control, telehandler operation and chainsaw use.



*Chainsaw - cross cutting and maintenance training*

We have a number of events coming up there are full details elsewhere in the magazine – but briefly we have the following events – please get in touch to book a place:

Friday 3rd March – Woodland Heritage Talk by Richard Cripps 7.30 pm, £6 per person including refreshments.

Friday 24th March – All about Bees and Beekeeping by Lizzie Taylor 7.30 pm, £6 per person including refreshments.

Saturday 11th March Lambing Day 11 am – 3pm. £10 per car, see the new born lambs and other attractions.

We are also planning a school holiday event for parents and children with some hands-on activities – further details next month.

The farm website has been re-launched with a new address and more information – have a look at [www.rowdefieldtraining.co.uk](http://www.rowdefieldtraining.co.uk) and you can also see what we have been up to on Facebook.

**John Butler, Rowdefield Farm**

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# SHORT STORY

## 'YES?'

She wanted to fall in love with this witty guy who made her smile, who made her laugh. But her past was telling her to stop. Unable to take the decision, she asked, "Will you be there, forever?"

He, afraid of death, didn't know how to answer this question. He looked at her, and kept looking and said, "I can't and won't promise to be there forever. But, by the time I leave, you will have gained enough to spend the rest of your time smiling and remembering your beautiful past."

She had got the answer. Only thing she had to do now was to take that one small step and gather courage to take that last risk. He looked like a dream to her and every small nerve of her body wanted to believe him. She just had to say yes and all her past, all her bad memories would wash away.

50 years later, sitting on a lawn, surrounded by her grandchildren playing in warm

sunshine, she remembers it and knows that every day she will pray that her granddaughters will have the courage that she could not gather, the courage that would have turned her life into a dream, the courage to say 'YES'.

She has everything in her life, but she still searches for that one feeling people call love, which can make every nerve in one's body dance. It came to her back then, asking for her permission to stay with her forever and she didn't have the courage to say yes. And she knows that it will never come back.

All children in the world have the strength that when the time comes and love asks their permission to come into their lives, they won't have to think twice, or even once."

***If you write or have a favourite short story (one page or less) please send it in, Ed***



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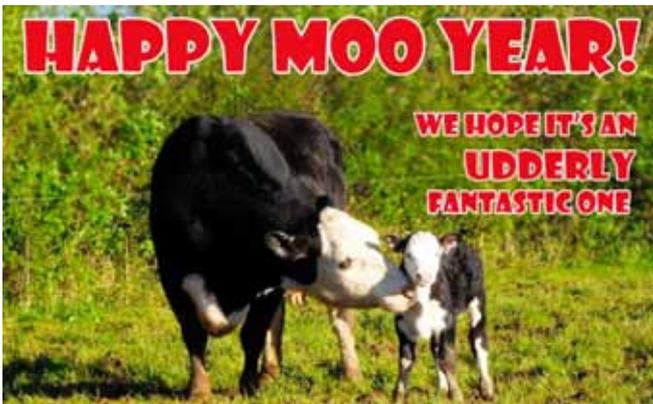
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After the festive season it is usually a very quiet time for us at the café, however, it has certainly been busier than previous years. Our children's Christmas party was a lot of fun and we were lucky to receive a visit from Father Christmas!



We were extremely happy to receive our Trip Adviser Certificate of Excellence for 2016 and hope to continue pleasing our customers throughout 2017.



Our January Sale offers went well and we are continuing the extra deals for senior citizens every Tuesday throughout February which includes the set menu offer as well as the normal 10% discount on the rest of the menu (the Senior Citizens deals do not run through the School holidays so will not be on offer on the 14th February).

We are now offering some Ice Cream Sundaes as part of our dessert menu. We have just launched a new ice cream making party package so please see our facebook page or call the café if you would like some information on this.

We are staying open until 6.30 pm on the first Friday in February (3rd Feb) for a pizza evening! – booking not required so just pop in after school or after work and enjoy some pizza for tea or if you just want a drink and some cake or ice cream. It may be possible to take later bookings if you phone us in advance.

The weather has turned much colder this month so the goats have been brought into the barn but this has been the driest Winter we have had since we opened so the ponies and sheep have been much happier with their thicker coats outside in the fields.

Happy New Year and we hope to see you soon!

**Sue**

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# PARENTHOOD

## MOTHERHOOD; THE DREAM VS THE REALITY PREGNANCY

The dream: You will have a neat little bump. People will comment on your wonderful figure, how you look like you're blooming and you will feel as fresh as a daisy! You will have your baby and immediately shrink back to your pre-pregnancy size 10 figure.

The reality: You are walking, no sorry WADDLING around like a beached whale. Everything aches, your feet have ballooned, you're sweating profusely and you've only walked up the stairs.

## LABOUR

The dream: Your waters suddenly break at 9am, after a peaceful night's sleep, and after an hour of painless contractions your beautiful bundle has arrived. You leave within an hour and wonder what all the fuss was about.

The reality: It has been five days in hospital, with contractions on and off. You beg for more pain relief. You haven't slept. You want to scream at the midwife if she says 'not long now' one more time.

## BREASTFEEDING

The dream: Your baby latches on straight away, and before you know it you're sat in Costa having a herbal tea, chatting with fellow mums all whilst feeding your baby under your 'posh-breastfeeding-smock-thing'.

The reality: You've been breastfeeding for 24 hours, and haven't slept because your baby isn't getting any milk and is screaming with hunger. You send your husband to the nearest supermarket and warm up some good ol' Aptamil.

## SLEEP

The dream: After the first initial few weeks, your baby now sleeps 7pm until 8am. This continues throughout their childhood. Bliss!

The reality: Since birth, your dearest, little darling thinks 5am is a superb time to wake up. Every. Single. Day. So therefore continues this until the age of four, where they then up it to 6am. (I guess 6am is better than 5am!)

## BABY GROUPS

The dream: You arrive in style, you've had a full night's sleep. You're dressed immaculately. Your hair is washed and you're ready to smash this! You walk in, immediately indulge in hot coffee and conversation, your baby coo's happily and you're loving life!

The reality: You've had three hours sleep. You arrive, only to discover your jumper has baby sick on the shoulder. You sit in the corner, completely forgetting how to socialise, and shy away from the other mums. Whilst your baby screams. And screams.

## NURSERY

The dream: You're ready. Your child is ready. You are there, ready to drop off your beautiful baby on their first day of nursery. You drop them off, then pop in to town for a bit of retail therapy.

The reality: You fret all morning. You arrive at the gates and freeze. You look down at your baby, and realise, they're growing up. Tears sting your eyes. How can this be? You spend 10 minutes at the gates freaking out, until you are ushered in by the nursery staff.

## TANTRUMS

The dream: Tantrums? What are they? Never heard of them...

The reality: Your child is led full face down, in the middle of the biscuit aisle in Sainsbury's. You have already caved and have four packets of biscuits in the trolley. But they want more. Not just another pack. But the whole shelf. They are shouting, stamping their feet, crying. Strangers look on, staring as if you have deprived your poor child of sugar.

Someone pass the Prosecco...

**Ruth Robinson**

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**(Footnote: Ruth is happy for any parents to contact her on the above email if they would like to share their experiences and feelings about parenthood or to arrange a chat, Ed)**



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## Rowdefield Training and Education

### Spring Meetings 2017

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Woodland Heritage** – Richard Cripps – a pro-active talk when Richard will be talking about local species of trees and shrubs, their identification and social and economic importance. This promises to be a vibrant and interesting evening. Tickets £6 to include tea, coffee and light refreshments.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March –All about Bees and Beekeeping** – Lizzie Taylor – including advice on bee-friendly plants, bee species, what goes on inside a hive, honey tasting, and how bees work. All delivered in our bee-friendly warm meeting room. Tickets £6 to include tea, coffee and light refreshments. With an opportunity to register for a visit to the hives later in the summer.

**TBA (April)** – Following last years packed meeting when Jan Dando from Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society and Phil Andrews of Wessex Archaeology gave a fascinated talk on their research at the farm, we are planning a follow-up meeting to discuss their further findings in the summer of 2016.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March Lambing Day.** Instead of Open Day this year we are changing the theme – Lambing Day will allow you to see live new-born lambs and a range of other displays – Admission £10 per car, 11am – 3pm – See the separate announcement elsewhere in the magazine.

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# NEWS FROM THE CROSS KEYS



Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Our December and New Year Party was very busy, with our Christmas set menu being very popular, as well as Christmas Carvery for larger bookings.

On the 22nd we were very pleased to have Rowde Church Choir start off our Christmas Bingo night with beautifully sung hymns. Our raffle also raised a massive £250 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance so a massive thank you to everyone who came along and bought tickets.

Some important dates for your diary for February 2017:

Tuesday 14th Valentine's Day! Our special Valentine's Menu will be available from Friday 10th-Tuesday 14th we will be serving



heart shaped pizzas with sides available to order, and a special sharing dessert platter with homemade donut dippers, homemade brownie, ice cream and chocolate sauce! Make sure you book ahead!!!

Thursday 2nd Bingo

Thursday 16th Bingo

Saturday 18th Karaoke starting for 7.30pm come down and sing your favourite songs!

Mothers day weekend... this year we will be taking bookings for carvery lunch on Saturday 26th AND Sunday 27th please call and book your table to make sure you don't miss out on our delicious carvery!

See you all in February folks!!

**Kelly Dodsworth**

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## Local News



### MP TOLD OF CHARITY'S FEARS OVER LIVING WAGE



*Claire Perry and Jerry Wickham at the charity Hft*

MP Claire Perry was given a warning by staff from a disability charity about the effect the living wage will have on its work unless the Government helps meet a cash shortfall.

Mrs Perry was at the learning disabilities charity Hft in Rowde, to speak to both people who are helped by the organisation and workers.

Linda Newland, Hft's Occupation and Employment facilitator said the visit provided an opportunity to showcase its work which includes providing residential care and supporting people to live in their own homes and take part in a range of leisure activities within the local community.

She said: "We were delighted to welcome Claire to our service in Devizes. During the visit she was able to see for herself the tremendous job our staff do on a daily basis to support people with learning disabilities.

"Claire was also able to listen to the concerns of some of the people we support and staff around the impact of the National Living Wage. We fully support the payment of the National Living Wage.

"It is a good policy but it has created an unsustainable situation for all support providers and will threaten everything we have worked hard to achieve for the people we support in this area."

Mrs Perry said: "It was a real pleasure to visit Hft's Service in Devizes and meet with the staff and residents. I was delighted to hear about all exciting projects which are taking place, including home grown apple juice.

"Together with Cllr Jerry Wickham, cabinet member at Wiltshire Council for health and social care we also discussed Hft's It Doesn't Add Up Campaign which aims to ensure that people with learning disabilities receive appropriate funding."

Views of people supported by the charity are represented by Hft's Voices To Be Heard group and it visited the House of Commons in November to present information about Hft's It Doesn't Add Up campaign which was launched in response to the introduction of the National Living Wage to raise awareness of the funding pressures faced by social care providers.

On Friday both Mrs Perry and Mr Wickham were given more of an insight into the issue from the charity's point of view and the effect the new law will have on its ability to deliver services.

Hft wants the Government to increase its funding by five per cent a year.

### TRUST IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR VOLUNTEER LOCK KEEPERS





An extra pair of hands is needed to join the ranks of volunteers at the Canal and River Trust who are calling on helpers to be part of their lock keeper team.

The charity, which looks after the Kennet and Avon Canal, is looking for lock keepers to help out in Bradford on Avon, Caen Hill, near Rowde and Crofton, near Marlborough.

Here they will help passing boaters, welcome visitors, give a hand to the trust's teams in maintaining the canal and help to keep a tradition, where lock keepers have been part of waterway life of hundreds of years, alive.

One of the lock keepers at the iconic Caen Hill locks is 72-year-old Roger Ingham, who has been in his current role for nearly three years and loves every minute of it.

"I am honoured to help maintain and keep safe such a beautiful part of the country and it is a joy to meet people, get fit and enjoy the countryside – something this job offers in abundance," said Mr Ingham, who has lived in Wiltshire for 37 years. "I wanted to give something back to the community and I feel this job allows me to do that. I work one day a week from 9am-1am in the winter and 9am-4pm in the summer. You do not really have a set day, as all sorts of things go on. I would really recommend this role to others. Here at Caen Hill we are a very amicable bunch. I spent pretty much all of my working life as an HGV driver and now I am helping out on the waterways and am very happy. I get to walk for a few miles a day and it is great. The Caen Hill spot is just an incredible engineering feat and it makes me happy boaters up and down the flight and telling tourists about how it all works as they come from all over the world. I myself am now living on the canal in this area, it is a very interesting life, with a really strong sense of community."

Full training is provided and people over the age of 18 and experiences are encouraged to apply.

Volunteer lock keepers work on a shift basis between April-October, while many stay on over the winter months to help the trust with other work.

Steve Manzi, from the Canal & River Trust, said: "Our lock keepers are the face of the canal, safely seeing boats through the locks, as well as helping people with directions or information about the area. It is a great role for anyone keen to work outdoors and meet new people. You will learn new skills and provide a huge amount of help for the thousands of visitors we get to the canal each year."

For more information, visit [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/ways-to-volunteer/volunteer-lock-keepers](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/ways-to-volunteer/volunteer-lock-keepers).

## SCHOOL'S PRIDE AS ROWDEFORD SWIMMER MADE AN MBE



*Aaron Moores with his gold medal*

Staff and pupils at a special school near Devizes are celebrating after former pupil Aaron Moores was made an MBE in the New Year honours list.

Aaron, 22, who claimed gold in the pool at the Paralympics in Rio, was a pupil at Rowdeford School in Rowde from 2004 to 2009. This week headteacher Ingrid Sidmouth said: "Aaron is an excellent role model for young people with learning disabilities and we are so delighted that he has been awarded an MBE following his tremendous achievements at the Olympics in Rio."

Aaron, who grew up in Trowbridge, learnt to swim at junior school and continued his lessons at Rowdeford in Years 7 and 9. Mrs Sidmouth said: "He was really dedicated and he swam every day before school in Trowbridge. When he was in the upper school he was selected to train every weekend at Bath University.

"Aaron was a very modest pupil who had a good sense of humour. He really loved his swimming but he was a talented all-round sportsman, a very good team player and he always played fairly.

"Aaron applied the same determination to try to overcome his significant difficulties with basic skills and he worked really hard to achieve his goals. He was polite, kind and caring towards others and he always encouraged others, which is a quality that he demonstrated at the Olympics when he was the first to congratulate team mates."

But just weeks before news of his MBE was made public he revealed that he had nearly given up on sport before the Rio games as he couldn't afford to pursue a career in the pool.

But after his gold in the SB14 breaststroke he was put on the British Para-Swimming's top level of funding, the Podium programme and is now training for the World Championships in Budapest.

He said: "Everyone has been really supportive, my nan (Maria Hanko) has been sorting me out because there was one point where I was on the edge of quitting because I couldn't afford it, but she didn't want me to quit."

### Rowde's Tom Alsop makes England Lions debut in Dubai

Rowde youngster Tom Alsop made his England Lions debut as they secured an eight-wicket victory over the United Arab Emirates in Dubai.

The 20 year old Wiltshire ace, who plays county cricket for Hampshire, continued his stellar year, making 24 in a second-wicket stand of 59 alongside Keaton Jennings who continued his dream week with a century on his Lions debut.

Alsop, who also plays for Potterne in the West of England Premier League when available, signed a new deal that will see him remain at the Ageas Bowl until the end of the 2019 season earlier this year and hit his maiden first-class century.



Durham opener Jennings, having been appointed captain for his Lions debut and then selected to replace Haseeb Hameed in the senior England squad in India, reached an unbeaten 101 from 103 balls with 13 fours as the Lions passed a UAE total of 174 with 16 of their 50 overs to spare.

The Lions had two more 50-over games against the UAE, coached by former England batsman Owais Shah, at the Dubai Stadium before an historic first-class four-day match against Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi.

### CALL FOR SPEED REDUCTION AFTER CAEN HILL CRASH



Calls for a reduction in the speed limit at Caen Hill, Devizes, have been made as a 30-year-old woman remains in hospital with serious head injuries after an accident closed the road for several hours recently.

The woman, believed to be from the Devizes area, was airlifted to Southmead Hospital, Bristol, after receiving life-saving treatment at the side of the road.

A specialist trauma medic who was passing the accident scene stopped to give help and was joined by a team from a fast response ambulance car from Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The Great Western Air Ambulance landed in a nearby field and took the woman, who has not been named by the emergency services, to hospital. The following Wednesday her condition was said to be improving.

Emergency services were called to the Poulshot junction on Caen Hill just before 2.15pm after the woman's silver Citroen Xsara was in collision with a grey Land Rover Discovery.

The man driving the Land Rover, which had been travelling from Devizes towards Seend on the A361, was shocked but otherwise unharmed. The collision happened as the woman pulled out from the Poulshot junction.

Devizes retained fire commander Pip Flowers said: "When we arrived the lady was already being treated at the side of the road. A decision

had been made to get her out as quickly as possible because of the severity of her injuries.

“Our role was to clear the debris and to be on hand to assist when the air ambulance landed.”

The crash, which came just days after a less serious crash on the same stretch of road, has prompted calls for changes to the speed limit from Rowde Parish Council.

Chairman Steve Mundy said: “We have been asking the highways department to look at this road for some time. I will now be writing again to Philip Whitehead from Wiltshire Council to ask him to look at it again and to maybe change his view on the speed limit.”

Mr Mundy said that the current speed limit of 60mph going into 70mph on the dual carriageway section was too high and dangerous for both motorists and pedestrians.

Caen Hill has several junctions leading to Potterne, Poulshot and Rowde within a short section of road and Mr Mundy said that he would like to see the limit reduced to 50mph or even 40mph.

He also wants a double white line to be introduced to stop overtaking on part of the road.

But this week highways boss Mr Whitehead said he did not think lowering the speed limit would make the road safer and would be difficult to enforce.

He said: “Once we have a report on the accident we will look at the safety implications but it has been shown that when an accident happens it is usually 90 per cent driver error and nothing to do with the road. This road has very good visibility.”

## FOOTBALL

### Sunday 4th December 2016

With the overnight frost claiming all bar the Fox & Hounds (Warminster) v AFC Rowde clash in Division Three, it was the hosts who ran out 6-0 winners in an ill-tempered match which saw three players see red.

Darrel Hitchcock, Jamie Yard from the penalty spot, Jamie Kinchin, Greg Richardson and Taylor Kitley's double which were his first league goals for the club made up the half dozen.

However the game will be remembered for the 83rd minute melee that saw the winners have both Darrel Hitchcock and Damian Holton red carded while Rowde's Luke Whittard was also sent for an early bath.

### Sunday 11th December 2016

After shipping six goals away at Fox & Hounds (Warminster) the previous weekend, AFC Rowde returned to the same venue for their meeting with Warminster Wanderers and for a second

successive Sunday they were hit for six as they were beaten 6-3.

Simon Trebble saw his opener for Rowde cancelled out by Scott Howse and incredibly there were no further goals in a first period that saw both teams have plenty of chances.

After the break, Trebble added two more for Rowde, but his goals were in vain as Howse grabbed himself a further two that completed his hat-trick. Tom Wheeler, Ollie Nash and Alex Bates shared the others.

### Sunday 8th January 2017

AFC Rowde ended a nine-match losing run with a 12-0 victory over fellow strugglers White Horse B and in doing so picked up their first win of the season.

Ben Winn and George Thomas with two apiece, Jamie Benson, Lewis Taylor and Callum Race scored their first goals for the club.

Ben Trebble added a further two and a goal each for Luke Thomson, Owen Thomson and Luke Whittard made up the 12.

### Sunday 8th January 2017

Rowdey Cow Rowde travelled to White Horse A for their first outing since mid-November.

Like the first game that the Cows won 4-3 they emerged triumphant for a second time, on this occasion with a 4-0 win. Luke Enderby bagged himself a hat-trick with Robbie Whyte claiming the other.

### Sunday 15th January 2017

Somerford avenged their defeat in the final of last season's Ken Clarke-sponsored WG Parr Trophy against Rowdey Cow Rowde by beating their fellow villagers in the quarter-finals of this term's competition.

Trevor Rawlings' side ran out 5-4 winners and carved out a 4-1 lead thanks to a brace from Kent Kauppinen, his first coming from the penalty spot, and goals from Josh Hughes and Lee Fernandez, with Luke Enderby notching for Rowde.

Kauppinen's second spot-kick proved decisive as a Will Robbins own goal and effort from Rowde's Jay Walters handed Somerford a few nail-biting moments as they booked their place in the last four.

### Sunday 22nd January 2017

With no victory in their last three matches The Foresters Arms made a return to winning ways in Division Three thanks to a 5-3 triumph at AFC Rowde.

Sean Horobin was star of the show for Foresters with a four-timer, which included a first-half hat-trick.

David Williams added the other for the winners.

Alex Surman on his debut for Rowde scored twice and Luke Thomson also found the target.

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Expert advice will be provided through special workshops and surgeries on the following topics:

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- Community-led housing initiatives, especially for affordable housing, including Community Land Trusts, Self-Build, and Exception Sites
- Engaging with developers on potential sites for housing development
- How to maximise the involvement of the whole community

The Workshop will focus on questions and discussions concerning the matters that participants are especially concerned with, rather than lengthy presentations.

This workshop is supported by Big Lottery Fund Awards for All and will be delivered by Wiltshire Community Land Trust, working in partnership with Community First.

## THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

**You will read in this issue about Rowdeford School's ex pupil Aaron Moore receiving an MBE. We have taken his determination to succeed as an inspiration for this month's quotes? It looks like he certainly lives by them!**

Don't ever let others impose their self-limiting beliefs on to you. They don't have the courage and spirit that you do.

**Miya Yamanouchi**

We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us.

**Virginia Satir**

When you catch a glimpse of your potential, passion is born.

**Zig Ziglar**

I am not what happened to me, I am who I choose to become.

**Carl Jung**

The only limits in your life are those that you set yourself.

**Celestine Chua**

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More amusing photos of animals this month.



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## FUN COLUMN

Welcome to this month's fun column. This time we focus on the weather!

### Weather Obsessed British

We weather-obsessed British spend on average six months of our lives talking about whether it's going to rain or shine, according to a survey published recently.

Speculation about whether it's going to be wet, complaints about the cold and murmurings about the heat are also the first points of conversation with strangers or colleagues for 58% of us, it recorded.

The study of 2,018 adults by pollsters found that we talk about the weather for about 2 days (49 hours) every year and the subject comes up more often than work, what is on television, sport or gossip.

19% of over 65s questioned also believe they can predict the weather as well as a professional weatherman.

The most usual explanation for the British fascination with weather is that it is so changeable; although this does not explain why other meteorologically-challenged countries do not appear to be similarly interested.

### Indian Weather Forecast

One day in early September the chief of a Native American tribe was asked by his tribal elders if the winter of 2016/2017 was going to be cold or mild. The chief asked his medicine man, but he too had lost touch with the reading signs from the natural world around the Great Lakes.

In truth, neither of them had idea about how to predict the coming winter. However, the chief decided to take a modern approach, and the chief rang the National Weather Service in Gaylord Michigan.

'Yes, it is going to be a cold winter,' the meteorological officer told the chief.

Consequently, he went back to his tribe and told the men to collect plenty of firewood.

A fortnight later the chief called the Weather Service and asked for an update. 'Are you still forecasting a cold winter?' he asked.

'Yes, very cold', the weather officer told him.

As a result of this brief conversation the chief went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find.

A month later the chief called the National Weather Service once more and asked about the coming winter. 'Yes,' he was told, 'it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked.

The weatherman replied: 'Because the Native Americans of the Great Lakes are collecting wood like crazy.'



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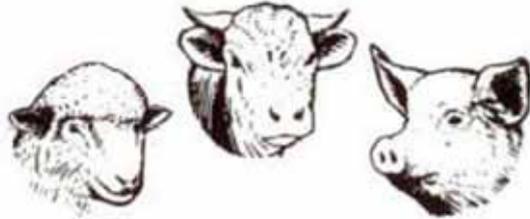
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Don't know how to?

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Other sites and advice are available :-). Failing all else just google for something like "make recovery disks Windows <insert version of windows>".



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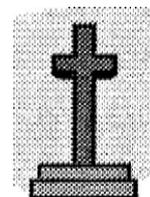
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#### How do we match volunteers with older people?

It is important to link people who will enjoy each other's company and the Befriending Support Worker will match you carefully to ensure this happens. Volunteers will receive full training and ongoing support as well as travel expenses. All volunteers are subject to a free DBS check.

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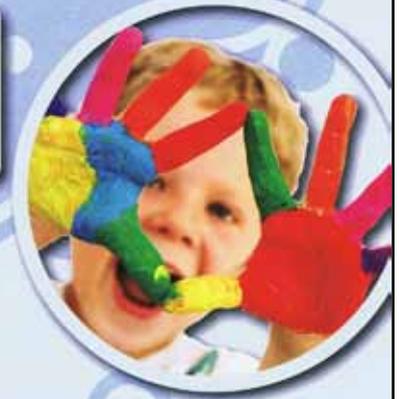
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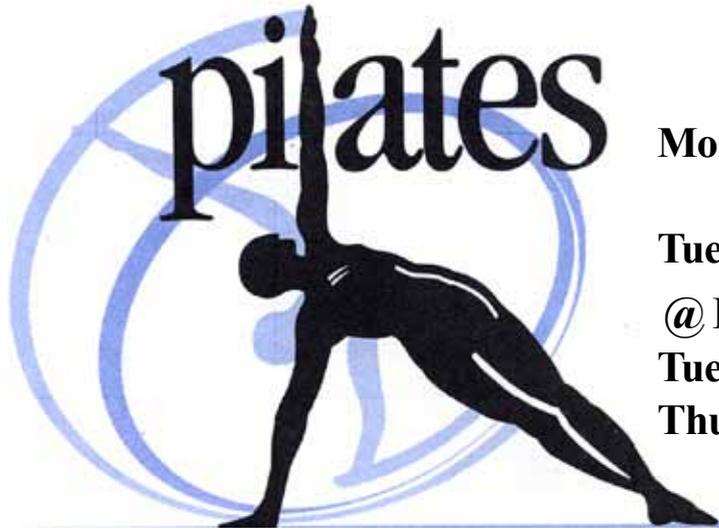
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# LETTERS

## THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

As the "ganger" of a group of old chaps who have put up the Village Christmas Tree for the last few years, I would like to thank (on behalf of the "old" team), Luke Smith and Shannon Kerfoot who took over from us this year. I'm sure everyone will agree that they did a great job.

Thanks are also due to Graham Carter who did the electrical PAT test free of charge and also to Peter Simmons who supplied a most stylish tree.

A great job all round!

**Hugh Whittle**

## 2016 POPPY APPEAL

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all the villagers who donated to the Poppy Appeal,

The final total is £1103.02p.

Also a special word of thanks to all our collectors - Well Done.

**George Stevens (Local organiser)**

## A BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank You to everyone for their help, lifts, phone calls etc following my recent fall. These acts of kindness are much appreciated.

Hopefully by the time you read this my arm will be out of plaster and I will be out and about again in my little green car!

Many thanks,

**Di. Buckland**

## THE REPAIR SHOP

I hope you don't mind me getting in touch;

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I am wondering if you might be able to help spread the word amongst your parishes, networks and communities to see if anyone has an items that might be suitable they'd like to put forwards?

Additionally, as well as sentimental/interesting items belonging to individuals....we'd really love to feature and repair a few items in the show that have a community value, something treasured or something essential to communities that has fallen

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

### Last Month's Solution

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

### 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.

		4	3		
6				4	
2		5			4
			5		
	1				
	3				2

### Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

3	5	4	6	1	2
2	6	1	4	5	3
5	1	3	2	6	4
6	4	2	1	3	5
1	2	5	3	4	6
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Harry: But isn't that what you said last year as your new year's resolutions too?

Oliver: Exactly! That's why I stopped procrastinating!



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## Church Wardens

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## Local Councils

Wiltshire Council  
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Devizes Town Council 722160

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## Parish Council

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## Youth Club

Iain Marr 01380 738096

# Village Diary



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25 February **Brendan** (see page 25)  
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3 March **Village Shop AGM** (see page 12)  
6 March **Another Stewsdays** (see page 47)  
7 March **Village Hall AGM** (see page 32)  
8 March **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
11 March **Lambing Day** (see page 21)  
24 March **All about bees and beekeeping** (see page 26)  
24 March **Bring & Buy Sale** (see page 39)  
25 March **The Hoot** (see page 25)  
5 April **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
10 May **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
14 June **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
12 July **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
13 September **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
11 October **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
8 November **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm in Village Hall**  
13 December **Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm 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](mailto:watters.alan@gmail.com) or phone 01380 724788*

## **ROWDE BUS TIMES (to and from Chippenham and Devizes)**

### **Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)**

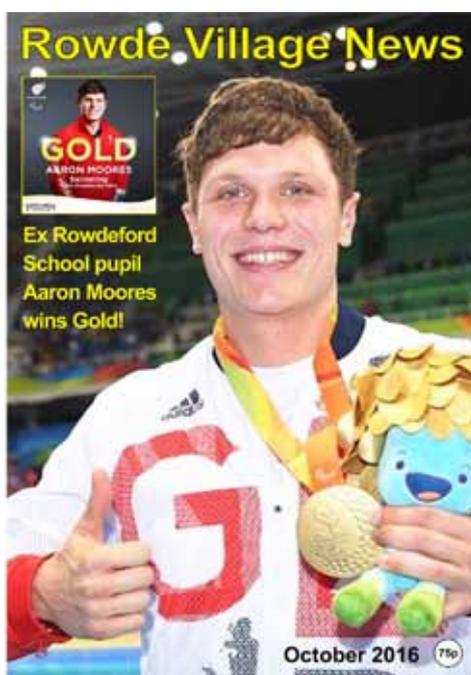
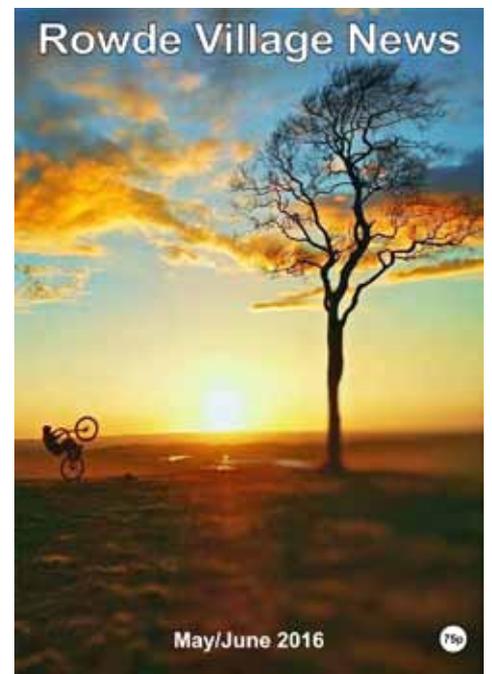
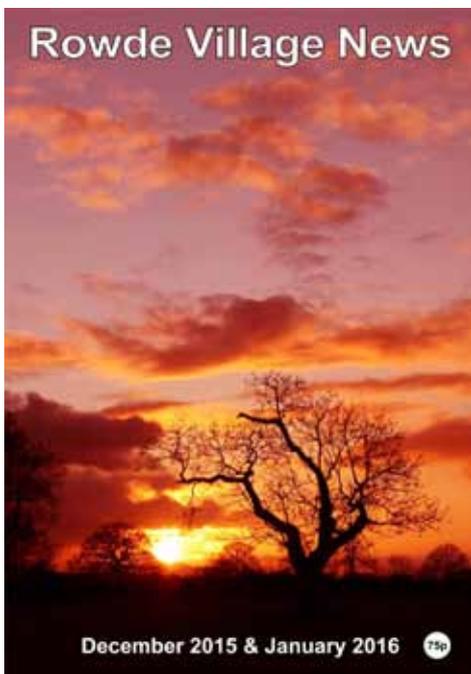
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Chippenham Bus Stn 0817 0839 1007 ----\*-- 1204 ---\*-- 1404 ---\*--- 1634 1734 1819 ---\*-- (\* ends at Calne)  
Rowde, Cross Keys 0720 0750 0840 0845 0923 1015 1044 1215 1244 1415 1444 1640 1720 1820  
Devizes, The Pelican 0728 0803 0848 0858 0931 1023 1050 1223 1250 1423 1450 1653 1733 1833  
Additional journey on Schooldays only 1525 Rowde School via Marsh Lane and Caen Hill to Devizes market Place

### **Saturday**

Rowde, Cross Keys 0741 0821 0946 1126 1306 1516 1656 1801 1836  
Chippenham Bus Stn 0819 --\*--- 1024 1204 1344 1554 1734 1839 ---\*-- (\* ends at Calne)  
Rowde, Cross Keys 0725 0805 0914 0930 1110 1250 1500 1640 1820  
Devizes, The Pelican 0733 0815 0920 0938 1120 1300 1510 1650 1830

**Note: If going to Chippenham Railway Station, add 6 minutes to times shown  
Times correct as at December 2016**

**To check all service updates for all services shown on this timetable go to:  
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