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Editorial

Welcome to the August edition of the Rowde Village News. I was deeply shocked and saddened, as I'm sure all of Rowde was, to learn of the death of 22 years old Charlie Sherman after colliding, on his motorbike, with a bus on 17th July. Charlie's parents live in the High Street in Rowde and the thoughts of all of us in the village are with his family at this time. A book of remembrance has been placed in the village shop for anyone to write in.

On page 40 you will read about the almost certain closure of the Rowde Youth Club due to lack of volunteers despite repeated appeals for help. This said, it may still be possible to rescue the situation and keep the club going if you would please consider sparing just a couple of hours on a club evening to assist in a supervisory role.

I am pleased to say that the first village fete for many years was a great success. I was there and must say that I have great sympathy for poor old Reverend John Rees who looked like he had fallen in the river after sacrificing himself on the 'Soak the Vicar' stall. You can read all about the fete and the scarecrow trail on pages 29 to 31 and 35 & 36.

And I hope you will all be taking part in 'Lights Out' from 10pm to 11pm on Monday 4th August as everyone in the UK remembers the day and time that war commenced 100 years ago (see page 19).

And finally, a notice to ALL contributors: The next issue after the August one will be a double issue covering September and October and will be distributed during the first week in September (deadline for submissions will be 15th August). The next issue after that will be the November issue which will be distributed at the beginning of November (deadline for submissions 15th October). Have a great August and

Mind how you go, Ed

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Contributors please also note:

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

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

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

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This month's front cover shot was taken by iPhone on the Scarecrow Trail which was part of the Rowde Village Fete. Read and see more on pages 29, 30, 31, 35 & 36.

photograph by Alan Watters

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

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

We were delighted in early July when Ivor Gardner brought some luscious trays of bedding plants up to the Centre for us. They were quickly snapped up and raised £17 for the Club. Thank you Ivor very much.

The time for kurling came around again a few weeks ago and although we only had time for one end (due to an unfortunate incident involving some soup!), with Denis and June as our captains we had a lively close game with a final score of 7 to Denis and 6 to June, Denis being the top scoring player.

The following week Music and Mirth visited us and John and Margaret Craig, plus Jennie and David, gave us an entertaining afternoon of humour and well known melodies. We were pleased they felt at home enough to try out a few newly learnt songs for their first public airing and all went well!

We were approached by Paul McDonald of John Stuart funeral directors asking to come and talk to us. We were a little wary but agreed to his request (privately agreeing that if he suggested measuring us up we would politely ask him to leave!). In the event however the afternoon proved a useful and thought provoking discussion and Paul was able to offer reassurance to help through difficult times.

This year we have lost quite a few of our older well loved members for differing reasons. This means that our numbers are down generally, which may affect our Wiltshire Council funding.

So we really would like some new members to come and join us. Anyone over 60 who would like to have some company one day a week is welcome to come and take a look at what we do, or give me a ring and I will come and see you. If transport is a problem we can help if you live in Bromham or Rowde.

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 18TH!

Claire Ladd (Organiser) on 01380859166

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ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members met in the Village Hall on July 8th and enjoyed the cakes and 'tipple' to celebrate the birthdays of Barrie and Daphne. There was also an Anagram Quiz of holiday resorts which kept everyone thinking! The winner was Mrs.P.Baker. The next meeting will be held on August 5th in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. New members always welcome.

D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Committee and helpers were kept busy on Village Fete day, serving light lunches and teas as well as talking to those interested in the display of old Rowde photographs. Many thanks to all those who supported us.

The next event is the Annual Flower, Vegetable and Handicraft Show on August 9th. Hope you are all getting your entries sorted out!

Following this will be the Ploughman's Lunch on October 4th. Tickets available in September from Di. Buckland 723049.

See you at the Show.

B Barrett, Chairman

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

Oh what an interesting evening we had on June 24th when we welcomed Alan Nix who travelled down from Swindon to give us a presentation about his wartime experiences. He lived in Essex and was evacuated twice and on one occasion found himself in a Welsh village. One can only imagine what effects this must have had on his education and his home and family life.

I am sure we all learnt a lot about the war years and what suffering people had to 'put up' with.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.K.Maslin, Mrs.R.Stevens, Mrs.Y.Atkins and Mrs.D.Buckland. The next meeting will be the Games evening at Netherstreet on July 29th.

Di Buckland (Secretary)

HIWAY CLUB

The members of the Hiway Club (for the Hearing Impaired) all thoroughly enjoyed their annual Bar B Q at their President's home in Sandy Lane. The weather was lovely and the delicious spit roast cooked by Ken, together with the salad and deserts prepared by the Committee, were very tasty.

Raffle winners were: Mr.R.Jacomb, Mrs.R.Newman, Mrs.S.Drew, Miss N.Drew, Mrs.CD.Buckland, Mrs.J.Ilott, Mrs.CD.Varney, Miss T.Wilson, Mr.C.Bown, Miss S.Franklin, Mr.P.MacDonald and Mr.B.Barrett.

The next meeting will be back in the Village Hall on July 30th when members will be bringing along items for auction.

Di. Buckland (Secretary)

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PHOTO MEMORIES



Bromham and Rowde Halt

The first photograph shows a train arriving at Bromham & Rowde Halt, the third station after Holt junction. Devizes was the next station. The view is looking east and it looks like someone is about to step out from the train a long time before the train will stop! No wonder people had accidents back then.

It must have been a long walk into Rowde and an even longer one to Bromham! Many people took their bicycles with them though and that would make it much easier to get home.

You may notice the large canopy in addition to the pagoda shelter and this was quite an extravagant structure for such a small station. Although Bromham & Rowde was always a halt, it did have freight facilities, withdrawn from 10 June 1963. The station was opened in 1909 and a 1924 map shows the pagoda-roofed shelter and the hut at the end of the platform. The latter housed the goods checker until the halt was unstaffed in 1951. A loop and dead-end siding occupied the open ground beyond the hut. There is a book by Nigel S. M. Bray called "A Wiltshire Railway Remembered: The Devizes Branch" (Picton Publishing 1984) in which the author mentions vegetable and sugar beet traffic being brought in by lorry from Bromham (perhaps this was why the name of Bromham - some 3 miles to the north - was adopted for the halt). Additionally, from 1941 to 1962 there was timber traffic to/from a sawmill (the buildings are visible here in the right background). At a guess the canopy was probably added during WW2 when the sawmill

was established and maybe the workers came by rail. The halt was actually situated between the hamlets of Sells Green and Martinslade. At one time freight /parcel trains used to stop here and they used to load goods/mail etc. Note the milk churns seen to the right.



The photographer who took this second shot (looking west) was travelling on the 11.35am Patney & Chirton-Westbury DMU on Saturday March 12th 1966. The weather on this day can certainly be described as 'changeable'.

Photographs: Courtney Haydon Collection.
Information: courtesy of the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society (RCTS).

Note: The RCTS is Britain's leading organisation for people interested in all aspects of railways past, present and future and is highly regarded by both professional railway people and enthusiasts, a position it has held since its formation over 75 years ago. You can join the society for as little as £12 a year. Go to their website at www.rcts.org.uk for more information.

ROWDEY COW NEWS



Summer has arrived! We have all been enjoying the sunshine over the last few weeks and ice cream has certainly been very popular with all this beautiful weather. Hopefully this will stay throughout the Summer holidays which are due to commence later this week as I am writing this.



We are pleased to announce the arrival of our three baby rheas which you may be lucky enough to see on your next visit. The male rhea has actually hatched and reared the babies, which is quite a refreshing difference!

We have taken our ice cream trike to Rowde Fete, Derry Hill Fete & also some private functions throughout July including St Margaret's School in Calne & Sheldon Manor near Chippenham. We are looking forward to bringing the trike to the Sports Day at Townsend Barn Nursery on Friday whilst cheering on Harrison at the same time!

As always we are open to any feed back or requests so please let me know at the café if you have any activities or events you would like to see at the café over the Summer

We hope to see you soon! Sue

COME ON A COACH TRIP TO WEYMOUTH!

There will be a coach trip to Weymouth on Sunday 31st August, leaving Rowde Cross Keys at 9am arriving at Weymouth by 11am. Leaving Weymouth at 5.15pm and back to Rowde just after 7pm. Cost per seat is £12.50 per adult and £5.00 under 11 years. Currently there are 108 people going but I have booked a 70 seater coach and a 53 seater coach from Chandlers of Westbury. Both coaches will have toilet facilities. First come - first served basis.. I have approx 12 seats remaining ..all monies raised after coaches are paid for with profits going to neuroendocrine tumours (a rare cancer). We are hoping to raise £400+ so, if you fancy a day out with lots of Rowde people for a good cause, please contact me, John Dalley, on 07592063789. Please note that this trip is NOT booked with Hatts Travel who have ceased trading!

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Your Parish Council

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

Chairman's announcements

- o A thank you was passed onto the fete committee for arranging a superb event on Saturday 5th July. It was a great day involving all of the community.
- o There are safety concerns about hedges overhanging on Marsh Lane and opposite West End Farm. The Clerk has contacted Malthouse Farm and the hedge will be cut there after the birds have finished nesting. B Bentley will discuss the hedge opposite Malthouse Farm with the local residents.
- o Continuing problems with mobile phone connections in the village have been raised. The Chair and Clerk will investigate the possibility of having a phone mast in the village.
- o The Chair confirmed that only the Clerk sends emails formally from the Parish Council. She also suggested that if there were ever any queries, the Clerk should be contacted immediately for clarification.

Councillor changes

- o Pat Bryant has resigned from the Parish Council and thanked for all of her contributions.
- o Iain Marr has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.
- o There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to become involved with your local community and help to make decisions that can improve life in our village, please come along to a Parish Council meeting. You would be very welcome.

Village Defibrillators

- o Initial costs of having a village accessible defibrillator were discussed. Further discussion will take place at the next Parish Council meeting on 10th September.

Proposed new footpath

- o A new permissive footpath from Marsh Lane to Devizes Road across Oxhouse Farmland has

been proposed. This footpath will start from the base of the Caen Hill Locks road and come out opposite the Rowdey Cow cafe. It is hoped that this project will be match funded through Wiltshire Council's Paths Improvement Grant Scheme (P.I.G.S). The materials will be ordered through WC and it is hoped that the work will be carried out by WC's footpath volunteers. The deadline for the P.I.G.S application is 25th July 2014.

Parish logo

- o Suggestions for a Parish Council brand and logo were discussed. Further work will be carried out on a possible design to be used on the website and on correspondence.

Village Tractor

- o The village tractor has been sold for £950.00 and will be renovated.

Village Health & Safety

- o Police matters: A hand-made planter was stolen from Springfield Road overnight on 16th to 17th June 2014. This planter was donated by P Evans to the village for commemorative flowers to be planted to remember the start of World War I. P Evans has arranged for a new planter to be made. It will be situated on 'The Hill'.
- o A vehicle parked on a private driveway in Rowde was scratched between 09th June and 12th June 2014.

Village Appearance

- o Rowde came 3rd in round 1 of the Best Kept Village Competition, after 1st place Aldbourne and second place Great Bedwyn and ahead of Bromham and Ramsbury. Comments received were: 'The tidiness of the verges and hedges and the absence of litter were appreciated. All the public buildings and surrounds were well maintained; in particular 'The Hill' area and the association information board were very attractive. The noticeboards were tidy and up to date'.
- o The bridleway off Sands Lane has been cut back by the owners of Malthouse Farm as an ongoing good will gesture.

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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| Liz Bryant | Wiltshire Councillor | 01380 850316 |
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Highways Update

- o A meeting will be arranged with Roundway Parish Councillors to discuss a possible joint parish approach towards improving Conscience Lane.
- o WC confirmed that regulations have been followed during the installation of dropped kerbs at Felicia House, Maundrell Close.
- o A community steward day was held in Rowde on 24 June 2014 and various areas of the village were strimmed in advance of Wiltshire Council's unimog grass cutting schedule.
- o WC is waiting for a quote from its contractor to side out the pavement along A342, as there is a serious safety issue.
- o WC has reported the leaking drain at the church entrance to Wessex Water.

Parking on pavements

- o Complaints have been received about parking on the pavement opposite Paradise Lane on the High Street, and across the pavement near the entrance to the G & Dragon pub. We ask all residents and visitors to park appropriately and respectfully.

Village Amenities

- o A second football pitch will be marked out at the Large Playing Field off Sands Lane.
- o A new booking has been taken for a fitness instructor to use the pitch on Sunday afternoons for a Boot Camp. It was agreed by the Parish Council that the charge will be £10.00 per hour to use the pitch for non-football activities. If anyone is interested in booking the pitch, please contact Rebekah, tel: 01380 720988
- o The wetpour ground covering in the small playing field needs to be replaced. The Clerk will contact Community First about applying for a landfill grant to replace the wetpour.

Postpoint

- o Postpoint was the postal service arranged and run by the Village Shop, and funded by the Parish Council This year the Village Shop have tried a courier postal collection service instead of Postpoint which is a cheaper alternative. The Village Shop Management Committee will review the situation near Christmas and decide whether Postpoint should be re-instated. All queries regarding Postpoint should be directed to Jan Barber.

Allotment

- o There has been a theft of plants from one allotment plot. A letter was also received regarding concerns about the fencing around the Oak tree.
- o It was reported that the allotments tenants are considering starting an allotment co-operative. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Chris Stevens, tel: 01380 738438.
- o We have one remaining plot available for rent. The cost is £15.00 per annum and this includes water rates. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk (tel: 01380 720988)

Planning Applications

- o 14/05539/FUL: 1 Scholars Park Rowde Devizes Wiltshire SN10 2AH: rear conservatory. No objections were raised.

- o 14/05895/FUL: Rowdeford School: renovation and extension of existing outbuilding to form new Outdoor Learning teaching spaces, ancillary accommodation and associated works. No objections were raised.
- o 14/06041/FUL: 10 Devizes Road, Rowde: proposed two storey rear extension. Application has been withdrawn.

Finance

- o Monthly invoices for July of £1340.00 were approved.

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| Staff costs & printing | 929.32 |
| Grounds & Village Maintenance | 410.68 |
| Total: | 1340.00 |
- o Monthly invoices for August of £1440.17 were approved in advance.

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| Staff costs & printing | 903.48 |
| Grounds & Village Maintenance | 395.70 |
| Allotment water rates | 140.99 |
| Total: | 1440.17 |

Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 8.00pm, in the Village Hall.

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

Everyone is welcome

A full set of minutes is available on the Parish noticeboards and on the Village website (www.rowdevillage.org).

Dog Control Orders

Dog control orders are in place in Wiltshire. In 2012, Wiltshire Council introduced four Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (2005). The Dog Control Orders in place:



- Require a person in charge of a dog to clean up after it has defecated on any area of land within Wiltshire which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access with or without payment
- Make it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow it to enter a children's play area which is enclosed by a fence, wall or similar structure.
- Require the person in charge of a dog to put it on a lead of no more than two metres in length when asked to do so by an authorised officer of Wiltshire Council
- Requires dog walkers on Box Recreation Ground to keep their dogs on a lead at all times.
- o Anyone failing to comply with the Dog Control Orders may be issued a fixed penalty fine of £75 and may lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1000.

ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

What a great month we have had. I would like to add my congrats to all those who organised the Village Fair and Scarecrow hunt, what a fantastic day and great atmosphere...Thanks for all the hard work.



As well as the fair we have had an upturn in trade due to the weather and more people visiting the area. Foxhangers canal boat holiday users have been piling in their orders in, here is part of a testimonial sent to Foxhangers from one of their customers:

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“I also used the service provided through the local village shop to have groceries on board when I arrived. This was better than I ever expected and I would definitely recommend it. We only ordered enough to get us through the first couple of days, but next time I will order everything I need for the whole time. The food they provided was fresh, plentiful and was all on board when we arrived, and I didn't even have to pay until the end of the trip.”

What else happened?.....well....WE WON!!!! the Plunket Better Services Award. We are National Community Enterprise WINNERS. I am a bit excited I admit...those of you on facebook already know this! Thank you to all our amazing volunteers. Our Marina Drivers, Till operatives, shelf fillers, openers, closers, veg box deliverers, fresh veg/plant/herb donaters, cleaners, grant appliers, café servers, waste manager, the management committee and Jan the Chair of the committee. You make the shop what it is and without you we would not be providing the service, community interaction, community support, post facilities, Paypoint and of course great retail experience. THANK YOU ALL.

On a final note, I would like to express mine and the committee's sympathy to the Sherman family. Anna was a valuable member of our committee for over a year and we all got to know her well. We were all shocked by the tragic news of the death of her son Charlie and our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Thanks for reading,

Veronica Seedhouse 01380 739800
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VERONICA'S RECIPE

I was given an amazing recipe from Maggi for a Hummingbird cake which was to be included in this issue, unfortunately I left it in the shop and do not have time to retrieve it before the deadline for this issue so, I am including a different recipe this time, but look out for Maggi's recipe in the next issue!

Chocolate Orange Mousse

INGREDIENTS:

- 200g plain chocolate
- 1 orange
- 2 to 3 tablespoons strong coffee
- 6 room temperature eggs, separated
- 1 pinch salt

METHOD:

Preparation 15mins, Cook 5mins, Extra time 6hrs chilling and Ready in 6hrs 20mins.

- 1.Zest the orange, then mash the zest with a mortar and pestle.
- 2.Combine the chocolate, orange zest and coffee in a double boiler (or in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water). Once chocolate is melted, stir till smooth and remove from heat.
- 3.Combine egg whites and salt in a large bowl. Whisk till stiff peaks form. Set aside.
- 4.Add egg yolks to the slightly cooled chocolate mixture. Stir well.
- 5.Pour the chocolate-yolk mixture over the egg whites. Carefully fold together using a metal fork or spoon till just combined.
- 6.Fill 10 small dessert glasses with the chocolate mousse mixture (or place in one large serving dish). Chill in the fridge for at least 6 hours, or overnight.

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

Notice to ALL readers and contributors

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NEWS FROM Hft



a children's choir - Youth Voices. Their choirmaster Catherine Shillaker also brought some of her vocal students to sing for us. In the orchard we had several stalls including our very popular China Shack. The Greenhouse café and BBQ were very busy again.

Rhiannon Gale, Hft's Family Carer Support Service Manager,

Wow what an amazingly busy two months we have just had, culminating in our Music Festival on 20th and 21st June. This is what Emma from the planning and hosting team wrote for our newsletter.

Hft Music Festival 2014

On the 20th and 21st of July we had our annual music festival here in Rowde. The weather was beautiful and our orchard looked like a mini Glastonbury.

Our drama group opened the festival this year with their version of The Blues Brothers. Everyone enjoyed the performance and we feel it was their best production so far. We also had a performance from our very own Rowdy Rowde Choir.

This year we were very lucky to have the help of Ronnie St John Laurie of Marland Music Management, who supplied most of our fantastic acts. We could not thank her enough for all of her help.

Our headline act this year was De'Vide who appeared on The Voice in 2013. On our outside stage we also had music from The Benji Clements Band, Gracie Curry, Jamie R Hawkins, Mason O'Brien, Eddie Witcomb, Nick Pendry, George Wilding, Jet Luckhurst, Phil Cooper, Taran Stromes Martino and Antoine Architeuthis.

In Marsh Hall we were entertained by some Belly dancing, a choir called New Voices and

came to meet friends and family.

It was lovely to see so many new faces this year. We are hoping that next year our festival will be even bigger and better.

In addition to that we have attended a number of sales locally although unfortunately we missed Rowde Village Fete due to illness.

We are now busy planning our next event which will be a Table Top and Jumble Sale incorporating a Macmillan Coffee morning on September 20th from 10am to 3pm. Please come along and support this. If you have any donations for the jumble or would like a table (£10.00) please ring Emma Hughes on 725455.

Please come along and support us in the Devizes carnival where we are having a Wizard of Oz entry, at the moment we are busy making costumes for this.

It seems very strange to be talking about Christmas in this lovely hot weather but we all know how quickly it comes round. We are in the first stages of planning some Christmas craft workshops which will run each Saturday for the four weeks before Christmas. More details to follow.

Please do support us in our forthcoming events and as always we desperately need volunteers for a wide range of things. A couple of hours a week is all we need to make a difference.

Enjoy the sun.

Jan Emm



The Reverend John Rees

Thoughts from The Rectory

This month is the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. As someone who has been fortunate enough to have never experienced the dangers of conflict I can't begin to imagine the horrors faced by the men of our nation and our village as they set off to fight.

Poetry and other literature tells of how the soldier's initial patriotism and optimism was replaced by graphic accounts of the horror of war. Typical of this was Wilfred Owen's "Anthem for Doomed Youth":

*What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.*

When I stand at our war memorial on Remembrance Sunday I am so aware of the many in our village who paid the ultimate sacrifice – and of the impact the war must have had on all in our village, including those who came back and those who waited at home.

Michael Cornwell and Ian Hughes have recently identified some Rowde servicemen whose names were never included on our war memorial and we hope to rectify this.

You will see elsewhere in the magazine that through the autumn we will be having a series of events, at Rowde Academy, at St Matthew's Church and elsewhere to commemorate those who served, particularly those who died.

At 11am on Monday 4th August (the second of two days on which WW1 is being commemorated nationally) we will have a short act of commemoration at the poppy cross in our churchyard. It will be suitable for all ages. Do come along if you can. We will remember them.

Best wishes, John

Notes from our Churchwardens

Ride & Stride:

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride SATURDAY 13th September 2014.

This annual sponsored event celebrates 30 years of fund raising this year.. Half of any money raised is given

back to the sponsoring parish. We have raised several hundred pounds over the past three years and been given a generous grant towards the cost of repairs to the church tower.

You can walk, ride a bicycle or horse, or even use a mobility scooter! to local churches to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. Sponsor Forms and lists of participating churches are available from me at 14, Rowde Court Rd.

Mothers' Union:

Service at West Lavington Saturday 9th August at 11am celebrating Mary Sumner Day.

Reminder: Subscriptions for "Families First" magazine are due at end of August.

Books in Church:

Swop or buy. A good selection of books in church. Why not come and browse on our Tuesday or Saturday Coffee Mornings?

Village Fete:

Many thanks to those who donated cakes, biscuits and marmalade to the cake stall. We made £88 for the funds.

World War I Commemoration:

We have a kit to make a memorial kneeler dedicated to the fallen of World War I. This is in the form of a printed canvas with all necessary wools and instructions supplied. It will be set up on a frame in Church from Sunday 3rd August to be completed before Remembrance Sunday 9th November.

If you would like to help complete the kneeler by adding a few stitches, feel free to come in to Church and make your mark. Initially, the kneeler will be available to work on during Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays and after services on Sundays.

For further information contact:

Maureen Hiscocks, Church Warden

Contacts:

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

Churchwardens:

Maureen Hiscocks Tel 725406

Gavin Moss Tel 729160

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

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Phil Hale

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Delia Allfrey

10 & 17 August

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24 & 31 August

Rosie Berry

7 September

Barbara Twiner

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

THE ST MATTHEW'S CAFE

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

PRAYER TREE

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

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

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

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

August Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

Everyone is very welcome at all our services



| Date/Time | Service |
|--|---|
| Sunday 3 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 3.00 pm | Trinity 7 Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service (in church) <i>WW1 Commemoration Service, Bromham</i> |
| Monday 4 11.00 am | WW1 Commemoration, Churchyard |
| Wednesday 6 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 10 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am | Trinity 8 Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Family Communion, Bromham Parish Communion |
| Sunday 17 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am | Trinity 9 Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham Parish Communion Family Service, Bromham |
| Wednesday 20 11.00 am | Holy Communion, Angell House |
| Sunday 24 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am | Trinity 10 Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Morning Worship Parish Communion, Bromham |
| Sunday 31 11.00 am | Trinity 11 Benefice Communion, Bromham + Bring & Share Lunch |
| September Wednesday 3 11.00 am | Holy Communion |

In addition, a short service of Morning Prayer is normally said on Tuesdays at 8am, please join us.

Please note that the Church is open every day from 10am - 4pm and Coffee is available from 10.00 - noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays

Do come and explore our beautiful village Church or come in to sit quietly and pray.

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.**

Everyone is very welcome at all our services

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4. On the third page click 'Support' in the green box opposite Rowde Village Shop.
5. Fill in your details. (No need to complete details requested for Gift Aid unless you wish to.)
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR HELP,
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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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Rowde Rainbows (registered Charity No. 1028202) is in dire need of an extra pair of adult hands

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

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

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



Ailsa Devon

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NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

The summer holidays are now here and we at Rowde Academy will hopefully be enjoying a rest.

During July we loved being part of the Rowde Village fayre and it was lovely to meet many of the villagers in person. Our Morris team danced and entertained onlookers, whilst parents, friends and teachers face painted and helped on the bottle raffle stall. Our scarecrow trail drew in the crowds, and kept some people guessing for quite some time!



Our end of year play: Shakespeare Rocks, was a huge success and had everyone laughing and singing along. It was great to see all the talent that the children have.

I would like to say a special goodbye to all our Year 6 children who have left us. They have been a fantastic year and we will really miss them all. We would also like to say a goodbye and thank you to the staff that have left. We hope that they come back and visit us and are successful in their future careers. Happy holidays everyone!

Lorraine Colquhoun, Headteacher



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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Year 11 left in style in June with a Prom. They arrived by various means of transport; a motorbike cavalcade, a stretch limo, a Bentley and a soft top mini. The girls all looked amazing and the boys so smart in dinner jackets or suits. They had drinks in the walled garden, a lovely buffet provided by Cath and her Team. It was followed by a lively disco, with roles reversed with the students teaching the staff new songs and dances.



Arriving at the Prom



Motorbike cavalcade

Activity week ran from the 14th July until the 18th. Year 7 were camping overnight in the grounds when the terrific thunder and lightning storm came and had to move into Bowden's Hall for safety.



Y7s camping out



Y10 at Braeside

Year 8 spent the week in Pencelli, where they went caving, canoeing and body boarding.

Year 9 were learning about the Native Americans, visiting a Bison Farm and Bath American Museum.

Year 10 had an exciting time at Braeside in Devizes, a trip to Bath and a football coach from Chippenham Town training them for a day.

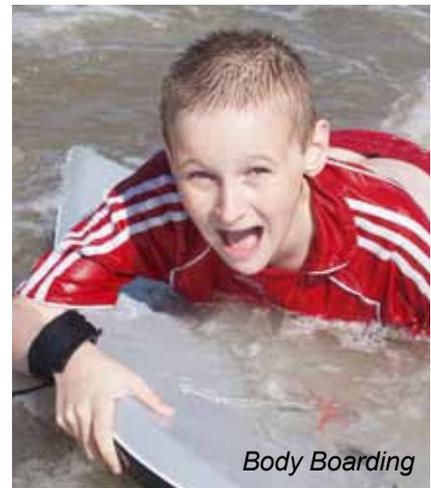
Lorraine Schwarz



Canoeing



Caving



Body Boarding

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Rowde PARISH OF ROWDE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that due to the resignation of Mrs Patricia Bryant, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If by 7 August, 2014 (14 days after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors from the Parish of Rowde, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place not later than 13 October, 2014.

Dated 18 July, 2014

Dr Carlton Brand
Returning Officer
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JOHN'S FARM



Harvest began on 21st July and we managed to cut the winter barley without having to dry any of it. It went straight into the store and within a couple of days was on lorries, heading for Portbury Docks, from where it will be exported. Since then we have started to cut the oilseed rape, which is normally sprayed off to kill the plant around two weeks beforehand. Because of the dry weather, there has been plenty of dust this year. The straw is now being baled and carted off of the fields.



A dusty start to harvest



The barley starting to arrive in the shed



Making hay while the sun shines

Unfortunately the prices for wheat, barley and oilseed rape have all collapsed in recent weeks, with oilseed rape being the hardest hit. The price we receive is now less per tonne than the actual cost of growing it, so we have been cancelling a lot of the seed that was destined for planting this autumn for harvest 2105. At the moment it is difficult to know what to grow in its place but we will probably have more oats.

It seems likely that we will have to plant some beans again this year. The European farming reforms seem to be saying that most farmers will have to undertake what they call 'greening' on 5% of their arable land. This means leaving areas bare, or in conservation or growing nitrogen fixing crops. Crops like beans and peas qualify for this and would appear to be the best option as the other two are unlikely to produce any income. As usual with anything from Brussels, nothing has finally been decided just as we are about to start planting for next year.

We have noticed a lot more hares and deer running around in the fields this summer - so the weather must have suited them, although I have yet to see any partridge or pheasant chicks.

The crops yielded around the average, which was a little disappointing, as they looked a lot better in the field. I suppose the extreme variation in weather over the last ten months has had some impact on their potential.

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm

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LIGHTS OUT PROJECT

On the 4th of August this year at 10pm the lights will go out all over Britain to remember the day and time 100 years ago when Britain's ultimatum with Germany expired and the war commenced.

LIGHTS OUT is an invitation to everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm until 11pm, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection.

In a dramatic nationwide event, the UK will plunge into darkness between 10pm and 11pm on 4th August 2014: Upon this darkened canvas single lights will appear across the four nations, marking the hour that Britain entered World War 1 one hundred years ago.

LIGHTS OUT is a headline project of the cultural programme 14-18 NOW and was initiated by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport; 14-18 NOW is a curated programme of new art works across the UK that forms part of the official commemorations of the Centenary of the First World War, and is hosted within Imperial War Museums. 14-18 NOW is funded by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery Fund.



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Commemorating World War 1



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Elvis Presley

ELVIS PRESLEY died on August 16, 1977. He was 42 years old



Elvis may have been the king of rock and roll, but did you know there was also a St Elvis?

Top 10 facts about Elvis Presley:

1. In 2012, Elvis Presley was second in the Forbes list of top-earning dead musicians behind Michael Jackson.
2. His estimated earnings for 2012 were \$55 million.
3. The name Elvis comes from an Old Norse word meaning 'SSLqall wise'.
4. Although Elvis's middle name on his birth certificate was 'Aron', his grave has it as 'Aaron', which was his own preferred spelling.
5. Elvis had a pet chimp called Scatter, which developed a taste for Scotch and bourbon.
6. St Elvis is a small parish in Pembrokeshire named after the Irish bishop St Ailbe, also known as Elvis of Munster, who died in 528.
7. The minor planet 17059 Elvis was discovered by Australian astronomer John Broughton in 1999 and named after Elvis Presley.
8. Elvis's only TV commercial was for Southern Made Doughnuts in 1954. His only line of dialogue was: 'You get 'em piping hot after 4am.'
9. At the age of 36, Elvis Presley became the youngest recipient of a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.
10. The alphabet positions of the letters in 'Presley' add up to 100.



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You will need to fill in an initial 'Expression of Interest' questionnaire with details about your activities and project so that we can find the most appropriate fund for your group and we will then send you a full application form to complete.

What happens next?

If you meet the criteria for a grant the project application is assessed and goes forward to an independent panel of people from Wiltshire who decide which groups to fund and how to allocate the available funding in each round.

Who to contact at The Community Foundation:

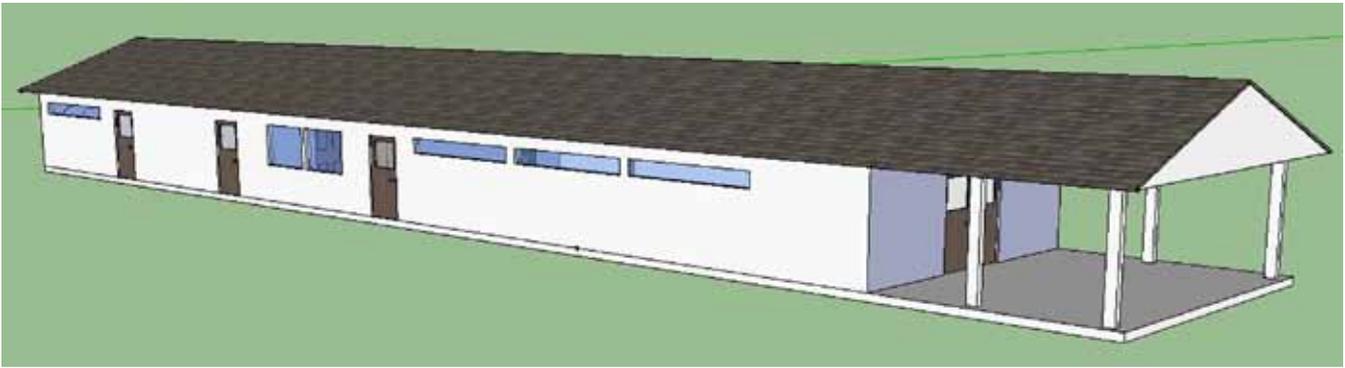
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APPEAL FOR PLEDGES

The village is applying, to Sport England, for funding to develop an activity centre on the Village Sports Field. To improve our chances of receiving a grant, that will pay for this development, we would like to indicate, to Sports England, that the village will be contributing to the build by offering services in kind. We believe that if villagers offer to: help demolish the old pavilion, free access to plant e.g. tractors or lorries and labour time (just wield a brush), that Sports England will count this as a financial contribution to the project and push our application up the list of applicant for preferred funding.

It is to that end that we are asking for villagers to come forward with pledges to help with the

construction of the Activity Centre. A pledge is not contractually binding, it is offered under what is known as "best endeavours" conditions. Which means you will do your best to complete the pledge, but you will not be in breach of any contract if for any reason you cannot deliver on the pledge.

So if you think you could contribute, with equipment, a skill or just unskilled time please contact the village clerk (Rebekah Jeffries rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com) leaving your name, and the extent of your pledge e.g. hours, equipment etc.

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TEEN TOPICS

WHAT TO DO?

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change my outfit (which I can say, as a girl, is numerous times a day). I Currently work part time at Costa and now full time over the summer. I know I want to go to uni... just what I want to do remains a complete and utter mystery....

PS -This is my beautiful cat Mabel (she wants to be famous so here she goes)!

Mols x

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



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Any Council Litter Bin Will Do

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lunch, lots of learning and becoming a Dementia Friend



It has now been two months since I started with Wiltshire Good Neighbours and I have met some fantastic people, been to some great groups and learnt a lot along the way. One aspect of the role that I am particularly enjoying is getting out to the lunch clubs that we support and meeting with all the people that attend. Whilst putting names to faces isn't as easy as I at first hoped (there are almost 100), I am trying to speak with someone new every time I go and hopefully it won't be long before I can take everyone's orders without hesitation!

The reason I enjoy these so much isn't just because of the amazing food and more than reasonable prices, but because of the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at each and every one. After the initial shock of seeing someone so young enter and sit at the table, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome and I have enjoyed the conversation and banter at all of them. These lunch clubs are great places to meet new people, eat good food and learn a little about the local area (or a lot in my case!). If you are interested in finding out more about these lunch clubs and how you and others can get involved, please give me a call on 07557 922027.

Dementia Friends

Recently I became a 'Dementia Friend.' Whilst this may sound quite formal and arduous, it was as simple as meeting with a group of others in someone's sitting room and learning a little about what it may be like to live with dementia. We discussed how we can help those around us that may have the condition and at the end everyone was asked to commit to an action that would ensure our new found knowledge and understanding extend past the four walls of the room.

I learnt the importance of patience and positivity in our interactions with those with

the condition and about the social groups that meet all across the county, including Singing for the Brain, Movement for the Mind and the Carers Support group that have been set up to support both those with the condition and those that care for them.

The aim of Dementia Friends is to raise understanding of the condition and becoming a dementia friend is very simple and costs nothing. If you are interested in finding out more you can go to the website at www.dementiafriends.org.uk/ or just give me a call - I would be more than happy to chat with you about the evening, my experience and put you in touch with the local Alzheimer's Support group.

Finally, my page has a photo of me for your reference. If you see me out and about in the community, please don't hesitate to come over and have a chat and please get in touch via the details below if you think I may be able to assist in any way.

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APPEAL TO ROWDE RESIDENTS

For the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of The Great War 1914-1918, Michael Cornwell and Ian Hughes would like to produce a small booklet to honour the Fallen from Rowde Village who served in either World War. To a large extent the details are known, that is their names, the Regiment, HM Ship/Submarine or RAF Squadron they belonged to, the date of their death and therefore the circumstance in which they were killed.

Ideally though, what they would like to be able to achieve is to publish a small article against each individual which would include an image of the person concerned.

If anyone in the village (or anyone you know who used to live in Rowde or had relatives who lived in the village) has any photographs of Rowde's fallen, they being those listed in the last issue and on the memorial in the church yard, please get in touch with the editor at watters.alan@gmail.com or on 01380 724788. Postal address - 3 Rowde Court, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Wiltshire SN10 2NW.

Any stories or other relevant information about each serviceman would also be appreciated.

It is hoped that this appeal will also be published on the Village Web site as there may be people living overseas who might be able to help.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

August - This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks and shares. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, October and February."

Mark Twain

....and Thoughts on LIFE:

It's gonna get harder before it gets easier. But it will get better, you just gotta get through the hard stuff first.

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Life is like a camera... FOCUS on what's important, CAPTURE the good times, DEVELOP from the negatives ...and if things don't work out, TAKE ANOTHER SHOT!

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.

Douglas Adams, English humorist & science fiction novelist (1952 - 2001)

No matter how serious life gets, you still gotta have that one person you can be completely stupid with.

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

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EATING OUT - THE BRIDGE, WEST LAVINGTON

a serendipitous stop ... very very impressed.

Like another reviewer we've driven past this place so often. We'd been swimming near Bournemouth and were hungry on our return to Devizes... there's nothing on the main route that we know of that is worth stopping at ...then we thought of the Bridge. Failing all else it was time for a pint anyway!

Well, what a wonderful choice it turned out to be. The kitchen was still serving at 2.20pm when we arrived and the menu excited us from word go. Its a long time since I've seen pigeon breast on a menu, even longer for Laksa... a couple of standards like fish and chips and roast beef (it was a Sunday lunchtime) ...also a couple of steak options... but also chicken provencal salad, gazpacho soup starters, a pork and chorizo dish along with a stunning starter salad of beetroot, walnuts, broad beans, croûtons and minted pea dressing with parmesan shavings. I also recall a pulled pork 'burger' on the menu. Other things I can't recall now certainly deserve deserve a mention!

In the end I rather prosaically decided on battered fish and chips (swimming seems to do that to me - must be being immersed in water for so long!) and Mrs P.C. Doctor chose the starter salad I described above but asked for a main sized portion. We also took some bread and olives to accompany it all.

The salad my wife had was just great. Seasonal, tasty, and eclectic. Really seriously yummy. Great combinations and fusions of flavour.



Fish and chips? Not your normal fish and chips I can assure you! The chips were thin french fry style... crispy on the outside, soft on the inside. The fish used was Pangasius, aka basa aka Vietnamese cobbler... the batter was wonderfully light. As I said, rather prosaic in choice but WAY better than your average cod 'n chips guvnor :-)

Portion sizes were certainly generous enough to fill two hungry swimmers. Service was excellent, decor contemporary but calm.

Total bill including two pints of cider and huge glass of Pimms was a tad under £40.

We shall return, and I noted there is a midweek 2 and 3 course menu option... the 3 course option is £15.50! We shall be back! *Ian Diddams*

REVIEWS NEEDED!

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

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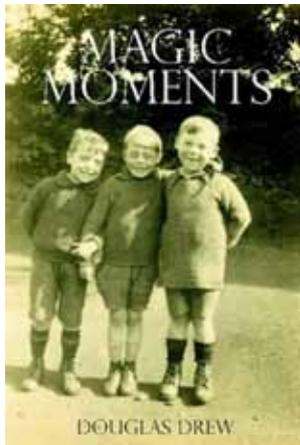
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ROWDE VILLAGE FETE 2014

The first Rowde Village fete for at least 10 years was an overwhelming success. A cloudy morning gave way to a bright and sunny afternoon for all to enjoy.



The Scarecrow trail intrigued and amused many around the village and raised funds for Rowde Primary Academy. St Matthew's church hosted a cake sale and the hugely popular Teddy Parachute. The Village Hall had teas, a history display and lunches. And in the main playing field was a splendid array of Races, Morris Dancing, Stalls and Games.

Many village groups joined together and we are all looking forward to next years fete and hope as many of the Village organisations and individuals can get involved.



The Fete raised £500 for the Gazette and Herald's 'Give us a chance' appeal for Devizes Opportunity Centre. Many other charities and groups also raised funds for themselves.

Lorna Freemantle, of the organising committee, said: "It was beyond our best expectations. Loads of people supported us. It is the first fete in the village for at least ten years but now it is set to become an annual event. The committee voted to support the opportunity centre. We all thought it is a really good cause."

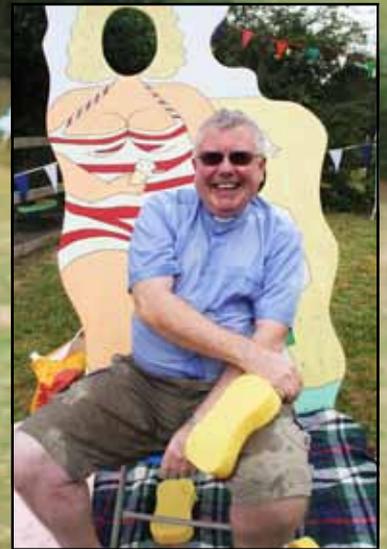
The 'Give us a chance' appeal was set up by the Gazette and Herald earlier this year after funding of £10,000 was cut by Wiltshire Council after the Government withdrew a grant. The centre has to raise around £50,000 this year to supplement its council grant.

If you want to get involved in the fete next year please contact the fete committee via the parish council, we will meet in October to kick things off.



ROWDE VILLAGE FETE 2014





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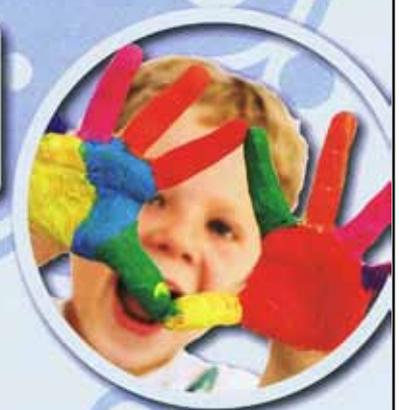
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SCORES OF MOURNERS SAY FINAL FAREWELL TO YOUNG ROWDE MUM

Friends and family of inspirational mum Natasha Goode turned out in force in Devizes on 11th July to say their final goodbyes.



Natasha and her husband Stewart

Scores of people who knew Mrs Goode, 28, who died at home just two weeks after marrying her husband Stewart at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, wanted to join her family in a celebration of her life at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

Mrs Goode, nee Barkham, of Silverlands, Rowde, who has a son Tyler, nine, died of cancer on June 23. She had been diagnosed with lymphoma in August last year and she and Stewart were engaged just a few weeks after she was told about her illness. The wedding was brought forward after her condition deteriorated.



Natasha with her son Tyler

Mr Goode, who works at Screwfix in Devizes, said shortly after her death: "I just feel blessed,

privileged and honoured to have known Natasha. She was so brave and caring for everybody. She was a fantastic mum, wife, friend, confidante and daughter. She was an inspiration. No matter how hard life gets, never give up. She was bubbly and had a smile to die for."

Many people who shared his love for Natasha were at the Roman Catholic church at St Joseph's Place, Devizes to say their goodbyes and a wake was held at The Crown pub in New Park Street after the funeral. Undertaker Paul McDonald of John Stuart funeral directors said: "A lot of people wanted to pay their respects."

ROWDE MOTORCYCLIST DIES AFTER HEAD-ON CRASH WITH BUS

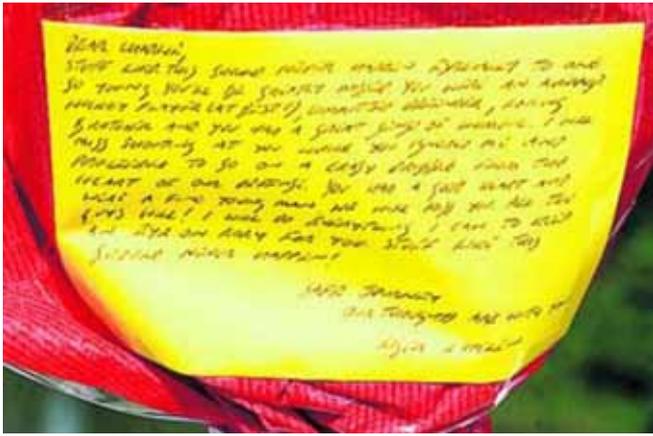
Tributes have been paid to Charlie Sherman after he died in a motorcycle crash.

Charlie Sherman died after an accident on Prison Bridge, Devizes, on Thursday 17th July. At about 7.40am Mr Sherman, 22, was riding his Aprilia motorcycle in Bath Road out of Devizes on his way to work in Trowbridge. After going over Prison Bridge his motorcycle collided with a Faresaver single decker bus travelling in the opposite direction.

Efforts to stabilise him by a Wiltshire Air Ambulance paramedic and paramedics from South Western Ambulance Service were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead at the scene. The bus driver and passengers were uninjured. Charlie died two days before his 23rd birthday.



Flowers on Prison Bridge, Devizes, in memory of Charlie Sherman. Picture by Paul Morris



A floral tribute to Charlie Sherman on Prison Bridge

Charlie had recently moved out of the family home in High Street, Rowde, where his parents Nick and Anna, and brother Rory, 18, live, to live in Hillier Road, Devizes. His dad said his son was an exceptional person. He said: "He was a lad who packed more into his 23 years than most do in a lifetime. He managed to do what he wanted to do in that time. He was never down, he was always cheerful and happy. He always took the lead on things and he was just one in a million. He was a star and was one of those people who took to adults and kids alike. He was exceptional, truly individual and slightly eccentric."

Charlie joined Devizes Hockey Club as a junior and returned after university, playing as a defender in the first team, as did his brother Rory. Coach Ollie Smith said: "Charlie has been an integral part of the first team. Last year we won the league and got promoted and he was a massive part of that. He would play every week and really enjoyed his hockey. He was willing to learn and that attitude summed him up. He worked extremely hard and had fun. He always gave one hundred per cent and was loved by everyone in the team and the club. We are in shock and disbelief and we can't quite get our heads around it."

Charlie Sherman worked as an engineer for DTR VMS Limited at the White Horse Business Park, Trowbridge. The firm's human resources manager Sian Widdicombe said: "Charlie was intelligent, pleasant, friendly, very hard working and fun. He's a great loss. He was a very talented engineer who was never afraid to show initiative and leadership and enjoyed really good working relationships with employees and suppliers. He will be hugely missed, he was such a nice guy."

Mr Sherman and his brother were involved in Rowde Youth Club and getting a skate park in the village. Jan Barber, who jointly runs the youth

club, said: "Charlie was very instrumental in helping with the skate park. He was an absolutely inspirational lad and he will be sorely missed. He had a ready smile, was cheerful, had an easy going nature and was a personable guy. It's so sad that someone so young with so much in front of him has gone."

He was a pupil at Lavington School in Market Lavington and deputy headteacher Gary Ford said: "I taught Charlie maths and he loved the problem solving side of things and was really enthusiastic. He never gave up in his perseverance and determination to succeed in solving a problem. He was always very bubbly and happy and he took an interest in other people."

His funeral service is on Friday, August 1, at St Matthew's Church, Rowde, at 10.45am.

A passer by from Trowbridge said "there was a young lady with the man on the motor bike who sat with him after the accident, god bless her for being there"

A book of condolences has been placed in Rowde community shop.



Officers are still urging anyone who witnessed the incident to contact them immediately on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, where information can be left anonymously.

SCARECROW TRAIL CREATES A BUZZ

Wow what more can I say but a very big, huge grateful thanks to all you that helped make our first scarecrow event as fab and fun as it was. It came together really well and we had lots of positive feedback. Most people said it caused a buzz feeling around the village and they witnessed what a great community spirit that Rowde has.

Can I just say the quality of the scarecrows were completely astonishing and everyone put in so much effort and imagination into them, so a really big thanks goes to all the villagers,

school parents, public houses and groups that took part in making them. I was amazed at seeing the scarecrows were so individually designed, some cryptic, some arty, some even real looking but all looking brilliant. You did have to choose your most favourite scarecrow and I've heard that a head was nearly lost in the making of it so a bottle of fizz goes to the well-deserved winners Mike, Lesley, Toby and Sorrel with the amazing Jack and Jill scarecrows so well done.



clue sheet cover and Lisa Wills (and family) for helping to take the scarecrows down, and Rosie Brewer, for making mini scarecrows on the fete day with the children. Also thanks to Lorraine Colquhoun and Mrs BQ from Rowde Academy School for all your support and to Barefoot signs for printing the clue sheets and banner.



We did raise an amazing £300 for the school.

One final and last huge thank you and that's to YOU as without your support the event wouldn't of been what it was and I do hope you had fun. If you have any feedback then I would love to hear from you (no photos taken is my one regret) and if you'd like a hunt next year and/or would like to make a scarecrow then please call or if you have a garden space that you could offer or both then call on 07775873126 and I'll have to get my thinking cap on for some new ideas and clues!

Lou Jurkiewicz

THREE CHOIRS SUMMER B.B.Q.

On Sunday 20th July the three Benefice choirs - Bromham, Rowde and the Junior Benefice choir - gathered at Jane and Gavin Moss's house for a joint B.B.Q.



The Senior choir members and the children's parents made wonderful salads, puddings and cakes and Gavin worked hard on the B.B.Q. cooking Chicken, Burgers, Sausages and Lamb kebabs. It was a lovely sunny day and so we were all able to sit out in the garden.



Also can I thank all the villagers that allowed a scarecrow to be planted in their garden or space and to those that were able to put them up. This was such a big help to me as I wouldn't have managed all 27 of them by 10am!

The Winnie the Pooh scarecrow was a

great help when checking out the winners as it wasn't Winston Churchill who liked honey and it was Lola, from Charlie and Lola who loves pink milk and who was that guy sat on the potatoes outside the shop.... Walter Raleigh of course! We did put all the correct clue sheets in the box and one was pulled out. This winner was Abby Wiltshire, who attends Rowde Rainbows and she has won £30, well done Abby.

I would personally like to say a thank you to my partner Phil and family for putting up with my sleepless nights. Also to RAFT members Chrissie Aldridge for designing the





The children enjoyed swimming in the pool and having a go at ringing hand bells that Lin and Gareth had kindly brought along, and a fun time was had by all.

Hopefully this will be the first of many joint social events for the choirs.

If you would be interested in joining any of the choirs please contact Nicola Brown 01380 722406 – Rowde choir. Michael Armstrong 01380 850345 – Bromham choir or Sally Wadsworth 01380 859052 – Junior Benefice choir.

LOCAL CONNECTION WITH BATH MALE CHOIR



The Bath Male Choir (of Last Choir Standing fame circa 2011) continues to grow from strength to strength with a busy schedule of concerts across the West Country over the next few months in the lead up to their well publicized invitation Tour of Japan in November. The local concerts will be at Malmesbury Abbey (23.08.2014) performing with the Malmesbury Community Choir, St Cuthbert's Music Festival in Wells (05.09.2014), Bath Abbey (27.09.2014) in concert together with the internationally famous Treorchy Male Voice Choir and at Nailsea School Theatre (04.10.2014) together with the sensational Bristol singing group Euphoria.

The Japan Tour is a very exciting opportunity for the choir because for the first time, a British Male Choir will be performing by invitation at the Bacchus International Singing Festival in Itami (Osaka). The tour will be a whirlwind of many concerts including such venues as the British School in Tokyo, Kingswell Gardens and the Tokyo Meguro Catholic Church



As a final concert performance before travelling to Japan however, the Choir will be taking to the stage in the Corn Exchange, Devizes on 11th October 2014. This will be a run through of many of the songs for which the choir is so well known, together with a selection of new songs which have been prepared for the Japan Tour.

The Director of the Bath Male Choir is Grenville Jones, who is well known in the local area and is also the leader of the Devizes Good Afternoon Choir. This is a community choir with a current membership of over 100 voices who meet weekly in St Andrews Church in Devizes for rehearsals. The connection between the two choirs is that a Rowde resident is an active singing member of both groups and will be joining the tour of Japan on what will be, for him, the opportunity of a lifetime.

Barry Holton, of Scholars Park, has sung with the Devizes Good Afternoon Choir for 4 years and also joined the Bath Male Choir, by invitation, as a Bass Voice in December 2013 specifically to go on the tour to Japan. He has since performed at many highlight concerts with the BMC including twice in Bath Abbey for the National Osteoporosis Society concert in December and the Mayor Making Ceremony in June where Mary Berry was given Freedom of the City.

Additionally Barry has performed with the choir at a Christmas Celebration in Sandy Lane and a Summer singing celebration in Westbury Methodist Church. Most recently, he has worked with the choir in the Roper Theatre in Bath in order to create a new CD recording of their latest repertoire. The pleasure and sheer excitement of singing with the choir has provided a whole new outlook on life to Barry, who previously had not sung seriously since being at school.

On their return from Japan, the BMC have another concert booked for Bath Abbey (26.11.2014) again for the annual National Osteoporosis Society concert. This will once again be a wonderful Christmas Tide celebration..



If you would like to get any more information about the Bath Male Choir, and their forthcoming concert season, then this is available on the webpage www.bathmalechoir.org/ . If you would like more information about the Devizes Good Afternoon Choir then this is available on the webpage www.goodafternoonchoir.org/devizes-gac.html If you would like to come along to St Andrews Church, Devizes, on Friday afternoons 14:00 to 16:00, you would be very welcome. If you would like specifically to enquire about tickets for the Bath Male Choir Corn Exchange concert in Devizes in October (Tickets £10.00), then please contact Barry directly either by e-mail barry.holton1@btinternet.com, or by telephone 01380 730450.

ROWDE ON TOUR OF BRITAIN ROUTE!

DETAILS of the route some of the world's top riders will take through the county during stage six of the Tour of Britain in September have been released.

The 205.7 km stage 6 begins in Bath and ends in Hemel Hempstead on Friday, September 12, with more than 40 miles of it in Wiltshire. The race, won in 2013 by 2012 Tour De France victor Sir Bradley Wiggins, will wind through streets in Winsley, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, Devizes and Pewsey as well as taking in the likes of Semington, Seend and Chirton. The riders are scheduled to pass by the turning for Rowde village on the A361 at Caen Hill just after 11am on 12th September.

The Tour of Britain is now one of the major cycling events in the world and the perfect event to continue to encourage people to enjoy



Sir Bradley Wiggins was the 2013 Tour of Britain winner

the benefits of cycling following the success of the Tour de France in Britain. It is hoped that this major event will see communities getting involved, like they did when we welcomed the Olympic Torch in 2012. We hope that school children and local people will line the streets and show their support for the cyclists as they pass through our county so put it in your diaries and on your calendars now and I'll see you there!. **Ed**

ROWDE MOTORIST IS SURPRISED BY WALLABY CROSSING ROAD

In the wake of tales about Wanda the wandering wallaby, who escaped from an enclosure near Marlborough on July 2, follows a sighting on the road between Sandy lane and Calne.



PCSO Mark Cook posted on Calne Police's Facebook page that a "startled motorist" had reported seeing a wallaby crossing the road in Mile Elm near to Pillars Lodge on Friday 18th July at about 8.20pm. The wallaby was then seen to run away into a nearby field. The police, Wiltshire Wildlife and a local rescue centre were

alerted at the time to this sighting. Motorist Alan Watters from Rowde said: "I was quite

surprised. Initially I thought it was a small deer because it was hopping along straight in front of my car and I had to slow down behind it but when it turned to the side and hopped off into the woods at the edge of the Bowood estate, I could clearly see it was a wallaby.”

This wallaby is not thought to be Wanda, who is still believed to be on farmland in West Wick, near Martinsell. It is assumed that this wallaby is the same one that was sighted on the Bowood estate about two months ago.

A spokesman from Calne said ”The Bowood wallaby is NOT the same as the one dubbed ‘Wanda’ spotted near Pewsey! We are aware of the Bowood wallaby which has been on the run for several months, whereas the Pewsey animal only escaped a couple of weeks ago.”

It does seem as if wallabies have little road sense as traffic is reported to have had to stop in Fyfield a week ago to allow Wanda to cross.

Any further sightings please report on 101.

EX ROWDE ACADEMY PUPIL IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Ex Rowde school pupil Yasmin Kaashoek (15) returned from Mexico triumphant with her team partner Anaya Evans (who lives in Croyde) from their 9th place finish at the FIVB U17 Beach Volleyball World Championships. The team earned the plaudits and admiration of those who attended and has put England on the map amongst some of the strongest beach volleyball nations in the world.

Yasmin Kaashoek who left Rowde Primary School in July 2010 attends an athlete academy in Bournemouth where she started in September 2013. Yasmin and her team mate Anaya travelled to the competition which saw 29 teams from across all of the five FIVB

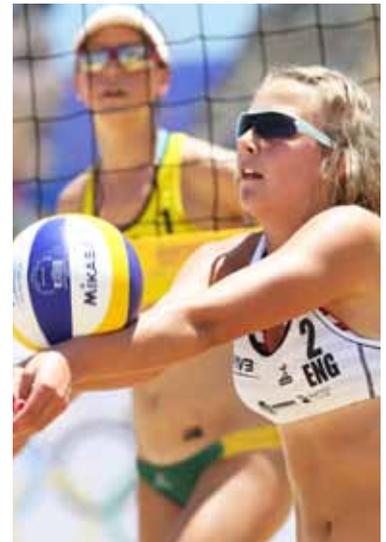
confederations, of which England qualified through European Championships back in June which was held in Porto, Portugal.

The event, held on the pacific coast of Mexico, in Acapulco, was the first of its kind for this age group, having been implemented by FIVB for the 2014 season. England’s involvement marked another step in the development of a national junior beach programme, giving athletes the opportunity to compete at world level.

Yasmin and her team mate took to the sand on the 16th July, facing Puerto Rico in the opening match of Pool A. The England team lost 0-2 in a fierce encounter through dazzling sunshine and intense heat and humidity that would be a constant factor throughout the tournament. Later on that day they took on Australia and despite a strong response from England who took the initiative from the start, the team was just edged out in the third set losing an incredibly close encounter 1-2 (20-22, 21-16, 13-15).

The following day, England completed their pool matches by facing the hosts Mexico 1. A strong performance saw England control stages of the match but the girls were once again edged out in the third set, in what were similar circumstances to the previous day losing 1-2.

Despite being a young team with Yasmin only 15 years of age, England progressed through to the knockout stages of the tournament where they faced a Mexico 2 side that had already racked up 3 wins in their pool. England were up



for the battle and won the match 2-0.

Yasmin and Anaya finished the tournament in a remarkable 9th place out of 29 in what were extremely testing conditions in the stifling heat of Mexico. Both, players and coach, should be proud of their efforts and achievements by bringing England to the attention of an international beach volleyball community.



Yasmin is back in training for some national beach volleyball rounds in Weymouth and Margate which will be followed by another European round in Norway to bring the beach volleyball season to a close.

After that the indoor season will start again with preparation for the UK School Games that take place in Manchester early September which Yasmin won last year.

Yasmin has set her goals high: she wants to represent her country in the future at the Olympic Games, so watch this space...

POLICE PLEA FOR WITNESSES AFTER WESTBURY MAN, 49, HIT BY CAR

Wiltshire Police are appealing for witnesses after an accident near Rowde just after 10.30pm on 22nd July in which a Westbury man was seriously hurt.

A black Vauxhall Corsa being driven towards Devizes was in collision with a pedestrian - a 49-year-old man from Westbury - on the A361 close to the junction for Foxhangers Marina at about 10.30pm.

Police said it was unclear whether the pedestrian was crossing the road or not but said the collision occurred on the road. The driver of the Corsa was a 57-year-old woman from Melksham who was not hurt.

A paramedic from Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Dr Ed Valentine, a SWIFT medic, attended in a response car and the injured man received critical care at the scene before being taken by land ambulance to Southmead Hospital, Bristol, which is a regional trauma centre.

Police said today that the man remains in a serious but stable condition and appealed for anyone who witnessed the collision to contact them immediately.

Officers would also like to speak to anyone who saw a man walking close to the A361, or the black Vauxhall Corsa, immediately before the collision. Anyone with information should contact Wiltshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, where information can be left anonymously.

ELEVENTH HOUR CALL FOR HELP

Youth club organisers in Rowde have issued a final plea for adult volunteers to come forward to stop it closing.

Jan Barber and Karen Wheeler, who have run the youth club since 2009, say unless enough volunteers come forward, it will not re-open in September. They say while they are willing to help out, they want someone else to organise it. The number of youngsters attending sessions on Friday evenings is at a healthy level, but the number of volunteers has dwindled.



The club held a farewell barbecue on 18th July at John Butler's Farm, which was attended by more than 20 children. Mrs Barber said: "The weather was beautiful for the barbecue and the venue was lovely, but children are quite sad that they think the club is going to shut. We have had three potential parents offering to help, but we need five to be at the Friday night sessions. Karen and I will fit in and do the odd session, so we are looking for someone to organise it."

The youth club used to be in the village hall, but closed as the youngsters could not play ball games there. After a campaign, it was resurrected and youngsters helped to raise money for new equipment. Fundraising events included cycling along the Kennet and Avon Canal towpath from Rowde to Bath and holding a big breakfast.

Once it opened, there were two groups: one for younger children and another for older ones. The older members have now become adults, leaving one session, which is held between 6pm and 7.30pm at Rowde Primary Academy.

Mrs Barber said: "On average, the youth club has 24 to 30 youngsters attending - sometimes 36 upwards - and they really do enjoy it."

To volunteer, call Mrs Barber on 721211.

ROWDEY COW NOTCHES UP ANOTHER AWARD

As award follows award, an ice cream parlour and cafe in Rowde knows it has found the winning recipe.

The hat-trick of accolades for The Rowdey Cow began with a Taste of the West gold award for the cafe and tea rooms category last year, a highly commended award in the start-up category in the Countryside Alliance Awards south western regional final and most recently the Trip Advisor Certificate for Excellence for 2014.

Sue Thompson, who runs Rowdey Cow on her father Adrian White's dairy farm, said: "This is my first attempt at a business and I'm really pleased with how it is going and the awards show that others think we are doing something right. The Trip Advisor award is based on getting consistently good customer reviews on Trip Advisor, so to receive that was a wonderful surprise. Customers have said they love the ice cream, it's child-friendly and the food is locally sourced produce. As well as a good customer base locally, we are getting people visiting from further afield due to word of mouth."



Sue Thompson runs the Rowdey Cow

The Rowdey Cow opened just over two years ago and the gelato, Italian-style ice cream is made by hand using the milk produced by Mr White's dairy cows. The parlour has 16 different flavours on offer at once: particular favourites so far this year include Key Lime Pie, Snickers, Pina Colada (without the alcohol) and, in response to customer requests, a Knickerbocker Glory.

The popularity of the ice cream led to local shops stocking it including St Arbucks cafe in Market Lavington, Mipo at Lydeaway, Woodborough Garden Centre, the Boat House

at Bradford on Avon, Avebury Community Shop and Poulshot Lodge Butchers.

The cafe, which has spectacular views of Roundway Hill and has a child's play area and farm animals, has also hosted two wedding receptions. When it opened the cafe had four staff but now has 20 staff, most of them part-time. Mrs Thompson added: "We never imagined that the business would grow as quickly and be as popular as it is. It has been really worthwhile."

OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE HOPE FOR ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Rowdeford School has submitted a planning application for an outdoor learning centre. The school wants to renovate a derelict former kennels building in the grounds of the school based off the A342 outside Rowde.

In the planning application its agents said: "The development of the project is an inspirational development aiming to become a benchmark for outdoor education within special needs. The project has wide support including initial grant funding from a major charity. The intention is to use both the construction process and wider project to engage with the local community as well as with other schools and organisations."

TWO-STOREY PLAN

Ian Jeffries has applied for planning permission to build a two-storey rear extension at 10 Devizes Road, Rowde.

DRIVER IS FINED

Stuart Topp, 28, of Springfield Road, Rowde, was fined £200 and had his driving licence endorsed with three penalty points after he was convicted at Salisbury Court of using a mobile phone while driving in Marlborough High Street. He was also ordered to pay prosecution costs of £85.

OBITUARIES

Charlie Sherman

Charlie Sherman sadly passed away on 17th July 2014, aged 23 years. Much loved son of Nick and Anna and brother to Rory. Funeral service is to take place on Friday 1st August, 10.45 am at St Matthew's Church, Rowde. All friends welcome. Casual dress please. Family flowers only and donations if desired are for Charlie's Memorial Fund via Memory Giving or may be sent to D J Bewley Funeral Directors, Devizes. Head office: 15 Bank Street, Melksham SN12 6LE.

ROWDE ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS ARE A BIG HIT!

For the first time, MOS (Marlborough Open Studios) has spread its wings to include Rowde and with great success. Calligrapher Caroline Keevil, recently moved to Rowde, opened her lovely new studio as did painter, Jill Myerscough at the Manor House and botanical artist Ann Swan, at Rowde Court Studios. Caroline



Caroline's studio just before opening to the public work and for members of the public to view, buy or even sign up for a workshop. There is more information on the MOS website www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk. If you missed the event many artists will open by appointment and can find the artists' contact details below. Details are also on the website and you can also enrol as a Friend of MOS to help support the event for next year. I would like to add a big vote of thanks to the amazing team of organisers, all giving freely of their time and efforts.



Jill's studio just before opening to the public

had taken part in the event before moving to the village but Jill Myerscough and Ann Swan are newbies.

It proved a great success with a steady stream of interested visitors not only from the village and surroundings but from as far afield as Bristol, Bath, Denmark and Geneva. This year the event took place over the four weekends from the last weekend in June through to 20th July



Jill (right) was available to chat to



Ann was visited by 'Chuck le Duck'



Caroline with one of her creations

with a Preview exhibition in Marlborough before the event. Participating artists also displayed work in 34 shop fronts along the High Street in Marlborough creating 'Windows on Art' and giving people a chance to view a large cross section of artists work.

The whole event is free and is a wonderful opportunity for local artists to showcase their



Ann's studio during the event

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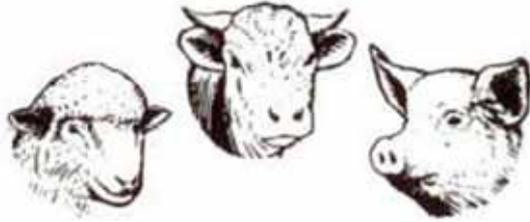
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LETTERS

FLOWERS TAKEN FROM CHURCH!

I was so upset to see that flowers were removed from the wedding arch on St Matthew's porch after the ceremony on 12th July that I feel I must explain how the 'system' works.

St Matthew's has a very small (and diminishing) group of volunteers who like flower arranging (known as the Flower Guild) and who are happy to give up their time not only during the year but also for special occasions in order to make sure that our Church looks as beautiful as possible. Weddings are of course very special indeed and future brides and their families are able to choose the flowers and the positioning of the arrangements.

The brides / their families pay for the flowers themselves and a modest fee is charged by the Guild which is subsequently forwarded to St Matthew's Treasurer to go towards the running of the Church and the payment of our quota. All the greenery comes from the volunteers' gardens.

So, the flowers in the arch belong to the brides / their families, not to St Matthew's and most certainly not to passers-by.

I very much hope that we will be able to continue to offer future brides the option of having an arch but that will not be the case if people decide to help themselves to the contents, even if the wedding has already taken place. Sadly, we also felt it was necessary to report this incident to the police and have done so.

Rosie Berry

THANKS TO ALL AT THE FETE

Thank you very much to all those of you who attended our village fete on 5th July. Fortunately the weather was merciful and we estimated between 200 to 300 people turned up for an afternoon of family fun with dozens of stalls and events.. We plan to donate £500 to the Devizes Opportunity Centre which provides opportunities and support for children with special needs and their families.

I would also like to thank the dedicated team on the organising committee whose hard work over many weeks ensured the event's success, as well as the volunteers on the day, whose help we could not have done without! Special thanks also goes to the Church and Village Hall who allowed us to use their facilities and were thus a vital and integral part of the event.

It was great to see the community coming together for a hugely enjoyable day. We very

much plan to build on this year's success with another fete next year. We have already set the date – Saturday 4th July 2015. If you would like to get involved in the planning and organisation for next year please contact either me richardboote@tiscali.co.uk or Rebekah Jeffries rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Best wishes

Richard Boote

Chairman Rowde Fete Organising Committee

MORE PRAISE FOR VILLAGE FETE

I must congratulate Richard, Lorna, Rebekah and the rest of the team who organised such an enjoyable and successful Village Fete at the beginning of July.

The weather was kind, the venue was perfect and everyone seemed to have a great time. Special mention should also be made of the excellent (and rather difficult) scarecrow trail and I couldn't believe that, despite my apparent obsession with dog mess around the village, I didn't get Winnie The Pooh!

Thanks to all concerned and let's have another one next year please.

Rosie Berry

10k RUN FOR BOBBY VAN TRUST

Not me - don't be ridiculous! I cannot run (too old and frail!) but brilliant daughter Francesca Edmonds and Dharmesh Patel are kindly doing the running instead in the British 10k to raise funds for the wonderful Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

It is such a worthwhile charity which changes the lives of hundreds of vulnerable people in a really practical way by providing them with simple crime prevention measures and advice, giving peace of mind - absolutely free.

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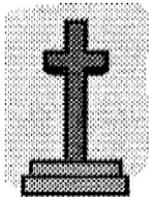
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Last Month's Solution

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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.

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Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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