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Editorial

Welcome to the March edition of the Rowde Village News.

Firstly, I must say well done to our Advertising Manager Julie Baker who has just completed the Bath Half marathon only a few days after injuring herself in a nasty fall while training! Julie is raising money for The Wiltshire Air Ambulance so please consider helping her by donating to her cause. Have a look at page 53 to see how and to read her report from the race.

Now, this issue is packed with all the usual news and reports from our clubs, societies and schools but in addition we welcome the return of our 'Photo Memories' feature with the submission of a superb old Rowde school photo from around 60 years ago. Do have a look at it on page 31 and please let us know if you recognise anyone in the photo.

And there's lots to read about in the local news pages (36 to 43), notably the continued success of the marina where they have won another award, the record breaking charity breakfasts at Vine Cottage B&B, the new 'Pole Krazee' business in the old bakery, Stewdsday Tuesday, the Burns Supper and dance evening and the reports from our ever improving 'Rowdey Cow Rowde' football team.

I was recently asked to join 'Street Life', a new and free local social network site and coincidentally there's an interesting letter about it on page 52. I did join and it initially looks promising but time will tell. I see that several others in the village have also joined recently so please let us know what you think of it and whether you would recommend it to others.

Finally, could I ask all contributors who send us photographs with their articles to please also give us a caption or description for each image.

**Thanks and all the best until next month,
Ed**

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Contributors please also note:

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

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

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This month's front superb cover shot was taken on one of Julie Baker's local training runs for the Bath Half Marathon (see her letter on page 53).

photograph by Julie Baker

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on February 3rd.

The Chairman Mr.B.Barrett presided over the meeting and in his report thanked all the Committee and Volunteers for their help with the fund raising events organised during the year. The money raised is used to carry out improvements and do the necessary maintenance work.

He thanked the Handy family for their tremendous efforts to rebuild the Christmas float after their barn fire to enable us to continue with our tradition of collecting around the village prior to the Bazaar and also Sue and Geoff Edwards who made and donated the five figures which were (before being vandalized) decorating the fence in front of the Village Christmas tree.

He continued by stating that the only source of regular income is by the Hiring fees from bookings which have been very encouraging both by groups and individuals at times seven days a week which puts a great deal of work onto the small and aging committee to keep the Hall clean, warm and affordable.

He also thanked those who trim, cut and keep the grass areas around the building in a first class condition at no cost to the Hall.

The Project for 2014 was to fit new doors to the Games room, Kitchen and the car park entrance. All these have been completed to comply with current regulations. The Projects for 2015 are to redecorate the Kitchen, Car Park entrance, stairway and the Toilet entrance hall with emulsion and gloss paint on the woodwork and to paint the side entrance door.

Mr. Barrett ended by saying that the Committee is two elected members short and requested anyone over 18 who was interested to put their names forward or if unable to be a committee member to be a volunteer to help with fund raising events.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs.M.Burbidge presented the audited Financial Statement and stated that all the fund raising events again made a good profit and the Hiring Fees and Bingo profit etc again covered the main out goings for Insurance, Gas, Electricity and Water etc.

Secretary's Report: Mrs.A.Stradling also reported on the various fund raising events and the weekly Bingo sessions still makes a small profit and thanked all those who did the 'calling' check the cards, sell the tickets and the refreshment ladies and the many who helped with the setting up and taking down of the tables and chairs.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

Representative members:

Tuesday Afternoon Club Mrs. S.Elvin

Ladies Club Mrs. D.Buckland

Elected members were all re-elected en bloc namely:

Mr.B.Barrett, Mrs.M.Burbidge, Mr.B.Cross, Mrs.D.Ellis and Mrs.A.Stradling

Mr.N.Bawden on behalf of his wife

Mrs.J.Bawden, Chairman Rowde Parish Council, thanked the Committee for keeping the Hall in such good order.

FUTURE EVENTS:

MARCH 7th. TABLE TOP SALE

MAY 2nd. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

JULY 4th. CREAM TEAS, LUNCHES
and other attractions for
the VILLAGE FETE

AUGUST 8th. FLOWER SHOW

OCTOBER 3rd. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

DECEMBER 5th. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

B Barrett, Chairman

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January 27th in the Village Hall and everyone thoroughly enjoyed being 'taken' on a Cruise to the Norwegian Fjords in a visual presentation given by Mrs. P. Hawkins. The scenery was beautiful with the snow capped mountains and the reflections in the water.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.J.Morcomb, Mrs.J.Handy, Mrs.D.Buckland, Mrs.J.Frost and Mrs.M.Hayter.

The next meeting will have been held on February 24th in the Village Hall when members will hopefully have had Pancakes and a Quiz!

Any ladies interesting in having an evening out with a chance to meet new people why not come to the Ladies Club. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall and enjoy talks, slide shows, demonstrations etc. You will be welcomed.

Di Buckland (Secretary)

HIWAY CLUB

The Hiway Club (for the hearing impaired) met in the Village Hall on January 29th and enjoyed an interesting talk on the origins of the Willow Pattern china given by Alan Truscott.

Raffle winners were: Mr.J.Harris, Mr.B.Barrett, Miss N.Drew, Mr.C.Bown, Mrs.M.Dean, Miss G.Harris, Mrs.J.Ilott, Mrs.J.Spencer and Miss E.Harris.

The next meeting will have been held on February 28th in the Village Hall when members will have had a Games Evening and Quiz organised by Gemma.

Di. Buckland (Secretary)

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Due to the cold and snowy weather the meeting to be held on February 3rd was cancelled.
Next meeting March 3rd, 2.30pm in the Village Hall.
D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

January has been a good month for us as attendances have kept up and the weather hasn't prevented us getting to and fro. We had an excitement one week as Kevin had suggested we add another item to our menu list, and he arrived with a truly magnificent fish pie bursting with haddock, salmon and prawns and topped with delicious potato. We are very grateful to Kevin and all the team at The Greyhound for providing us with lovely lunches week after week, two courses for only £4, for nearly eight years now, starting in 2007.

We had a magical afternoon when Jack Stephens came along and entertained us with his humorous patter and dexterous tricks. In vain we tried to see how he did such clever things, even slowing down to show us again! After keeping us guessing through many various challenges, we had the chance to make our own balloon dogs – mostly recognisable as dogs, but not really Crufts material!

Another Monday we entertained ourselves with a Max Bygraves singalong of old war songs – mostly well known, but having the word sheets helped a lot. We gave our voices a rest by finishing off with some more Pam Ayres tales and poems from a CD.

Susan Marshfield visited another week –who will be well known to Phoenix Club members also! This time she gave us her talk entitled “I remember it well...”, and she certainly brought back the memories of how things used to be. Calling on her acting skills, her excellent sense of timing and her ability to find the humour in any situation, she opened up the past for us to relive and relish.

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

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.

Claire Ladd (Organiser) on 01380859166

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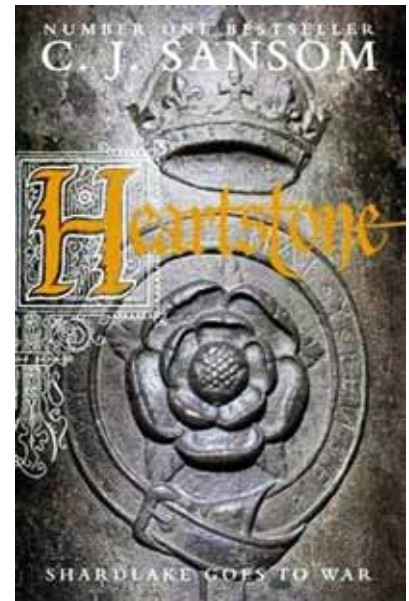
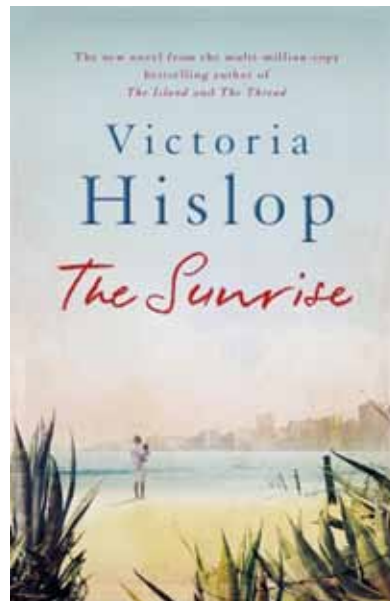
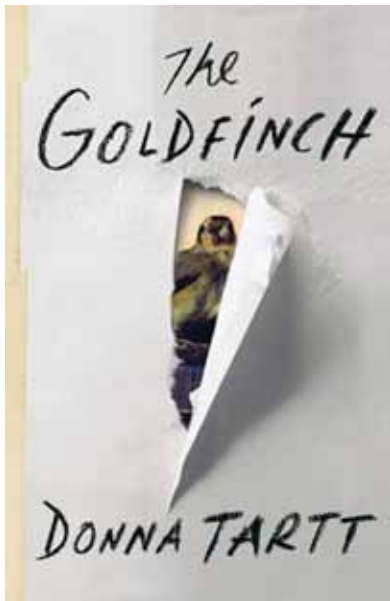
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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next club meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March and we will be discussing "The Lower River" by Paul Theroux and 'The 100 year old man who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared' by Jonas Jonasson. ***Please note that, due to the popularity of the Rowde Book Club, we are unable to take on any new members for the foreseeable future.***



It was a 'free read' last month so we made a list of several recommended 'good reads' as follows:

'The Goldfinch' by Donna Tartt - a thick book but an easy read.

'The Sunrise' by Victoria Hislop, thumbs up.

'Heartstone' by C J Sansom - a popular author with several members.

'Fateful Gift' by Colin Kay – a local author.

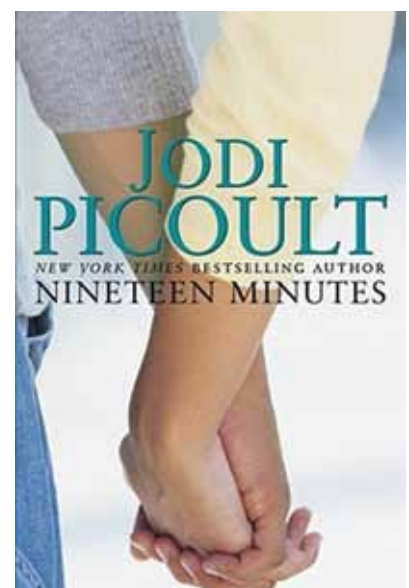
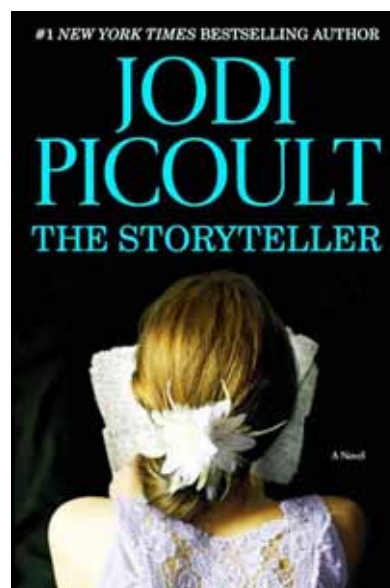
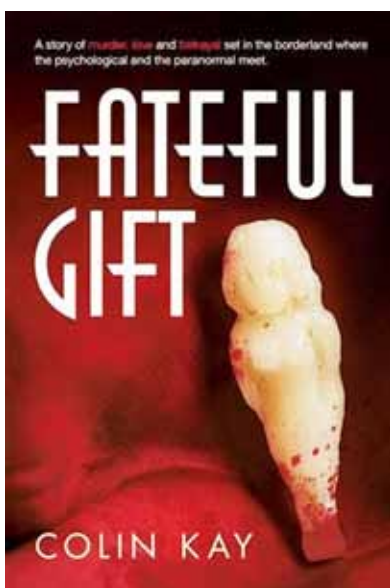
'The Story Teller' by Jodie Picoult another popular author.

'Nineteen Minutes' - another of Jodie's books.

Several members requested some cheery reads and 'The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared' by Jonas Jonasson (an enjoyable romp) and 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce were suggested.

It was agreed to have a choice of two titles each month as we are now a large group and this would give members more choice or keen readers could read both!!

Ann Swan



Your Parish Council

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings in February 2014 & January 2015 were:

Parish Councillor Vacancies

o The Parish Council has vacancies for two Parish Councillors. If you are interested in matters that affect your village and would like to be involved in making decisions that impact on your local area, please get involved. No previous experience is required – just an interest in the future of our village. Training will be provided. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Grounds Maintenance Contracts – bids welcome!

o The grounds maintenance contracts for the village are due for renewal on 1st April 2015. The tender documents will be drawn up shortly and all interested parties are invited to bid. If any individual, contractor, or company is interested in bidding for the contracts, please contact the Clerk (Rebekah, tel: 01380 720988)

Village Safety

o Play equipment: the damaged goalforce wall in the small playing field will be removed and repaired in early February.

o The Canal & River Trust has confirmed that volunteers will start work on 2nd February to help restore lengths of the towpath. In addition to these remedial works, their contractors will start to resurface the area between Marsh Lane Bridge and Lock 27, Marsh Lane Lock. These works are due to be carried out from the start of April 2015.

Defibrillator

o Some villages site their defibrillator in disused phone boxes. However, BT has no plans to decommission the payphone in the village. BT runs a yearly rationalisation programmed and the village phone box is not included in this year's list. Other sites for the defibrillator are being investigated.

Village Salt

o Salt for use in the village (on pavements and side roads) will be requested in August for next winter. The Parish Council is working on a Weather Response Plan with Wiltshire Council in the meantime.

Bins

o Wiltshire Council will move the bin situated on 'The Hill' to a site on Springfield Road. A further bin has been purchased by the Parish Council and will be sited on Marsh Lane near the junction of Rowde Court Road. This is in response to continued problems with dog fouling along these roads.

Allotments

o There are two allotment plots available for rent. If you are interested in having an allotment, please contact the Clerk (Rebekah, tel: 01380 720988)

Large Playing Field

o A complaint has been made about the poor condition that the changing rooms have been left in after recent football matches. The matter has been discussed with the teams involved.

o A quote for supplying power to the large playing field is being sought. An energy company has been approached and is in the process of accessing the site for viability.

Highways

o Work to make pedestrian crossing safer on Caen Hill is due to take place in March/April 2015. The crossing work has been timed at the same time as some resurfacing as it will save a considerable amount of money in road closure costs.

o Narrowing of road at West End Farm: the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) continues to monitor the situation with regard to road accidents at this spot. Please report any incidents in this area to Wiltshire Council or through the Parish Clerk (Rebekah, tel: 01380 720988).

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde, Bromham & Potterne

Liz Bryant	Wiltshire Councillor	01380 850316
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Jubilee Wood

o A grant has been allocated for improvement works to be carried out to the water logged footpath through the Jubilee Wood.

Planning Applications

o 15/00747/FUL: West End Farm: Erection of 2 steel portal framed structures to replace fire damaged barns. The Parish Council had no objections.

Update on planning application

o 14/11247/OUT: Outline planning permission for erection of single pair of semi-detached dwellings on land at Springfield Road, Rowde. Wiltshire Council has approved this application with conditions. The scale, layout, external appearance and landscaping of the development is still to be approved, including a parking breakdown and provision for bin stores for existing and proposed residents.

Neighbourhood Planning

o A Neighbourhood Planning Forum was held on 3rd February 2015 in Devizes Town Hall. Devizes Town Council, Bishops Cannings Parish Council and Roundway Parish Council gave an update on their joint Neighbourhood Plan and offered advice on starting a neighbourhood plan. It is estimated that the cost of developing a plan is approximately £12,000 - £15,000. Rowde Parish Council has had an initial discussion about this at the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to monitor the progress of other local plans in the area at this stage.

Devizes Area update

o Certain areas of the canal towpath will be made available for adoption by groups such as The Guides.

o A proposal has been lodged with Wiltshire Council for the new Devizes campus.

o 'Beat the Streets' is a new health initiative that will launch in Devizes on 6th May 2015. Beat boxes will be placed around the town and incentives will be given to encourage children and adults to walk as many miles as possible.

Finance

o Monthly invoices for January totalling £1367.34 were approved (proposed by S Stapleton, seconded by C Stevens) and the cheques signed.

Staff costs & printing	£909.84
Grounds & Village Maintenance	£395.70
Allotment water rates	£61.80
Total:	£1367.34

Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

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

Everyone is welcome

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

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

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

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Pest control:	01380 734721
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If the answer to any of these is "Yes" then visit

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/kennet_free-recycling/info for more info. Kennet_free-recycling is an email based system for finding homes for things and avoiding them go to land-fill.

You can apply to join by sending an email to

kennet_free-recycling-subscribe@yahoo.com

ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello Everyone,

Please note we are now mobile!!! We have a custom made cart to pull out our pavement signs in the morning. This is due to Geoff who lives opposite and has seen some of us struggling with the signs. He put a great deal of thought into it and it is perfect. When it is customised, we will put a picture in the magazine for you to see. Needless to say we are very grateful for the thought and the fact that we can now do the job so much more easily.

Chris Collett has also mended and refurbished our Cigarette cupboard for us and saved us the expense of having to buy another one.

So thank you to both of you.



Opening Hours

Mon to Fri	7:30am – 6:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 12:00
Bank Holidays	9:00am – 12:00

We have been fortunate to have a donation from the new dance club, Pole Krazee that has recently been set up behind the Old Spar shop. We are thrilled that they have kindly chosen to support us and the cash will go towards our new cover for the awning outside the shop. It has been purchased and we will have it in place quite soon.

We wish it had been so much easier to fix the Credit Card problem. At the time of writing we are still conversing several times a day with the card / software company.

It is hugely frustrating for both customers and the shop. We are tempted at this point to see if we can purchase Arkwright's old till from Open All Hours and revert to a £-s-d !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! System.

I hope when you read this all will have been sorted out. But as always it is another expense. Please bear with us and apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

Volunteers are rarer than hen's teeth. As with all groups we can do with some help. Wednesdays are particularly bad and late afternoons, week-ends would also be helpful if anyone has just a spare hour. Training is given and if I can manage it, it must be easy! So do come and meet the community.

We have been stocking Shelley's bakery items for a while, and it is freshly in store on a Thursday morning, we are trying out their Easter buns at present as well as their Eccles

Cakes, so do come and test them. The other thing you will notice is that we will be having a pricing gun so that all prices can be easily seen. With the spring nearly here we are back in ice cream mode. Watch out for our recipes, good puddings topped with vanilla ice cream and store cupboard goodies.

There are some really special and unique Easter goods as well to look forward to.

See you all soon we hope

Jan Barber, 01380 739800

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JAN'S RECIPE

Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Granulated Sugar
- 2 Tablesp. Cocoa
- 2 Teasp. Baking Powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoon Veg oil
- 1 Teasp. Vanilla essence
- 1 Cup Chopped nuts if desired
- 1 Cup of Brown Sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Cocoa
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup hottest Tap Water

METHOD:

Oven 350dgsF

1. Mix Flour, granulated sugar, 2 tabbsp Cocoa, the Baking Powder and Salt into ungreased baking pan 9x9x2"
2. Mix in Milk, oil, plus Vanilla essence with a fork until smooth, Stir in nuts.
3. Spread in pan, sprinkle with brown sugar and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Cocoa. Pour hot water over batter.
4. Bake for forty minutes. Let it stand for 15 minutes
5. Spoon into dessert dishes or cut into squares and invert onto plates. Top with Ice Cream and spoon over sauce.

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

Volunteers required

Help in your community shop

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EATING OUT - THE DUKE HOTEL, HILMARTEN

Food for everyone

If you are looking for top quality food, then there is sure to be something to tempt you on the extensive menu, whether your taste is for the traditional or the exotic.

All food is freshly prepared at The Duke and they guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Breakfast: Full English served 8-10am every day

Lunch: served 12-3pm every day

Dinner: served 6-9pm every day (except Sunday evening)

Sunday lunch: served 12-3pm

All visitors are strongly encouraged to bring all the family, with children warmly welcomed - either indoors or outside in the recently extended beer garden

The Duke is an elegant building in a marvellous spot - right opposite Hilmarton's delightful old church - and is a thriving pub which caters for all the demands of modern customers.

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Footnote: And they have a great all day Breakfast with 2 Sausages, 2 Back Bacon, Hash Browns, Beans or tomatoes, fried Slice, Mushrooms and 2 free range eggs - all for £7.95. Ed



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The Reverend John Rees

Thoughts from The Rectory

The nature of our society makes it difficult for many of us to slow down, and for some, including me, our personalities mean that we are even more likely to rush from one thing to the next.

Prior to coming to Rowde and Bromham I was frequently having to develop and submit business proposals in very tight timescales; so much so that living life at a fast pace became my normal way of life.

However, Jesus taught that it is not good for us to live this way. Luke's Gospel describes how Jesus called on his friends, Mary and Martha. While Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to what he had to say, Martha busied herself with household preparations. Eventually her frustration got the better of her and she said to Jesus: "do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

I suspect that, had I been a bystander, I would have sympathised with Martha. However, although Jesus responds compassionately, he makes it clear that Mary had done the right thing.

Although this account must not be used as an excuse for laziness or selfishness, it is nevertheless a timely reminder that constant rush is not good for us. As someone once said to me we wouldn't choose as an epitaph "I wish I had spent more time in the office".

Taking time to pause and rest is important, and for many it is when we do this that we become more aware of God's loving care for us all. During this season of Lent our Churches are preparing to celebrate Easter. All are welcome at our Lent reflection groups – you will find details elsewhere in this magazine.

Best wishes, John

Notes from our Churchwardens Mothers' Union.

Thursday 12 March 2.00pm meet in St Matthew's- Crafts in Church.

wednesday 25th March All Saints Church, All Cannings 2.00pm Lady Day Service- transport to be arranged.

Lent Study Group Meetings: see separate page

REMINDER

Sunday 29th March: 11.00am Benefice Service St Nicholas, Bromham followed by Bring and Share Lunch.

Evensong 6.00pm followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting including election of Churchwardens

Maureen Hiscocks, Church Warden

Contacts:

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Churchwardens:

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For more information about St Matthew's -
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CHURCH ROTAS

Church Cleaning

(see notice on page 14)

Brass Cleaning

Phil Hale

Flower Arranging

No flowers during Lent

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.

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March Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

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Date/Time	Service
Sunday 1 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.00 pm	Lent 2 Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Family Service in School <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 4 11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Lent 3 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Family Communion and Baptism</i> Parish Communion
Sunday 15 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Family Communion <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 18 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
Sunday 22 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Lent 5 <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Morning Worship <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i>
Sunday 29 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Palm Sunday <i>Benefice Communion, Bromham + Bring & Share Lunch</i> Evensong followed by Annual Church Meeting
APRIL	
Thursday 2 7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 3 10.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Good Friday Family Service Service for the Last Hour <i>Stations of the Cross, Bromham</i>
Saturday 4 7.30 pm	<i>Easter Vigil, Bromham</i>
Sunday 5 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Easter Day <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane (NB not Rowde)</i> <i>Family Communion</i> Family Communion

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

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



It was a hive of creative activity at a Children's Art and Crafts morning in St Matthew's church on Saturday 28th February

Church Cleaning at St Matthew's

Another good cleaning session took place on Wednesday 18th February at 1.30 pm. John Reeves did most of the dusting and then six of us gave the Church a good clean and polish, followed by a hot drink and Rock cakes kindly made by Jo.

We are going to have a break in March, and will then do a big 'Easter clean' on Wednesday 1st April at 1.30 pm. If you would like to come and help please contact Jane Moss 01380 729160 or Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406 or just turn up on the day.

Spanish Evenings

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm

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Lent 2015 in Rowde and Bromham



During Lent there will be an opportunity to look at five different New Testament songs of praise to see what they can tell us about God, Jesus, our faith and ourselves using the York Course material, 'Praise Him – songs of praise in the New Testament'.

When and where?

There are 2 opportunities each week to take part - please join us at a time and location that suits you. The material will be the same, so mix and match days if that's best for you.

Bromham on Tuesdays at 7.30pm

24th February at 77 Highfield: Gratitude

3rd March at 9 Westbrook Green: Image of God

10th March at 77 Highfield: Humility

17th March at 9 Westbrook Green: New Birth

24th March at 32 Greystones: Word made flesh

Rowde on Wednesdays at 12 noon

St Matthew's Church starting with a light lunch

Contact Rev John Rees on revjohnrees@btinternet.com or 01380 859646 for more information or just turn up.

NEWS FROM Hft

We seem to be having a quiet month or two, but as we head towards Mother's Day and Easter I'm sure things will get busier.

In our workshops we are running sessions making things for both occasions with hampers for both containing lots of goodies both edible and otherwise!

We are taking orders for Simnel cakes and Easter biscuits should you want to treat yourselves, we will no doubt be selling them at the Village Shop as well.

Other exciting news is that our Choir numbers have increased by some half a dozen thanks to some lovely local people who have agreed to come in on an ad hoc basis in response to the appeal we put out in the magazine last month. We are truly grateful.

We have recently had a restructure and some of us have new, wider ranging roles, this in turn means we are about to run a recruitment drive as we desperately need some more staff. Work in the Health and Social care sector is not brilliantly paid, but we do offer lots of training and a huge amount of job satisfaction, plus if you live locally, no travelling. What could be better?

If you are interested in finding out what we have to offer please contact Margaret Price (our Administrator) for an application form and job description pack.

Finally we have our longest serving member of staff leaving on 6th March. She is a local lady so I won't mention any names but the place really will not be the same without her. We are planning an afternoon of fun, food and games to mark her retirement on 6th March. There will be pictures in next month's magazine.

Jan Emm



Singing Volunteers Wanted

Here at Hft we have a choir group and even though there is no lack of enthusiasm for singing, we do lack a few more voices to give the group a bit of a boost.

Would you like to join us? There will be no expectations of you apart from a willingness to sing! We rehearse every Wednesday afternoon from 1030 to 4,30 with a break for a cup of tea or coffee and/or cake in between - free to volunteers!

If you would like to get out and join in some community singing we would love to see you. Please get in touch with Jan Emm on 725455 ext 1004 or just turn up Wednesday afternoons at Hft.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR NEWS



At the heart of your community

As part of Community First's 50th anniversary year celebrations, Wiltshire Life magazine will be writing a series of articles on 50 different ways that you can get involved more in your own communities. We were asked at Community First if we could think of any useful initiatives or activities going on locally that people could get involved in, and there were plenty that sprang to mind immediately.

The Erlestoke book swap and drop-in coffee morning was one of the initiatives that I suggested. Taking place in the church on the first Saturday morning of the month, it's a great opportunity for people of all ages to come along, eat cake, socialise and pick up a new book to read in the process.

As community activities go, book swaps in general are relatively simple to establish and a group in West Lavington are currently looking to set up something similar. The Churchill Arms pub has very kindly offered



them the use of a book shelf and they are now looking to get hold of some books to fill it! If anyone in the West Lavington area has any books that they may like to donate to help get them started or would like to hear about how they can get involved, please give me a call.

LINK schemes are another great way to meet new people and get involved in your local area. With a network of almost 2,000 volunteers, the LINK schemes provide volunteer transport and good neighbourly services to others in our communities and are always looking for people to get involved and support their activities. For more information about how you might be able to get involved in LINK, you can contact Linda O'Gorman on 01380 722241.

At Good Neighbours, we help link people in our rural areas with groups, organisations and services. If you think I may be able to assist you or a friend, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Note: For those of you that may not be aware, the Erlestoke lunch club that previously met in the George & Dragon every 3rd Wednesday of the month has now re-located to the Churchill Arms in West Lavington. For more info, please contact Helen Diskett on 01380 831127.

Alex North, Tel: 07557 922027

Email: devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

TOP HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES FOR COLDS AND FLU

Aconite - Early stages of colds, fevers, inflammations. Complaints come on suddenly. Possible causes: cold/dry wind; fright / shock. Characterised by extreme restlessness and fear. May specifically have an unfounded fear of death. Dry, hot skin. Symptoms worse in: evening / around midnight. Thirsty for cold drinks. May say everything tastes bitter, except water. Better for: fresh air. Worse for: touch.

Allium Cepa - Common, feverish cold with streaming eyes and nose. Profuse, watery nasal discharge which burns upper lip. Red, running eyes with bland discharge. Headache, worse in warm room. Worse: evening and stuffy rooms. Better: open air and cold room.

Arsenicum album - Catches cold easily: burning, watery nasal discharge alternating with dryness. Frequent sneezing without relief. Very chilly and shivery. Nostrils become sore and red and nose feels blocked alternating with watery discharge. Worse: change of temperature, cold, damp and after midnight. Better: heat and warm applications, hot drinks.

Eupatorium perfoliatum - Chill followed by heat and sweating. Intense aching of bones as if broken or bruised. Great thirst for cold drinks. Worse: movement, cold, open air. Better: Resting, warmth, sweating.

Ferrum Phos - Tired and weary, not feeling quite right. First signs of a cold or flu. Red inflamed eyes. Chill with shivering and fever with flushed face. Hot, burning, gritty eyes. Worse: quick movements, cold air. Better: rest, cold applications.

Gelsemium - No 1 remedy for flu. Dull, sluggish, with heavy looking eyes and dull headache usually at the back of the neck. Chills and shivering up and down the spine. Aching muscles in limbs and back. Burning throat. Colds and flu usually comes on gradually. Worse: cold, damp weather. Better: after urination.

Nux vomica - Colds and flu with extreme chilliness; just cannot get warm. Nose blocked at night but runs during the day, or lots of sneezing alternating with blocked nose, sides can alternate. Sore or raw throat and teeth may ache. Thirsty and Irritable. Worse: early morning, eating, cold air. Better: heat, lying down, sleep.

Pulsatilla - Chilliness even in a warm room, nasal catarrh, bland and thick. Dry mouth with no thirst. Painful headache with changing, shifting symptoms. Worse: in a warm room, after lying down. Better: in the open air.

Rhus toxicodendron - Very restless with aching in all muscles and stiffness. Just cannot get comfortable. Heat alternating with chills; pain in the head and eyes with red face. Worse: night, first movement. Better: warmth.


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JOKES

I applied for a job in a mirror shop because I could see myself working there!

What is a lawyers favourite pudding? Suet!

What is the best vegetable to have with Jacket potatoes? Button Mushrooms!

What do cats strive for? Purrfection!

Seven days of dieting makes one weak.

Rowde Village Shop Veg/fruit box

Are you interested in a weekly fruit and/or veg box supplied by your village shop (local produce where possible)?

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JOHN'S FARM



The weather does not seem to show any sign of warming up yet! At least we have found some time to catch up on repairs to some of the buildings and re-organising the farm workshop. As the machinery gets bigger we seem to have less and less space to service it, and to carry all the necessary spare parts to keep it running in the summer. We have re-built an old shed at the rear of the workshop to house some items and have taken the chance to clear out 20 years of hoarding. The next task is to start work on the conversion of the old cowshed into a better classroom. This involves replacing the leaky roof with an insulated version before we can do the internal improvements. Hopefully we will have most of this done by Open Farm Sunday on June 7th.

less crowded. Unfortunately the wet weather means their feet tend to get very muddy which they then transfer on to the eggs. So, the next boxes have to be cleaned very regularly.



Concreting a new track



Rebuilding the workshop store

This week we are due to have the annual 'MOT' on the crop sprayer and fertiliser spreader to ensure that they are fit for purpose and that they are putting on the right amount of products. All agricultural sprayers will have to undergo this test from 26th November 2015. Previously, it only applied to the larger farms. The test for the fertiliser spreader involves laying out a series of trays across the spreading width (24m), driving across them and weighing the amount of fertiliser in each one to ensure that the spread pattern is correct.

The hens have at last managed to start laying a few more eggs! Daylight hours affect the laying pattern and with longer days they will produce more eggs through until August when they generally moult and have a rest. They have two new houses this winter which means they are

We have been doing a bit more concreting around the yard, which will make access to the buildings easier, and save mud being carried inside. Last week we completed one strip which only just dried before 12 hours of continuous rain. We are still waiting for a break in the weather to complete the job! At least spring is only just around the corner and the temperatures should soon start to rise – for the time being though the log burner is still keeping us warm!



Keeping warm!

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm

NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

As we bound into spring, there seems to be such a lot of things going on at Rowde Academy.

All the school counsellors put on their new red noses to advertise that we are selling them in school. There are very special gold noses, I wonder if any of our children will be lucky enough to unwrap one.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5th March by dressing up, teachers included, as one of our favourite book characters. In the evening we are inviting children to come back to school at 5.30 to have a bedtime story and hot chocolate.

You may well have noticed that our wooden fencing panels, gates and garden panels have been given a new lick of paint. As part of our ongoing decorating project, all the fencing panels and woodwork around the school will be getting a new lease of life. So far the gates and fences look great and we are really pleased with how fresh the school looks.

Later on this term we will be welcoming the Story box Theatre Company to school. This group will be retelling the story of the Three Pigs. They use puppets to convey the story. They are renowned for the wonder and delight, mixed with the integrity of storytelling and all done by puppets! When they have visited the school previously the children and staff have loved the performance.

The bulbs that the children planted in our Spiritual garden way back in September are now poking through, and we look forward to seeing what they are going to grow into. I hope that there will be



All our School Council reps wearing red noses for Comic Relief

a mixture of tulips and daffodils and that our Spiritual garden will look beautiful.

Earlier this week, classes 3 and 6 went to the canal to watch the canal being emptied of fish, ready for maintenance. They were able to hold the fish as well as to learn the history of canal building. There were some huge fish as well as some small ones! The children were especially interested in the pike, which was a strange looking fish with teeth! **(see also page 42, Ed)**

As always, there will be more experiences for the children as the term goes on. Learning here is an adventure!

A note for your diary: We are holding our Easter service at St Matthew's church on Friday 27th March in the afternoon.

Lorraine Colquhoun



Zoe & Evie play during Collective Worship



Year 4 have been learning about habitats. Rowan's is a Coral Reef



Arctic animal wall hanging

NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Shakespeare Schools Festival

As I mentioned in the last issue three representatives from the Rowdeford School KS4 Drama group were going to London to take part in a 'showcase' for the Shakespeare Schools Festival at 11 Downing Street in London on Monday 26th January. The event consisted of several brief extracts from different plays performed by 5 schools from around the country, one primary, one preparatory, two secondary academies and Rowdeford School.



Three of our pupils were selected to perform an extract from Hamlet to an audience of potential fundraisers and supporters, introduced by Frances Osborne (wife of the famous George) and addressed by Nicholas Hytner (director of the National Theatre).

The pupils were directed by Ken Kimber, assistant director Bridget Barber and supported by Fiona Bradley.

Hamlet was played by Michael King, Horatio by Bradley Batt and the Ghost by David Wildman.

LoTC

The start of 2015 has been very productive at Rowdeford. Treacle has had her piglets. Most of the students and staff had the opportunity to witness one of the 14 piglets being born. This also included some of September's New Y7 Pupil Intake who were visiting the school in preparation for the change of schools.



Treacle's Piglets

Our chickens are now producing between 5 and 10 eggs a day. If you are visiting the school they are available to buy at reception.

Trampolining

Once again five of our students took part in the North Wilts Schools Trampolining Competition at Melksham. In the past we have been fortunate enough to get through to the National Final. Each student had to perform an individual routine and the scores were added together. We are proud to say they won Gold. This now means they will compete in the next round in July which takes place in Marlborough against the winners of other regions of Wiltshire. We will let you know how it goes.

Lorraine Schwarz

Friends of Rowdeford School Quiz Night

We are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 13th March and you are invited to join us.

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Seend Cleeve

PHOTO FUN

Strange facial hair this month!



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

Rowde Village News **March 2015**

FUN COLUMN

Welcome to the fun page. I hope you solved the 2 puzzles last month. Here are the solutions for you.

He should take the goat alone on the first crossing, as there is no danger of the wolf eating the cabbage. He then returns empty, and takes the wolf across, but brings the goat back. He then takes the cabbage across, returns empty and on the final crossing, takes the goat across for the second time. All three are now on the other side intact.

The clowns could not possibly comply with the ringmaster's wishes because the fractions one-half, one-third and one-ninth do not total one.

After these brain-testing questions, it is time to just sit back and have a chuckle at these wise words. No effort required on your behalf!

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop annoying me.

The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have grey hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm very wise.

My people skills are just fine. It's my intolerance to idiots that needs work.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Jack, www.jackstephens.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It's possible to have too much in life. Too many clothes jade our appreciation for new ones; too much money can put us out of touch with life; too much free time can dull the edge of the soul. We need sometimes to come very near the bone so that we can taste the marrow of life rather than its superfluities.

Joan Chittister

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

You should never be ashamed to own up that you have been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that you are wiser today than you were yesterday.

Alexander Pope

ROWDE BOY FUNDRAISING FOR TANZANIA

My name is Aaron Holloway I am 14 and live in the village, I am currently fundraising for an expedition to Tanzania in association with camps international which I will be going on in 2016, this will be a very challenging but exciting experience for me. The expedition involves being away for a month (very scary) and being involved with various community projects such as building traditional houses and community Centres for the local people, work on construction and refurbishment of classrooms and providing teaching assistance as well as playing sports with the children, providing water to the villages and various environmental projects. It will be very challenging but rewarding.



As part of my fundraising I have already done a sponsored walk, helped at a refreshment stand, have helped with a raffle held at school and both Wes Foderingham and Tyrell Belford of Swindon Town have also both donated signed gloves to my cause.

For my latest fundraising efforts I am planning to run a Bonus Ball competition on the last Saturday of each month throughout 2015 where I will sell numbered squares 1-49 and the winner will be the square that matches the bonus ball drawn on that Saturdays lottery draw, as part of this fundraiser as my expedition is to help the local community in Tanzania I have also decided to help our community by donating some of the money raised to the village shop fund. Individuals would buy a numbered square for £2.50 each and the prize will be 40% of the money taken from the sale of the squares, then the rest of the money from the sale of the squares will be split with 40% going to my fundraising fund and 20% going to the village shop fund. If all the squares are not brought and the number drawn is not matched then all the squares that have been purchased will be put into a hat and drawn at random at the shop the Monday following the draw.

The winners will be notified on the Monday following the draw and a notice also put on the shop notice board.

For me the expedition will be a life changing experience, I have never been away from home for more than a week before and always have had phone contact throughout my time away. When I go this time it will be for a month and there will be limited or no phone signal so I will have little or no contact with my friends and family back home, very scary! I will have to look after myself and even do my own washing (by hand), even scarier! The expedition will take me completely out of my comfort zone and I will have to overcome many challenges but I believe this will help with my personal development and independence and will allow me to gain experience of team work, time management and financial awareness both in Tanzania and whilst fundraising. I am hoping it

will help to boost my confidence in social situations as I have always found social interaction difficult; I hope to gain the skills and confidence to overcome issues that I have in this area which will benefit me not only now but in the future too. Most of all it will be a rewarding life changing experience which I believe will inspire me for the rest of my life.

I will be planning more fundraising events throughout the year and you can keep up to date with the bonus ball competition and other fundraising events on my blog <https://aarongoestotanzania.wordpress.com>

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Flo Brookes, a volunteer who was part of the building project says

'it's a wonderful place, the huts feel really welcoming and cosy, especially once the fire's lit and someone is baking flat breads. Being involved with this project has been really rewarding and there are some great people volunteering with me'.

To find out more about this and other volunteering opportunities at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre visit the website www.english-heritage.org.uk/volunteering or call 01793 445 009.

Step into England's story

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Sunny day's preschool news!



Just before Christmas we had a special visit from the reindeer from the North Pole, they even managed to bring some snow with them!!

We are all looking forward to the new term and being back with our friends again.

We are learning about our environment this term, with a big focus on birds to start us off. We will be watching our garden for different species of birds and recording our findings to send to RSPB for national bird watch week.

We are all excited about the ever changing weather and still enjoy going outside every day. So far we have experienced rain, wind and most excitingly snow. This has led to big discussions about where snow comes from? And why is it cold? The children have some amazing ideas as answers to these questions letting us know they have a very vivid imagination. We enjoyed creating paper aeroplanes and testing how far they fly, this was lots of fun especially in the wind.

Extended opening hours.

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



Looking for childcare to start after Easter or September? We currently have spaces. We take children from the age of 2 upwards. Please contact Sarah 01380723991 or preschoolrowde@aol.com for more information.

ROWDEY COW NEWS



We have just finished a very busy half term which was great and we celebrated the Chinese New Year with Pyjama Drama which was a lot of fun!

Next on the calendar is Mothers Day and we only have some availability for later sittings of 2.30pm onwards so please book quickly to avoid disappointment if you want to enjoy a traditional Sunday Roast in our child friendly environment for Mothers Day.

Now the fields have started to dry out the goats are back outside again but it is still a bit wet for

the ponies who are tucked away in the barn and can be seen next to the toy tractor barn.

As the evenings are starting to get lighter we will change our opening hours back to 10am-5pm from Friday 27th March.

Through term time we are continuing to offer our Senior Citizen Discount of 10% every Tuesday and we have loyalty cards for coffee and ice cream.

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Sue

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PHOTO MEMORIES



Dennis Powney has sent us this photo of Rowde School children c.1950/60s?

The print belongs to Mrs Eunice Pearce and her late husband, John Pearce is in the photo. Also there is Maurice Perrett and the teacher is Miss Trialing. Can anyone supply the names of the other children please?

If you can identify anyone in the photo please tell us at watters.alan@gmail.com.

And if you do know anyone in this photo or if you knew any other villagers from the first half of the 20th century and have a story to tell please get in touch and maybe we can feature them or a photo in a future issue. Ed

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- 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.



MARY AMELIA DALLEY

This very special lady was taken from us on December 24th 2014.

Mary was born on the 11th of April 1936 and was raised and brought up at Mile Elm, Calne, by her mum and dad Maggie and Charlie Burgess along with four sisters and three brothers. She met Bob Dalley at the Landsdown Arms in Calne. They were married at Devizes registry office on the 8th September 1956 and had their reception at Devizes Road, Rowde.

Mary had five children – Peter, Susan, David, John and Roger along with eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mary was never one to sit around and worked all through her life at the potato factory in Bromham, the Regent fish and chip shop on the green, the Black Horse and the Black Swan. Mary was a very caring lady who would stop at nothing to help others when needed. She was also a great supporter of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and she organized several fund raising events when a local villager was helped by the helicopter.

She got a local artist to do a painting of the air ambulance and this was then auctioned and has ended up in the offices of the helicopter. Mary so much enjoyed village life in Rowde where all of her children attended Rowde School. She loved nothing more than popping down to the local shop and having a chat with Jean and Di.

Over 150 people attended Mary's funeral on the 13th of January which I think goes to show just how much she was liked.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words and support since Mary's passing and also a very big thank you to our vicar John who was so helpful and to the church choir at her service.

After the service a collection in Mary Dalley's memory raised £376.00 which we

have donated half each to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and St Matthew's Church Rowde.

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ROWDE COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH UPDATE

The Police stopped us from checking speeds for a time as they were carrying out a risk assessment of all of the speed watch sites in the County. Now it is all systems go for us and so the speed watch team has been out again despite the freezing condition and ice cold fingers. There have been lots of vehicles driving through the village, never less than 400 per hour whilst we have been out counting and sometimes as many as 650.

One of our new volunteers has had a hand at using the camera and should be up to speed soon (excuse the pun) especially if he remembers to bring his glasses next time!

So have the motorists been behaving themselves? One or two have been seen driving at 17 miles per hour! Methinks they have been trying to make a point!

Whilst we have been recording and reporting speeders we don't always get it right. On one occasion a car was driving through the village

at the legal speed limit of 30 miles per hour when, right in front of us, a car pulled out to overtake it and drove off at excessive speed. Much to our annoyance the car in question had a very dirty rear- number plate and we could not record him. So we missed the worst offender who being so annoyed at having to keep to the speed limit chose to overtake right outside the school gates. Worse still, the driver of the offending car either didn't see us or knew that he had a dirty number plate and therefore tried his luck.

On a lighter note Chris (another volunteer) and myself were nearly arrested for photographing the military, at least that is what we were accused of. We clocked an unmarked car with two soldiers in it as they were driving within the speed limit, suddenly they turned around and came back to us and asked if we had been filming because there had been a spate of civilians filming military personnel and they were concerned that was what we were up to. Thankfully were able to prove that we were innocents and avoided any further trouble.

Tony Jeffries

Team Leader

Rowde Speed Watch

FLAGS FLY AFTER ROWDE MARINA'S SECOND AWARDS TRIUMPH

The marina at Rowde has made it to the podium for the second year running in awards organised by The Yacht Harbour Association.

Caen Hill Marina, in Rowde, was named runner-up in the best UK inland marina category to the delight of managers Rob and Cara Hodgson-Reed and marina warden John Tidy.

Mrs Hodgson-Reed, 45, who was presented with the trophy at the London Boat Show, said she was particularly pleased as the award was voted for by the people who moor at the marina.

The 250-berth marina opened in October 2011 at Foxhangers at the bottom of the Caen Hill flight of locks.

Mrs Hodgson-Reed said: "It is a great achievement to win this award from TYHA, especially as we won an award last year as well.

Nearly 30 marinas are in the nominations. Our moorers appreciate all the functions we do in the marina for them, such as beer tasting events, beer festivals, information talks about the canal and many more."

The couple have managed the marina since it opened. Last year it was named best inland marina in the UK. They went into marina management after years of being dedicated boaters.



John Tidy, left, and Cara Hodgson-Reed with Bob Walts, a representative of award sponsors GJW Insurance by onedition

Mrs Hodgson-Reed added: "Cruising on the canal is wonderful, with kingfishers and swans going past you. Rob and I have been boating for over 12 years and cruised a lot of the canal network before working in the marina."

BIRD OF PREY TO SCARE OFF GULLS



An action plan to reduce gull numbers in Devizes and the surrounding areas was announced at Devizes Area Board last month. The board agreed to contribute £3,200 towards the £10,000-a-year project, which will use a bird of prey to scare the gulls along with replacing eggs with fake ones.

The bird of prey, which is being supplied by Harris Hawks and Falcons, would fly three hours daily for 10 days and then 26 more flights through the year to maintain a presence in the area. On four occasions there will also be an egg and nest removal program for roof areas during April, May and June, with access arranged by Wiltshire Council

FOOTBALL

Sunday 1st February 2015

A 5-3 victory for Rowdey Cow Rowde at home to Oakhill saw them end a three match losing run. The victory was even sweeter for the Rowdey Cow as they had been beaten 2-1 by Oakhill just a few weeks before.

Jordan Tarrant's double, his second of which came from the penalty spot, put Oakhill two up at the break. Robbie Whyte got Rowdey Cow back in the game early in the second half before Robbie Burton netted a third for Oakhill.

Bradley Whitbread's 25-yard volley closed the gap on Oakhill and his second of the game got the teams back on level terms.

The introduction of Jack Fordham seemed to settle the hosts and they got their noses in front through Jamie Wallen who rifled home a 40 yard thunderbolt to give them a 4-3 lead.

The scoring was completed by Bradley Whitbread with his third and the Rowdey Cow's fifth of the morning.

Sunday 8th February 2015

FC North Wiltshire and Rowdey Cow Rowde shared six goals and the points in what was a thriller at Leafy Lane, where, despite taking the lead, Rowdey Cow had to come from behind to claim a 3-3 draw.

Bradley Whitbread gave Rowdey Cow the lead which was cancelled out by Scott Austin who out paced the visitors defence to bring the scores level.

Dan Deacon headed North Wilts back in front only for the unfortunate Dave Leask to put through his own goal and tie things up at 2-2.

A second from Deacon, this time a simple tap-in, gave North Wilts a 3-2 interval lead, but yet again the hosts were unable to hold on for victory as a second-half strike from Rory Collins earned Rowdey Cow a share of the spoils.

Sunday 15th February 2015

A 4-0 win for Rowdey Cow Rowde over The Mallard saw them extend their unbeaten home record to eight matches.

Bradley Whitbread's goal on three minutes set Rowde up nicely for the remainder of the game before Joe Merritt's cross come shot on 18 minutes doubled the advantage.

Whitbread rifled home in the 40th minute for his second and Rowde's third and then Matt Lever's thunderbolt 10 minutes from time made up the quartet.

...and from 100 years ago:

ROWDE: The Slate Club has made an auspicious beginning of another year. Last year there were 109 subscribing members, and although the new year is but a month old, there are already 114 on the books. This is most satisfactory when it is remembered that at least 70 men have left the village owing to the war. Indeed it may be stated that the number is a record.

ROWDEFORD SCHOOL PUPILS PERFORM HAMLET AT NO 11 DOWNING STREET

The hard work of learning lines has paid off for pupils at Rowdeford School as they got the chance to perform in front of a distinguished audience in 11 Downing Street, home of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne.



Staff and pupils from Rowdeford School arrive in Downing Street

It was part of a showcase for the Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) with three students from Rowdeford's KS4 drama group taking part.

The special needs community school in Rowde was one of five schools chosen and gave an extract from Hamlet to an audience of potential fundraisers and supporters including of the National Theatre director Nicholas Hytner.

Headteacher Ingrid Sidmouth said: "I was absolutely thrilled that our students were picked to be part of the showcase. It was a great opportunity for them to extend and practice their drama skills."

Director Ken Kimber, who is head of drama at Rowdeford, said: "It was a wonderful experience for our pupils to take part in the event at Downing Street. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience it gave some of the more able and enthusiastic pupils the chance to develop their work in greater depth."

As part of the SSF 10 Rowdeford pupils also performed Hamlet in the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon along with other schools in front of a packed crowd last month.

For the last five years the school has been taking part in SSF, which works with more than 1,000 schools and 150 professional theatres to enable young people to perform abridged Shakespeare plays.

RECORD BREAKING BREAKFASTS!

Record breaking year for Vine Cottage RNLI charity breakfastscomplete!



We would like to thank everyone who supported our breakfasts again for this third year. We had many returning guests again and it was also great to see new people like the group of friends below who came for the first time this year. Once again we charged

£10 per person, and £7.50 of that went to the RNLI. We also sold RNLI Christmas cards and souvenirs and many local crafts, including our own Vine Cottage preserves, and 10% of all those sales are donated to the lifeboats.

So all the money has now been counted and we can proudly reveal that with charges and many extra donations we have raised £657.93 and sold nearly £40 worth of Christmas cards and souvenirs.

We will be repeating again next year with a slight price increase to cover escalating costs, and the dates will be announced in the early autumn. Please book early as once again we had to turn people away, don't let that be you.

Mary and Ben Bentley

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE OLD BAKERY IN ROWDE?



It combines an intense cardio workout with strength training and core stability, and it doesn't involve spending hours on your own in the gym each week. None the wiser? It's the latest must do fitness activity for women and men of all shapes and sizes - pole fitness.

If you watched ITV's Britain's Got Talent and Got to Dance last year and Get your act together this year you'll have seen some of the incredible pole fitness routines performed by some really talented individuals. Gone are the days when pole dancing is seen in a negative light, with people across the country taking up the activity and with nationally and





internationally recognised championships, this addictive form of exercise is rising in popularity year on year and is set to be soon recognised as a sport to soon be able to join the Olympics.



There are several dance schools in Wiltshire that offer pole fitness lessons, one of which is Pole Krazee based in Rowde. This purpose designed dance studio runs pole fitness and ariel hoop classes from Monday –Saturday for all abilities, ages and sizes from group lessons to 121 lessons.

Gina Mellor, owner and founder of Pole Krazee comments; "We have over 250 members here at Pole Krazee, from beginners right through to advanced classes. Our members come from a range

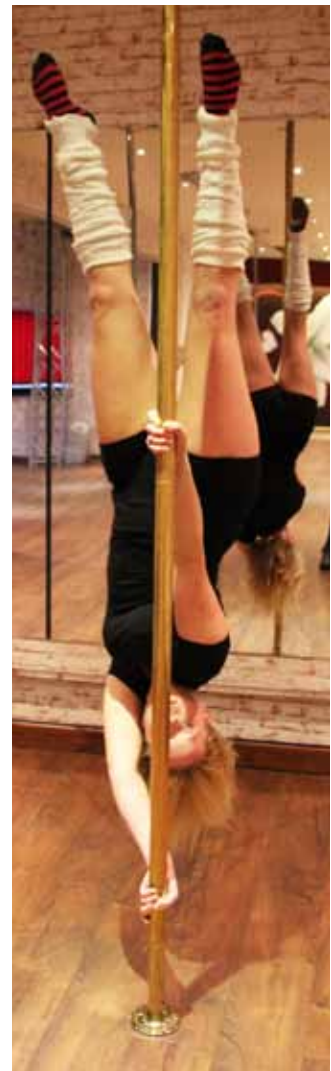


of backgrounds, from science technicians, teaching assistants and dental receptionists to Children's nurses, marketing managers and recruitment consultants. Pole fitness is an amazing way to lose weight and build core strength, just think of it as gymnastics on a stick, as in essence that's what it is. Many members have commented that our lessons have helped with depression, anxiety, back problems, arthritis and Dayna who has Cerebral Palsy left hemiplegia says pole fitness has helped more than physiotherapy in giving her strength and movement she never thought possible. I myself the owner am diagnosed with high functioning autism, Aspergers and ADHD.

"Everyone should have the chance to take on a new challenge, and I strongly believe that regardless of whether you have a disability or are able bodied, pole fitness has something to offer. In fact I'm proud to say that a Dayna is competing in this year's Trixters competition, which is an event specifically for pole athletes with and without disabilities.

"I'm also a great believer in giving something back to the community, Friday 6th Feb, Pole Krazee donated £50 to the local village shop. In the 2 years Pole Krazee has been in business we have donated over £2000 to local charities such as Devizes Opportunity Centre, Splitz in Trowbridge and a Autistic group in Melksham we do this through the donation of a percentage of the fees members pay and hopefully to hold future fete's and events, that would be open for all the public to come along.

Pole Krazee opened in Rowde in the summer and is on the site of the former old bakery which had





been left empty for years, until it was given a new lease of life in July. As well as pole fitness and ariel hoop, the studio also runs daytime Zumba classes as well as a 'stretch and flex' class with Olympic rhythmic gymnast Fran Fox. Over the coming months Pole Krazee will also be offering lessons in silks and Cocoon yoga.

Gina continues; "We now have three part time instructors all of whom are fully trained, and covered by the necessary insurances needed to teach this type of fitness class. We always welcome new members and have some beginners spaces still available if anyone wants to give it a try!"

As with any business that operates outside of normal trading hours, Pole Krazee instructors and members are mindful of the impact evening lessons may have on local residents and as such only run member sessions within hours that all members and staff are left the premises before last orders are called at our lovely local public house.

If you would like to try pole fitness or ariel hoop or would just like some more information on what it's all about, find Pole Krazee on Facebook or call 07786376930. If you bring this article with you after contacting us we will give you your first lesson for free.

Gina Mellor



STEWSDAY TUESDAY - FANTASTIC!

Another very successful 'Stewsdays' took place on Tuesday 17th of February at St Matthew's Church. It was a great evening, which everyone enjoyed!



There were 102 people, 95 of them were adults, and 7 were children. We had 20 different types of puddings, which were made by the people that came along to Stewsdays.

Sally, Mike, Tayte, Joe and Bernie all helped Gavin with the cooking on Monday and Tuesday, ready for the evening of Stewsdays. Josie, Gordon and Mike helped with setting up the church on Tuesday afternoon, ready for the night, so that people who went to Stewsdays had a nice place to have a meal. Caroline and Richard Keevil lent us their tables for Stewsdays. This meant that people had a place to eat, and a place to sit. Bernie, Mike, Tayte, Joe, Michol, Thalia, Kiah and Jane helped with the serving out on the night, so that people had food.

Altogether, we made £457 profit, which will all go in aid of St Matthew's church. Many thanks to all those who came to Stewsdays, and to all those who helped. We hoped you enjoyed it.

Kiah-Mai-Cooper!

A FISHY STORY AT CAEN HILL LOCKS!

On Monday 23rd February Ozzy Bowler, along with Rowde Academy classes 3 and 6, was invited to watch the fish being moved from a lock whilst essential repairs are being made to it. The old crumbled bricks were removed, then replaced and any crumbled mortar were touched up.



The fish were humanely stunned, caught, then put in oxygenated containers until they woke up. They were then taken to the next lock down the flight and released. **(see also page 19, Ed)**

Sarah Bowler

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photographs by Sarah Bowler

BURNS NIGHT ANOTHER SUCCESS!



March 2015 Rowde Village News

photographs by Alan Watters



A Burns Night Supper was again held in the Bowden Art Centre at Rowdeford School, back by popular demand after the first one was held last year and it proved to be an even bigger success! Bob the Piper was the MC again and with excellent food followed by some enthusiastic dancing, a great time was had by all. The final figure raised, including donations, was over £2,300 and this will be going towards the Outdoor Learning Centre.

With so many plusses taken from the event, the next one has already been confirmed for Saturday 30th January 2016 so get it in your diary now so you don't miss out on the fun!



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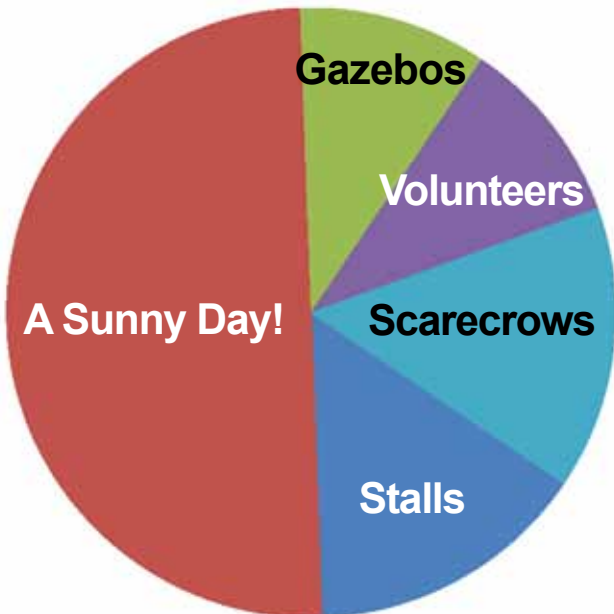
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ROWDE VILLAGE FETE AND SCARECROW TRAIL 2015

Dear Villager,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 4th Feb, 4th Mar, 1st Apr, 6th May and 3rd Jun.

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

I look forward to hearing from you,

Lorna Freemantle

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Rowde Village Fete 4th July 2015 12 - 4pm Stall application form

Stall Name

CONTACT DETAILS

Stall holders Name

Email Phone number

STALL DETAILS

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

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

EVENT DETAILS

Location; St Matthews Church Playing field.

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

Set up times;

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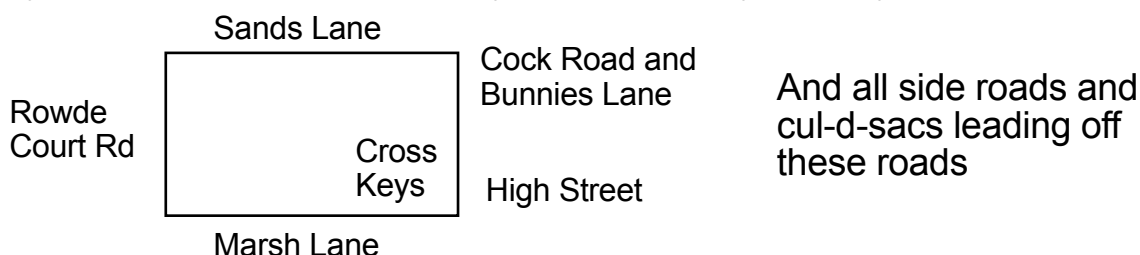
Vehicles to be clear of the field by 11am

All stalls to be set up by 11.30 am

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

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

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

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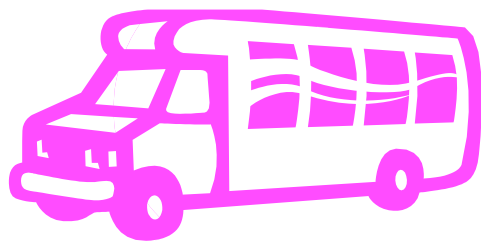
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LETTERS

STREET LIFE

Hello Alan,

I had an invitation in the post to join Street-life. I thought it was junk mail but I went ahead and joined! It's a social network site that's completely free and it is centred by post-code, so all residents in Rowde are interconnected! Seems like a great idea to me!

Maybe you could include in the Rowde Village News so more can join?

Thanks, Richard

(I have since joined the site myself and also found that they have a fee ap for iPhone and iPlayer. It does look promising so I think there's no harm in giving it a try as you can always cancel later if it doesn't work out for you. Ed)

MIDNIGHT CHALLENGE!



Dear Readers

We just wanted to let everyone know that we shall be taking part in the Snowdon Midnight Challenge on the 15th May 2015 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. The Challenge is to walk up Snowdon overnight via the Llanberis Pass.

If anyone would like to sponsor us please go to our Just Giving Pages:

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Thank you in anticipation,

Geraldine Clisby-White & Sally Stevens

ROWDE FLATS FIRE UPDATE

In the article in the February issue of the Rowde Village News it stated that Mr Mullins had lost nearly all of his possessions.

It must also be said that there were other people with flats in same the building. There was no mention of Mr Garren Hall who lives

in the bottom flat below Mr Mullins. Yes, the ceiling below was badly damaged in Mr Hall's flat because of the water used by the fire brigade. Mr hall's flat was totally destroyed because of the fire damage above and this has now led to him having to find alternative accommodation elsewhere, miles from the village where he has lived for many years. I think that Mr Hall is the person that has come out of this unfortunate incident the worst but thankfully there was no one hurt. Look forward to seeing you back in your home Garren, all the best mate.

From the Rowde Hogs

Note: The original news item printed in the RVN was as reported in the local press release but we thank John Dalley for sending this further information and we would very much welcome other news items being sent directly to us at the RVN by any residents in the village. Ed

STEWSDAY TUESDAY

Dear All

Just to let you know that we raised the fantastic amount of £457 on 'Stewsdays Tuesday'. Thank you to everyone that came along and also for the kind donations that we received, and the amazing puddings – all 20 of them!!



As some of you will already know we are holding two Fundraising Spanish Evenings at our house, with all profits going to St Matthew's Church.

The two evenings are Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th May 2015

If you would like to come to either of these evenings please e-mail us back with how many tickets you would like and which evening you would prefer. If there is a group of you that want to come on the same night let us know and we will try and fit you all in together.

Places are limited so please let us know as soon as possible. Spanish dressing up NOT required!!

Kind Regards

Jane and Gavin

LETTERS

I DID IT!!



Julie and Bridget with their medals after the race!

It's Sunday 1st March and I'm sat in my kitchen with very sore legs and toes (blisters) because I managed to run the Bath Half Marathon this morning. After a year of training it all came down to this morning at 11am when I crossed that start line. I've had my ups and downs over the last few months, some niggling injuries and an accident falling over the dog on my final training run last Wednesday! But thankfully nothing too serious or bad enough that Phil Hale couldn't help me with. I've had a great running partner in Bridget who was just amazing during the race today. So much so that when I was close to tears on the 13th mile and my legs felt like lead she grabbed my hand and pulled me to the finish line. I'm proud to say that I ran the whole way and didn't stop once. With over 15,000 people running today the atmosphere was amazing, the support from the crowds lining the streets spurred me on, it really did make a difference.

Of course the main reason for running today was to raise money for charity. I chose The Wiltshire Air Ambulance which is completely funded by donations and charity work. It is such an amazing organisation and they save lives every day. So far I have managed to raise over £500 for them which is a fantastic amount of money. I would however love to be able to raise even more with the help of you, my lovely local readers. If you can spare a few pounds, it really is going to a fantastic cause.

I would also just like to personally thank a lovely lady called Steph Southall. Steph lives in Nuneaton and has a subscription to our village magazine which I send to her every month. After reading my letter in the last issue she sent me a lovely card and a cheque for sponsorship. Thank you Steph, your card and words really were lovely. And thank you to everyone else that has donated, it really is appreciated.

So if you see me out walking with Cocoa this week and I'm hobbling a bit, you know the reason why!!

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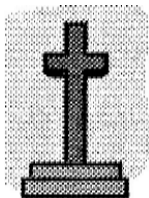
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Sudoku (Difficult this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (easy this month)

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

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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



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Allotments

Chris Stevens, Tel: 01380 738438

Bell Ringing

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

Bingo

Mondays 8 pm in Village Hall

Book Club

Meets monthly - Ann Swan 724788

Charities

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

Church

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

Church Choir

Practice Thursdays at 7 pm
Nicola Brown 722406

Church Wardens

Maureen Hiscocks Tel: 01380725406
Gavin Moss Tel: 01380729160

Clarence

0800 232323

Community Advisor Emergency Planning

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

Doctor

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

Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

Footpaths

Ben Bentley 01380 728360

Garage

Slades of Rowde Tel: 01380727936

Good Neighbour Coordinator

Alex North 07557 922027

Hospital

Devizes Community Hospital
Tel: 723511

Ladies Club

Held in Village Hall on last Tuesday
in the month at 8 pm.

Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council
Tel: 0300 4560100
Devizes Town Council 722160

Parish Council

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

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

Sunny Days Nursery

Contact Liz or Sam on 01249
818824 or 01380 723991

Playing Fields

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

Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

Pubs/Restaurants

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

Rifle Club

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

Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

Rowde Rainbows

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

Rowde Riders

Wendy Williams, Tel: 721554

Rowde Runners

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

Rowde Village Hall

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

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

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

Rowdeford Special School

Head Teacher
Ingrid Sidmouth Tel: 850309

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Rosa Lancaster, Tel: 725455

Sewing Circle

Ring Yvonne on 01380 728745

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Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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

Veterinary Surgeries

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

Village Fete

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 722179
Lorna@matthewfreemantle.com

Village Shop

Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

Website

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

Youth Clubs

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

Village Diary



- 7 March **Table Top Sale in Village Hall** (see page 22)
- 11 March **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 13 March **Quiz Night** (see page 20)
- 15 March **Mother's Day Lunch** (see page 32)
- 29 March **Village Tart Bake Off** (see page 32)
- 15 April **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall (3rd Wednesday due to Easter)**
- 12 & 13 May **Spanish Evenings** (see page 14)
- 13 May **Parish Council Meeting - 7pm in Village Hall (earlier start)**
Note: Followed by the Annual Village Meeting at 8pm
- 17 May **Rowdeford Garden Fair 11am to 3pm**
- 18 May **Concert by Devizes town Band in St Matthew's Church**
- 24 May **Ciderfest** (see page 47)
- 7 June **Open Farm Sunday**
- 10 June **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 4/5 July **Rowde Village Fete and Scarecrow Trail** (see pages 44 & 45)
- 8 July **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 9 September **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 14 October **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 11 November **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 9 December **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 30 Jan 2016 **Burns Night Supper Dance** (see page 43)

Updating the Diary or Village Guide

If you would like to add an event to the Village Diary (this page) or amend an entry in the contacts page (opposite page), please email details to watters.alan@gmail.com or phone 01380 724788

ROWDE BUS TIMES (to and from Chippenham and Devizes)

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Rowde, Cross Keys 0739 0816 0939 1036 1136 1236 1336 1436 1556 1656 1741 1836
 Chippenham Bus Stn 0817 0839 1007 ----*-- 1204 ---*-- 1404 ---*--- 1634 1734 1819 ---*-- (* ends at Calne)
 Rowde, Cross Keys 0720 0750 0840 0845 0923 1015 1044 1215 1244 1415 1444 1640 1720 1820
 Devizes, The Pelican 0728 0803 0848 0858 0931 1023 1050 1223 1250 1423 1450 1653 1733 1833
 Additional journey on Schooldays only 1525 Rowde School via Marsh Lane and Caen Hill to Devizes market Place

Saturday

Rowde, Cross Keys 0741 0821 0946 1126 1306 1516 1656 1801 1836
 Chippenham Bus Stn 0819 --*--- 1024 1204 1344 1554 1734 1839 ---*-- (* ends at Calne)
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