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Editorial

Welcome to the May edition of the Rowde Village News and I hope you enjoy reading it.

There's all the usual reports from the schools and the various village organisations and also a good selection of interesting articles, especially in the Local News pages (26 to 30). Amongst these there are concerning articles about funding for boarding at Rowdeford School and about the trees at Caen Hill locks.

Very interesting also is a very old photograph we received from reader Dennis Powney of an event which took place at The Hill in Rowde. We have no information at all about the image so please have a look on page 37 and let us know if you can enlighten us on who, when and what it was all about.

With a Royal Wedding taking place this month you can celebrate the event by going along to what sounds like a very exciting street party. See page 45 for all the details.

In 2014 there were several activities in the village commemorating the start of WW1 and it is now time to celebrate the end of the war. Read more about this on page 18.

On 26th April Ann and I attended a very interesting and enlightening archaeological talk on 'What's Under Rowde'. Read all about it and about what else has been happening at 'John's Farm' on page 31.

Finally, as I have other pressing commitments starting towards the end of May, can I ask that contributors to the June edition send their submissions to me by the 15th of May please?

And finally, finally, can I say a big thankyou to Ian Diddams (the PC Doctor) who came to my rescue at very short notice last week when my PC 'died'. Without his expert help you wouldn't be reading this magazine now! See his advert on page 5.

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.

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Cover Photo

The superb cover photograph this month was sent in by Jason Wheller. It shows an illuminating view of narrow boats near the Caen Hill locks, Rowde. Well done Jason!

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

A successful Bric a Brac sale was held on April 14th in the Village Hall with £248 being made for Village Hall funds.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.P.Fennell, Mrs.H.Imrie, Mrs.C.Webster, Mrs.S.Hicketts, Mrs.M.Hayter, Mr.I.Spyer, Mr.F.Daniells, Mr.C.Clark, Mrs.D.Clark, Mrs.M.Hiscock and Mrs.L.Harris.

If you have Ticket number 220 or 627, please contact Di.Buckland 723049 to collect your prize.

Many thanks to all who supported this event and to all our marvellous 'band' of volunteers who 'manned' the stalls and helped behind the scenes. Thank you.

Our next event will be the Ploughman's Lunch on May 5th at 12-2pm in the Village Hall

Barrie Barrett, Chairman

HIWAY CLUB

(for the hearing impaired)

The A.G.M. of the Hiway Club for the hearing impaired will be held on Wednesday April 25th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you have a hearing problem or know someone who has why not come along we would be pleased to see you!

Di. Buckland (Secretary) 723049

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members met on April 3rd in the Village Hall and celebrated the birthday of Mrs.M.Hayter in the usual way! We then had several games of Card Bingo with the winners being: Mrs.M.Noad, Mrs.P.Chorley and Mr.B.Chorley.

The next meeting will be held on May 1st at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Daphne Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

The members of the Ladies Club enjoyed doing 'Gentle Exercises' with Yve at their meeting on March 27th. I think we all felt better after the stiffness wore off!!

Raffle winners were: Mrs.D.Ellis, Mrs.Y.Reynolds, Mrs.J.Swift, Mrs.C.O'Rourke and Mrs.K.Maslen.

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on April 24th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

We hope to then draw up a programme for our 50th anniversary year.

Ladies! why not come along and see what we do! All welcomed.

Di. Buckland, Secretary 01380723049

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

We have enjoyed some excellent entertainers recently. In February we heard about Sevington School in Grittleton and what school used to be like in Victorian times. We tried out the wooden back board, which we found quite comfortable, but just for a few minutes. Scott came to sing and play his guitar for us and we were entertained with funny stories from a retired fire fighter. In June we are looking forward to hearing about the work that goes on at Julia's house, the children's hospice in Devizes. If you would like to come and join us that afternoon do let me know, you would be most welcome.

We are delighted that Wiltshire Council have given us the same grant for this financial year. Maybe they recognise the valuable work that is done by Day Centres up and down the county in providing companionship and an excellent lunch.

If you would like to come and join us one afternoon, do drop in. Alternatively, do pop in any Monday morning from 10am. We will be delighted to see you.

Contact Caroline Culley for further information,

07557 983940 carolineculley1@outlook.com

The Monday Club is a community day centre and lunch club for older residents of Bromham and Rowde. It is grant aided through Wiltshire Council.

Volunteer Driver Wanted

The Monday Club, Day Centre for Older People, are looking for a volunteer driver to collect Day Centre members from Rowde and bring them to the Monday Club at the Social Centre in Bromham on Mondays. Members are collected at 10am and brought home at 3pm. This takes about 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

Mileage is payable

We would be delighted if you were able to help us. Our members really enjoy the chance to meet up each Monday.

For more information please contact Caroline Culley carolineculley1@outlook.com or 07557 983940.



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Alan Watters, Editor

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Your Magazine Needs Your Help

After 7 years of being the Advertising Manager of the Rowde Village News I am afraid the time has come for me to pass the role onto someone new. Life has become so busy and my circumstances have changed so I do not have the time I used to for me to continue with this rewarding voluntary role. The role of Advertising Manager takes up on average a couple of hours a week and can easily be done from home with your home computer. It would really suit a full time stay at home mum or a retired person who is fairly computer literate. You would need to have a basic understanding of Word and Excel. Everything you would need has all been set up and is very easy to use, full training and support would be given by me for as long as you needed.

If you are interested or would just like to find out a little bit more about the position before you make a decision please do not hesitate to contact me on:
juliebaker72@yahoo.co.uk or call me on 10380 724159 or 07796 690413.

I look forward to hearing from you! xx **Julie Baker**

EATING OUT - THE LONGS ARMS

The Longs Arms, South Wraxall Tel 01225 864450 Email info@thelongsarms.com

The Longs Arms is a beautiful country pub serving cask ale and fresh seasonal food in a relaxed environment with warm and friendly service. We are located in the heart of the lovely village of South Wraxall – just 3 miles from the picturesque town of Bradford on Avon, and 7 miles from the historical city of Bath.

Menu

A menu is a thing of beauty. It should be balanced and excite the person reading it. It should have a wonderful choice of interesting seasonal ingredients that blend together in harmony and unpretentiously.

When creating my menus, I carefully consider what is in season and how I can use the ingredients simply, without masking or over complicating the best the season has to offer.

At The Longs Arms we serve modern British classics complemented by the best local, seasonal food our trusted suppliers can source for your enjoyment.

Opening Times

Wednesday to Saturday 12 noon till 3:30 pm
and 6:00 pm till 11:30 pm

Sunday 12 noon till 5 pm

REVIEWS

Excellent meal

The Longs Arms is worth travelling to. We arrived from Bath in the middle of an amazing storm to a warm welcome inside, our booking was well handled as we had to increase our table size. Delightful staff, who were very attentive from start to finish. The food is real quality, a lovely home smoked salmon, all the food was really well presented and locally sourced wherever possible, home made sour dough bread is wonderful. A quirky and delightful selection of home made ice creams



are worth tasting. The journey to The Longs Arms is really worth the effort.

A Cheshire (April 2018)

A hidden gem

I'm not sure how I have never been to this pretty village until a couple of months ago when I visited the pub based on a friends recommendation. I've since been back three times! The food is delicious, the ice creams are amazing, the staff welcoming and friendly - and if you arrive early (as we did on Mothers Day) its a lovely brief walk around a very pretty english village.

Its not cheap - but for the standard of food - it is very good value.

HSJ (April 2018)

Great Sunday Lunch

Lovely, friendly pub in a beautiful rural setting, but still close to Bath. Had the Roast Duck which was succulent and served with lovely large portions of delicious roast veg, all in front of the warm fire - what more can you ask for on a winter's day? Definitely recommend!

Christine B (March 2018)

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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NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Co-operation Responsibility Happiness Resilience Respect Caring

Term 5 - Respect

The value the school will focus on this term is Respect.

Residential Provision

The residential boarding provision at Rowdeford School is in its third year of a three year, Service Level Agreement, funded by Wiltshire Local Authority.

Regrettably, the Local Authority have decided not to fund an extension to this agreement, which means the 3 year residential service level agreement will come to an end in the summer. This lack of funding will, disappointingly lead to the boarding provision shutting from the end of this academic year. As you can imagine the school is devastated by this decision.

The residential provision has been an integral part of Rowdeford School for many years providing students with the opportunity to develop important life skills and independence. Attending the residential provision has enabled very vulnerable young people to flourish academically and socially, grow in confidence and make excellent progress across the curriculum. The residential care team deserve a great deal of thanks for their dedication and commitment over the years, working in partnership with the whole school and for continuing to maintain and improve care standards at such a challenging time.

Chinese Lantern Biscuits were made by the students as part of Chinese New Year celebrations in school, they also had a special Chinese lunch.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 have been completing their volunteering section of the award in the school woodland. This has involved removing introduced species such as Snowberry and Sycamore and coppicing the willow beds.



Year 11 have been preparing for their expedition. Pupils have completed first aid training this term and have demonstrated some excellent new skills.



Rowdeford Annual Garden Fair

Sunday 20th May is the day of the Annual Garden Fair with the proceeds of this event will be going towards further development of Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) at Rowdeford.



There is exclusive entry for ticket holders from 10:00-11:00. The Fair commences from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. There will be gorgeous plants from specialist plant growers plus practical and attractive garden accessories. Other attractions include farm animals, WI teas, a Pimm's tent, Bistro lunches and live music.

Advance tickets are £4 per adult (£5 on the day) with children under 16 free. Parking is free, but sorry, no dogs. (Also, see poster on back page)

For further information or advance tickets, please contact ma99iemoore@gmail.com telephone 01249 814979 or go to www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

What a pleasure to work here!

I can't believe that I have been a teacher at this wonderful school for 6 Months, what a pleasure it is to work here! We've had a busy month in Orion Class with our learning and although we inevitably start looking toward Year 6, we have still had time to do some exciting things.

Ancient Greek Day

Over the last term we have been studying Ancient Greece and their impact on our modern day life. It's a fascinating subject that I find very interesting myself. 6 weeks is really not enough to cover everything but we looked at Democracy, Greek Theatre, Myths, Men and Women, and the history of the Olympics.



In the last week of the term we had an 'Ancient Greek' day, the children created a Museum to celebrate their learning and the children invited parents/carers in as their Museum visitors, we were also joined by Pleiades Class, who also enjoyed their Ancient Greek Topic. My super class were all dressed in period costumes (thank you to all the parents/carers for doing such a wonderful job!)



In the afternoon, we opened our Museum after weeks of preparation, to an exceptional crowd of visitors. (Thank you to everyone who visited, it was great to see so many parents there!) We had lots of stands and exciting things that we had prepared. We had two Greek plays with fabulous costumes and props, a model of the labyrinth, recitals of Greek Myths, a puppet show, presentations, leaflets and delicious Greek food and drink. The children really enjoyed the Museum and I was so proud of all the effort that they put into making it an enjoyable day for everyone involved. I am glad they were able to share all of their fabulous learning with everyone.

Bikeability

This Week some of Year 5 have been receiving some coaching to be able to ride our bikes with confidence and safely around the village. I have been really impressed with how much they learnt from the sessions and look forward to seeing the rest of the class enjoying the sessions over the coming months.

N Aston, year 5 teacher

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Your Parish Council

Parish Council meeting - Update

The information below is current at the time of the Parish Council meeting. If events or information have changed since the meeting, they can not be reflected here. Please note, this is a representation of the meeting and not the minutes in full. A full set of the minutes can be viewed at: www.rowdevillage.org, on the village notice boards, or by application to the Clerk.

If you would like further information on any Parish Council matter, please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01380 720988, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meetings on 14th March 2018 were:

Double Yellow Lines Proposal

- There is a proposal for double yellow lines to be installed in two areas of Rowde, and for the existing double yellow lines on Cock Road to be extended.
- It is proposed that double yellow lines will be added to Springfield Road at the junction with the High Street.
- It is proposed that there will be double yellow lines on Marsh Lane at the junction with the High Street.
- The proposal for the double yellow lines on Cock Road adjacent to the village hall is currently under review and will be discussed further by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will respond to Wiltshire Council's consultation. The Parish Council has requested that the proposed lines on Springfield Road & Cock Road are reduced in length. They have also requested a passing space on Marsh Lane, outside of Andrew's View & Rose Cottage.

Planning Matters

- Glen the owner of microbrewery, Devitera attended the Parish Council meeting to give an update on the progress of his business and his plans for the future. The business started in July 2017 and has been trading since September. There have been 11 brews of beer so far.
- The beer can currently only be sold from business to business. Owner, Mr Upward wishes to apply for a license to sell his beer directly to consumers. There is a suggestion of opening a part-time tap house (possibly once a month) to allow consumers to experience the beer and a part-time shop, to open possibly once a week, to sell the beer. This would work within the constraints of the original stipulated business hours. It will be an ancillary part of the business, not the core business.
- G Upward has written to the immediate neighbours and asked for any concerns they may have. Three have replied positively.
- The Councillors asked about road safety for pedestrians using the site and suggested a speed limit sign and/or lighting. The Parish Council support the licence application.

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council

- 17/08775/OUT: Revisions to the outline proposal to build on land at Malthouse Farm. The Parish Council submitted a response to Wiltshire Council in time for 3rd April deadline. The Parish Council had no further comments to make on the application.

- 18/02904/FUL: Oakwood Stud, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes, and Wiltshire, SN10 2NW: Use of land and stables for new equine business; extension to stables; erection of storage barn; stationing of mobile home. The Parish Council commented that the proposed buildings would be viewable from the road, which contradicts the statement in the application. There was concern about the need for a mobile home to be sited at the stables. The Parish Council supported the application as it is a new rural business but requested that the hedgerow is thickened and asked for clarification on the need for a mobile home on site.

Highways

Please do not park on the junction of Marsh Lane with the High Street. It is dangerous for drivers to navigate the cars parked along Marsh Lane and people are often forced to reverse back into the A342.

- The Parish Council has raised concerned about problems with parking on Marsh Lane with the PCSO. The PCSO has prepared a leaflet to leave on cars that park on the junction to increase awareness of the problem.
- The blocked drains along the High Street/Devizes Road can not be cleared at the moment by Wiltshire Council as they are not a priority. Priority is given to drains in areas where houses are in danger of being flooded.
- Wiltshire Council has jetted some of the culverts on Marsh Lane, with thanks to Neal Bawden for his perseverance. Wiltshire Council said that some of the ditches had not been dug deep enough to expose the pipes, so those areas could not be jetted. It is hoped that the ditches will be dug deep enough soon.
- There is still concern about flooding by Marsh Cottage, at the end of Marsh Lane, at the junction with Caen Hill. It is suggested that there is a broken pipe underneath the dual carriageway. The Clerk will contact the Highways department at Wiltshire Council to raise concerns about the issue.
- Please forward requests for highway repairs to the Clerk or report them through the 'My Wiltshire App'. The more people that request action through the App, the higher the priority given to the issue.

Planters

- The Parish Council has received an offer from a resident to construct, plant and maintain a further planter. The Parish Council gratefully accepted the offer.
- There have been further volunteers, kindly offering to look after the planter on Rowde Court Road/ Marsh Lane. It is hoped that this will be planted in time for viewing in the Best Kept Village Competition.
- The Clerk has submitted a request to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for permission to place a planter on the grassed area at the entrance to Springfield Road, off the High Street.
- There will be a review of the planter on the Hill with a possible view to adding an additional one.

The Village Clean-up

The Parish Council has entered Rowde into the 'Best Kept Village Competition' again this year. We feel that we have a well-kept village, great community spirit and a lot to offer residents.

- A road sweeper will be arranged to sweep the roads around the village in the week leading up to 14th May.

Grounds Maintenance

Playground equipment

- The Parish Council has written to the Health & Safety department of Wiltshire Council to express concern about the retained base unit of a piece of play equipment in Silverlands Play area.
- A new item of play equipment has been ordered for the toddlers' play area next to St. Matthew's Church. Minor repairs will be carried out to other items in the park.

Commercial waste collection

- Grist Environmental submitted the most competitive tender and will now be responsible for emptying the Parish Council wheelie bin.

Village Events

Commemoration of the end of World War I

- Representatives from the Parish Council, St. Matthew's Church and Rowde Primary School will meet on Wednesday 25th April to discuss plans to commemorate the end of World War I.

Allotments

Update on fencing plans for the allotments

- Some quotations for new fencing have been received. It will not be possible to fence the entire site due to cost. It was suggested that hawthorn is planted in the hedgerow to provide some long term protection from deer.

The use of animal traps

- It was agreed to change the allotment tenancy agreement to include the following statement: 'The Parish Council does not allow the use of animal traps, rodenticides, or electric fencing'. This new clause will be circulated to all allotment holders.

Neighbourliness

- Please be aware of any hedgerow/bushes/trees that may over hang your property and cause obstructions for pedestrians.
- There is no such thing as the 'dog poo fairy'. Please keep our streets and grassed areas clean for everyone to enjoy.
- Please be aware of your neighbours and other villagers who use the pavements in the village. Cars parked on pavements cause an obstruction and put pedestrians at risk. Cars that obstruct pavements will be reported to the Police.

Parish Council Vacancies

We have vacancies for three Parish Councillors.

If you are interested in shaping the future of the village and would like to become a Parish Councillor, you can be co-opted onto the Parish Council. You are invited to attend a Parish Council meeting in the first instance as an observer.

At the following meeting, the Parish Council would vote to co-opt you onto the Council. If you would like more details on how to join the Parish Council or about being a Parish Councillor, please contact Rebekah Jeffries, the Parish Clerk (01380 720988, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Wiltshire Council news

Please remember to use the Mobile Library which will be stopping in Maundrell Close on Thursday 10th May.

The mobile library will be parked from 9.30 – 10am and can be used by everyone. Please support your library service.

My Wiltshire App

- It is easy to report problems like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting in your area using the 'My Wiltshire' online form. Reports can be made anonymously or you can register for free. Once you have registered, you can track the reports you have made, and receive notification once the work has been completed. The more residents report issues, the more likely we are to have them fixed.

- The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm>

- If the matter is dangerous or hazardous, please call telephone 0300 456 0105.

Changes to the Data Protection Law GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

The General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. It will replace the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection regarding how their personal data is used.

The Clerk has attended training on the requirements for the Parish Council to be compliant for GDPR.

Local Police Update

- Inspector Chris Martin started in his post as the new Inspector for Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey on Monday the 19th March 2018.
- The boundaries of the Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South Community Policing Teams are being amended to improve the way local policing teams are managed.
- Theft from Work Vans continues to be problem. It is thought that the break-ins have been carried out using a lock-picking device which is capable of bypassing the lock system without causing any damage to the vehicle. There's no restriction on the sale of locksmith equipment in the UK, meaning such devices are available on the open marketplace.
- Protect yourself against theft from motor vehicles:
- Don't leave any valuables including laptops, sat navs, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards or vehicle documents in your car.
- Do not leave items of value in the boot if you are being observed.
- Don't leave coats/jackets on show in the vehicle as a thief will want to see if there is anything valuable in the pockets.
- Clean sat nav suction marks off your windscreen, as leaving them is an immediate advert to thieves that a sat nav is in the vehicle. Make sure no sat nav ancillaries are left visible in your vehicle.
- Remove your stereo if you can, mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't.
- Leave your glove box open to show there is nothing in it.

- If you own a van, make sure you remove your tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.

If you need to report a crime:

- Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

It is possible to follow the Police on:

- Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>
- Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Finances

- Monthly invoices for March totaling £2,231.05 were approved by L Wills, seconded by J Hawkins.

March invoices breakdown

Admin costs	£1076.22
Grounds maintenance	£542.50
Subscriptions, training	£612.33
Total:	£2,231.05

- The Annual Governance Statements for 2017/18 were reviewed by the Parish Council as part of the external audit process. The draft accounts will be presented at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 9th May 2018.

Dates for the diary:

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th May, at 7.30pm in Rowde Primary Academy.

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

We would like to encourage all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time at the next Parish Council meeting.

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FUN COLUMN

**Welcome to this month's fun column
which features more classic puns.**

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me,
it means a lot.

About a month before he died, my uncle had
his back covered in lard. After that, he went
down hill fast.

The first computer dates back to Adam and
Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just
one byte. And then everything crashed

"Doctor, there's a patient in the waiting room
that says he's invisible" "Well, tell him I can't
see him right now."

The future, the present and the past walked
into a bar then things got tense.

Don't trust atoms, they make up everything.

My girlfriend told me she was leaving
me because I keep pretending to be a
Transformer. I said, "No, wait! I can change."

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time
I leave a cake in the oven while I take a nap.

I was addicted to the hokey pokey... but
thankfully, I turned myself around.

I ordered 2240 lbs of Chinese soup. It was
Won Ton.

I always wanted to marry an Archeologist.
The older I would get, the more interested I
would become!

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school?
It's okay. He woke up.

My girlfriend said, "You act like a detective too
much. I want to split up." "Good idea," I replied.
"We can cover more ground that way."

Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?
Because he was always spotted.

R.I.P boiled water. You will be mist.

What do you call the security outside of a
Samsung Store? A: Guardians of the Galaxy.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

To the mathematicians who thought of the idea
of zero, thanks for nothing!

If a short psychic broke out of jail, then you'd
have a small medium at large.

What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A
Yamahahaha.

Why do the French eat snails? They don't like
fast food.

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I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.



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RECIPE

Bubble and Squeak Bake

INGREDIENTS:

- 2lb (1kg) potatoes, peeled, knob of butter, and a little milk
- Salt and pepper
- 1lb (450g) firm green cabbage, 1 medium onion, chopped

- 2 medium carrots grated
- 6oz (175) Cheddar cheese grated.

METHOD:

1. Cook the potatoes in boiled salted water until tender.
2. Drain then season and cream with butter and milk. Slice the cabbage.
3. Cook and drain well, reserving the water.
4. Chop the cabbage, Put carrot and onion into the cabbage water and cook for five minutes.
5. Drain and mix the cabbage and potato together.
6. Spread half the mixture in a buttered oven proof dish.
7. Add the onion and carrot then sprinkle 4oz (125g) Cheddar cheese over the top.
8. Cover with the rest of the cabbage mixture then smooth the surface, score with a fork and mark into portions.
9. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on the top and bake for 40 minutes until golden.

This dish can be made with a number of different vegetables, including broccoli, spinach, celery and small turnips.

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

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SHORT STORY

Important Things

by **Barbara L Greenberg**

For years the children whimpered and tugged.
"Tell us, tell us."

You promised to tell the children some other time, later, when they were old enough.

Now the children stand eye to eye with you and show you their teeth. "Tell us."

"Tell you what?" you ask, ingenuous.

"Tell us The Important Things."

You tell the children there are six continents and five oceans, or vice versa.

You tell your children the little you know about sex. Your children tell you there are better words for what you choose to call The Married Embrace.

You tell your children to be true to themselves. They say they are true to themselves. You tell them they are lying, you always know when they are lying. They tell you you're crazy. You tell them to mind their manners. They think you mean it as a joke, they laugh.

There are tears in your eyes. You tell the children the dawn will follow the dark, the tide will come in,

the grass will be renewed, every dog will have its day. You tell them the story of The Littlest Soldier whose right arm, which he sacrificed while fighting for a noble cause, grew back again.

You say that if there were no Evil we wouldn't have the satisfaction of choosing The Good. And if there were no pain, you say, we'd never know our greatest joy, relief from pain.

You offer to bake a cake for the children, a fudge cake with chocolate frosting, their favourite. "Tell us," say the children.

You say to your children, "I am going to die."

"When?"

"Someday."

"Oh."

You tell your children that they, too, are going to die. They already knew it.

You can't think of anything else to tell the children. You say you're sorry. You are sorry. But the children have had enough of your excuses.

"A promise is a promise," say the children.

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May Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

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

Currently, there is a service at 10am every Sunday; usually in Rowde but sometimes in Bromham.

Everyone is very welcome at all our services



Date/Time	Service
Wednesday 2 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP, Rowde
Thursday 3 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 6 May 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Easter 6 Holy Communion (BCP), Rowde All Age Service, Rowde Holy Communion, Bromham Evensong for Rogation, Bromham
Thursday 10 8.30 am 7.30 pm	Ascension Day Morning Prayer, Rowde Holy Communion for the Cluster at Seend Church
Sunday 13 8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Easter 7 Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Benefice Holy Communion, Bromham Evensong (BCP), Rowde
Wednesday 16 11.00 am	Holy Communion, Angell House, Bromham
Thursday 17 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 20 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Pentecost Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham Parish Communion, Rowde Family Service, Bromham
Thursday 24 8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Rowde
Sunday 27 8.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane Morning Worship, Rowde Holy Communion, Bromham
Thursday 31 8.30 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer, Rowde Holy Communion for Corpus Christi, Bromham

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

Please note that, although we try to avoid this whenever possible, times of midweek or special services may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please check the Church notice board for further information or contact the Administrator Sarah Bowler 07876142112.

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Growing in Faith

For more details contact Ruth Bray Tel: 01380 859847 email : ruthbray@outlook.com

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

Church Cleaning

We need a few more people to join our cleaning group (even if you can only do one or two sessions a year) so if you would like to come and help please contact:
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(Brass cleaning Rota)
Maureen Hiscocks 01380 725406

Choir

Choir Leader: David Grove dgrove9814@btinternet.com
Choir Practise for Adults is on Thursday Evenings 7.00 – 8.00pm
Junior Choir Practice is on Thursday 6.15pm-7.15pm. New members are always welcome.

Bell Ringing

We meet from 7.30pm-9pm on Friday evenings at St Matthews Church, please join us, the more the merrier. Contact: Richard Heath rich.p.heath@gmail.com/ 01380 722379

St Matthews Cafe

Coffee and chat. St Matthews Coffee Shop is open on Tuesdays from 10.30 am-12 noon. If you might be free to make drinks and host, please contact Caroline carolineculley1@outlook.com or Revd Ruth

Open the Book – we have groups who go into both our primary schools to act out Bible stories. We are looking for more volunteers to join both teams. For more information, contact Revd Ruth.

Flower Arranging

6 May - Liz Ibbetson
13 & 20 May PENTECOST - Caroline Land
27 May & 3 June - Caroline
For further information please contact: Jane Sartin jksartin@talktalk.net or call 01380 727446

Worship review

We are reviewing our pattern of worship. In particular we would like to introduce an evensong once a month on the 2nd Sunday, by turns BCP evensong and a lighter service such as Songs of Praise or Iona style worship. We would like to hear from you, particularly what you find helpful and unhelpful about our current pattern of worship. Please let Revd Ruth or PCC members know your thoughts on this.

Events

Salisbury Diocese Guild of Bell Ringers

AGM and Competition being held in St Matthews on 12th May 2018

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Dear Friends,

This week I found myself walking home after dark, and after some weeks of wet weather, the sky was clear. So clear that there was a wonderful view of the stars, spread out above me from one horizon to the other.

One of the simple pleasures, of which I never tire, is a good dark sky. We moved here from Hampshire, where the sodium glow produced by streetlights in Portsmouth and Southampton pollutes the night sky and hides many of the fainter stars and constellations. But here in Wiltshire there is much less artificial light spoiling the view.

Looking upwards gives me a sense of wonder at the beauty of the universe, as well as the scale of it all. The light from even the closest stars takes over four years to reach our eyes, so we are looking not just into the distance but also into the past. And the bigger atoms that make up our bodies, carbon, nitrogen and oxygen, were all made in dying stars, so we are rather literally made of stardust.

The writer of Psalm 8 was filled with wonder too. They wrote: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels."

Rather like being on top of a mountain, looking at the stars can put our existence into perspective. They can make our problems and worries seem small in comparison, and give us a sense of awe and wonder. And thinking about how immense and beautiful the universe is can remind us that God is even more immense and beautiful, as well as powerful.

This is a prayer attributed to St Columba:

Be, Lord Jesus,
a bright flame before me,
a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me:
today, tonight, and forever.

Amen

Revd Ruth

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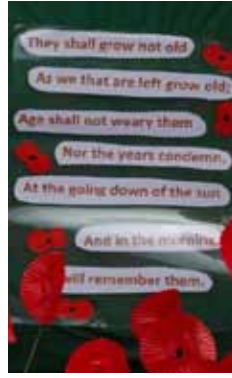
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Do you remember this event?



In 2014 we, as a village, commemorated the start of WW1 through a number of activities; one of which was to cover the village with poppies. It was a fantastic sight with homemade poppies outside houses and businesses, in gardens and on walls.

Now 4 years on it is time to celebrate the **end** of WW1. A small group of villagers from the parish council, church and village school have started planning what we can do but we know we would like to recreate the 'poppy trail' around the village in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday in November.

So look out for information about the events that are planned and start thinking about how you can make a poppy to display outside your house.



Special News

Please note that the village shop is now able to do cash back. Please remember that we do stamps for your cards and now do a £5 frozen meal deal.

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LOOK FOR THE SPECIAL DAILY DEAL BOARD

**Also - A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS -
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NEWS FROM Hft

I hope you all enjoyed what possibly was our summer last week as it seems we are back to normal weather now.

As usual we have all been busy here at Hft with events and planning, staff changes and office moves.

When you come and visit from now on our Reception office has moved just a few meters away so don't come to the first door – use the next one marked reception.

We have a member of staff leaving this week which is sad, but we wish her well for the future, she is working a bit closer to home which hopefully will be better for her.

Our Music Festival planning is well underway and we have very few spaces for acts left, so if you are interested in performing you need to contact Emma.hughes@hft.org.uk or Carrie.pike@hft.org.uk, likewise if you would like a stall selling your own goods or doing face painting /tarot card reading/ any festival like activity, we would love to see you. Also if there is anyone out there who would like to get involved with the festival we would welcome any help in stewarding/car parking or setting up and operating/setting up a PA system. Again please get in touch.

One of the most popular things we have here at the moment are the 3 Pekin bantam chicks who are growing rapidly and looking forward to moving to their new home outside.



Waiting for our new home



The new chicken coop

Now some news from the Grow and Sow project.

We grow many different plants on the Grow & Sow project; some of which we plant in the garden, the



People we support gardening in the raised beds

rest are made available for sale at very reasonable rates. All our plants are grown organically in peat-free compost by the project users.

Currently we have lots of tomato cultivars at £0.50 each. To check on the most up to date plant lists and reserve your plants visit and like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/growandsow/> or email simonl@growandsow.org. All proceeds support the Grow and Sow project. Grow and Sow works in partnership with Hft to provide person centred training and experiences in horticulture, agriculture, conservation, rural crafts and forest school. For more information email the above address.

All of our new sessions are proving popular, especially the Furlong Close Newsletter, which is something everyone is keen to contribute to and which will be circulated on a monthly basis around site. If anyone has an event you would like us to mention please drop me an email with the information and I will pass it on.



Quiz Night

Finally, hot off the press the fundraising Quiz night on Friday was extremely well attended, and we raised just over a £1,000. A huge thank you to all who attended, and well done to the winning teams as it was a tie. The two winning teams were "Carroll & Cannings, Corsham Walkers" and "Jackson & Parris, HFT Supporters". It was a really nice night with good food, drinks and a lovely atmosphere... again thank you to all who made it happen.

Stay warm and dry (as I am writing this it's cold and rainy!)

Jan Emm



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THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

May Quotes

"Another May new buds and flowers shall bring:
Ah! why has happiness no second Spring?"

— **Charlotte Smith**

"Among the changing months, May stands confest
The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed"

- **James Thomson**

"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as
gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer"

- **William Shakespeare**

"As it fell upon a day
In the merry month of May,
Sitting in a pleasant shade
Which a grove of myrtles made"

- **Richard Barnfield**

"Hebe's here, May is here! The air is fresh and
sunny; And the miser-bees are busy Hoarding
golden honey"

- **Thomas Bailey**

"Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May"

- **William Shakespeare**

"Among the changing months, May stands confest
The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed"

- **James Thomson**

"Sweet May hath come to love us, Flowers, trees,
their blossoms don; And through the blue heavens
above us The very clouds move on."

- **Heinrich Heine**

"You are as welcome as the flowers in May."

- **Charles Macklin**

"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."

- **Edwin Way Teale**

"Who first beholds the light of day In Spring's sweet
flowery month of May And wears an Emerald all
her life, Shall be a loved and happy wife."

- **Anonymous**

"With Each Day Going By Hope is Reborn,
Dreams Come True and a Little Step is Taken
Toward Happiness. May this May be Unbelievably
Exceptional, Amazingly Colourful and Filled with
Joy, Laughter and Love."

- **Anonymous**

PHOTO FUN

This issue we have more amusing animal photos.



You see some sights when you are a mouse



Putting on a smile for visitors



Bad hair day?

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

ROWDEY COW NEWS



We have got through the rainiest Spring that I can remember and have even enjoyed some beautiful hot sunny days over the last couple of weeks! We are keeping our fingers crossed for a sunny Summer ahead and hope to put this bad weather behind us. The animals are happy to return to their previously water logged fields which have finally dried out and Spring is in the air.



The ice cream orders have been flooding back in and we are excited to have our first outing of the year with the Wedding trike this weekend at Stanton Manor.

Despite the bad weather we were still busy throughout the Easter holidays and the children enjoyed completing our Easter Egg Hunt and the Cream Egg Flavour ice cream was popular as ever! We are currently working on some new recipes for the Summer.



Our weekly Tuesday senior citizens discounts are now back in full swing after the Easter Holidays and have been getting more popular as we have introduced special one, two and three course meal offers alongside the 10% discount off the normal menu.

We are very excited to have been nominated for two awards in the Muddy Stiletto Awards 2018 ~ Best Café section and Best Local Food Producer. We have also been featured in the Town Crier Magazine for days out in Wiltshire and had some photos taken by Candid Pictures. We will be open as normal throughout the May bank holidays and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sue



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Local News



MAKING ROWDE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY!

Following the staggering increase in the number of people diagnosed with dementia, we want to help people who live locally and are affected by the condition... and that means we need you!

The condition can affect many things as well as memory: mood swings, perception and appetite to name a few. A lack of understanding from the public, often leads to people staying indoors, for fear of disapproval or embarrassment and then losing their social life and their confidence to go out at all.

Our aim is to achieve a "Dementia Friendly Community" which basically means that we're all a bit more informed about the condition and know what to do if we see someone looking confused or distressed.

We want anyone affected by dementia and their families to still enjoy the pub, shop, church and other groups in Rowde and know that they are welcome and if someone's behaving forgetfully or unusually, we won't turn a hair.

"Dementia Friends" will be a free, informal 1 hour session where we will learn more about the condition and the small actions we can take, which make a big difference to people with dementia in our community.

The session is open to all individuals, social groups and businesses from Rowde.

It will be held at the Cross Keys skittle alley on 2nd July at 7:30 Please come along!

Please attend just to be a good friend and neighbour, or, if a "Dementia Friendly" accreditation would be useful to display at your business or group, we can explain more at the workshop but its easier than you think!

Book your places via:

Jo Gyllenspetz Tel 01380 726481 (leave a voicemail if I'm out) or pop into Rowde village shop and put your name on our list.

Please join in and help change the way the nation thinks, acts and talks about dementia.

VISION WEST OF ENGLAND

A new organisation in the West of England is being launched in May to provide direct and consistent services to blind and partially sighted people across Bristol, Bath, South Gloucester, Swindon and Wiltshire.

Vision West of England will work closely with key partners including Visionary, other local sight loss charities, national organisations, statutory bodies and most importantly blind and partially sighted people on developing services that respond sensitively and positively to the needs of visually impaired people and those at risk of losing their sight.

The organisation is receiving support and advice from Thomas Pocklington Trust and Wiltshire Sight. There will be two hubs in Bristol and Wiltshire where direct services will be based.

Vision West of England will work with partners towards developing a single point of contact for blind and partially sighted people across this area within the South West region, ensuring that visually impaired people have a voice. It will also work closely with Visionary, the local sight loss membership organisation, to align with their ongoing initiative to develop and provide good practice guidance for the delivery of services across the whole of the UK.

Leanne Hubbard, currently CEO of Wiltshire Sight, will take up the post of Interim CEO of Vision West of England.



Speaking about the new organisation, Leanne said:

“Our goal is to provide support for visually impaired people and those at risk of losing their sight, that aims to give them increased choice, improved access to the right services and support that will have a positive impact on their quality of life and independence.

“We will also collaborate with our partners on strengthening our knowledge of the causes of sight loss and how the effects of eyesight problems can be alleviated.”

Leanne added: “We will offer a range of services from our 2 dedicated Hubs for visually impaired people, their families and carers. Those services will include information, advice and support; peer and family support; resources and technology; social activities; advocacy and training.

“I’m very keen to speak to visually impaired people and people from partner organisations about the new organisation and how it will operate. Anyone who has any questions or feedback is welcome to contact me or the team either by email or phone.”

The team can be contacted at info@visionwestofengland.org.uk or via 01380 723682

SPYE PARK CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

Why not come along and support your local cricket team in a picturesque setting at Spye Park. Just look for the sign post to Chittoe and Spye Park between the A3102 turning to Calne and the A3102 turning to Melksham. Drive through Chittoe Village and past the private road sign into Spye Park Estate. Take the second right to find the ground and car park.

Home fixtures this month up at Spye Park the Field of Dreams.

- Sat May 5 (1pm) against Coombe Down
- Weds May 9 (6pm) against Christian Malford
- Sat May 19 (1pm) against Marshfield
- Weds May 23 (6pm) against Goatacre
- Sun 27 May (1pm) Spye Park Six aside tournament
- Sat June 2 (1pm) against Devizes
- Sun 3 June (2.30pm) against Corsley
- Weds 6 June (6.15pm) Rowde V's Bromham!!!!

This is the annual fun match, a local derby but for absolutely anyone of any ability.

Get your name on the team sheet on the George and Dragon notice board.

Local Cricketers ride from Lords to bring end to vicious cycle

In other Spye Park news the Lords to Spye Park bike was a huge success on 12th & 13th April.



Here you can see the Spye boys meeting the top brass of the MCC at Lords the home of cricket in London just before they set off on their epic journey – 120 miles and a day a half later they all rolled up to a tickertape welcome at Spye Park Cricket Club having raised nearly £4,000 towards a new pitch roller. Further fundraising events are planned over 2018 to hit the £10k target.

Cake Technicians wanted!

An appeal for anyone out there who could help us with cricket teas a few times this Spring and summer. A traditional cricket tea of sandwiches and cakes make a village cricket match that extra bit special, we can cover the cost of ingredients and offer great appreciation to anyone who could help. If this might be you, please talk to Tom (07815 865415) the official tea-time co-ordinator of SPCC!

If you would like to know anything more about Spye Park CC, please give Russell a call on 07866 494901 or email russell@foxhangers.co.uk. If you fancy a game we have three teams who play on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays evenings plus net sessions on Tuesday evenings. Players of all abilities welcome!

UP the SPYE!

OFF THE PLOT!

Well summer is finally here in the veg garden after months of constant rain and the occasional flurry of snow.

The planting of beds got off to a late start but are now starting to flourish, hopefully for a bountiful harvest!



A bountiful harvest?



A starling visits the allotments (photo by Chris Stevens)



Red onions

This month is particularly a busy month for me with planning winter crops if I haven't yet and getting the bean support frames and canes in before the ground becomes too hard from the summer sun rays. Oh and the endless task of copious amounts of watering!!

Happy Digging!!

Chris Stevens

BODY FOUND IN A TENT IN ROWDE

Police say they are not treating as suspicious the death of a man whose body was found in a tent on farmland in Rowde, near Devizes.

An inquest into the death of the 55-year-old man, who was found at about 5.15pm on March 23, is yet to be opened.

A police spokesman said: "We were called following a report that a body had been found in a tent." *(reported in the Gazette & Herald on 11 April)*

SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE TO CLOSE



(Photo by Diane Vose)

Staff and governors of Rowdeford school have been left devastated by a Wiltshire Council decision to end funding for boarding.

It means that from the end of this term children will no longer be able to have residential places from Monday to Friday during term time and 11 jobs will be made redundant.

Headteacher Mike Loveridge said that the final decision on the funding was not taken by the council until March 26 and until that point he and the governors had hoped there would be a change of heart.

He said: "The residential provision has been an integral part of Rowdeford School for many years providing students with the opportunity to develop important life skills and independence. Attending the residential provision has enabled very vulnerable young people to flourish academically and socially, grow in confidence and make excellent progress across the curriculum."

But Laura Mayes the cabinet member for children, education and skills said that the school was told three years ago that its funding agreement would end in 2018 and she said the £250,000 used to pay for the boarding places for 16 children could be better spent on other services.

She said: "What parents want has changed. A number of years ago they were more keen for children to be in residential placements but now the vast majority want their children to live at home."

She said that families that needed respite care for their children would be given places at Cannons House in Devizes or they could receive money from a short break scheme

which provides £500 a year for children to go on trips or to pay for a carer to accompany a family holiday.

But Mr Loveridge said the boarding places would be badly missed. He said: "We believe that this Local Authority decision is at odds with the national and local recognition that the provision has received over the years, and does not take in to account the future needs of an ever-growing number of young people with special educational needs and disabilities. We are saddened that the decision to close our residential boarding provision is because of a lack of funding from central government and funding cuts from the local authority; this decision will undoubtedly put pressure on other services, which are already over stretched."

ROWDE GIRL RUNS EVERY DAY FOR A WEEK

Schoolgirl Tegan Hogg went the extra mile for Sport Relief when she ran two miles every day for a week and raised nearly £300.



Tegan, 11, who is a pupil at Rowde Primary Academy was joined by her dad Gareth and other members of Devizes Running Club for the last leg of her run which finished in Devizes Market Place. She managed to stick to her running schedule even when she woke up to deep snow on the first Sunday of her challenge.

Her dad Gareth said: "She did amazingly well."

OBITUARY

Doreen Mary REED of Rowde, passed away peacefully on 6th April, at the age of 92. Beloved wife of Victor for 71 years. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Church service was held at St Nicholas' Church, Bromham on Friday 27th April. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research UK c/o John Stuart Funeral Directors, 18 The Brittox, Devizes SN10 1AJ.

DEFENCE OF TREES CUT DOWN AT CAEN HILL FLIGHT OF LOCKS

Canal bosses have defended their decision to cut down a large number of trees along the historic Caen Hill flight of locks.

Walkers and boaters have been surprised by amount of felling that has taken place in recent weeks and a number have contacted the Canal & River Trust to complain about the effect it would have on birds.

But the trust said the work was vital to protect this important section of the canal from damage.

A spokesman said: "The work includes felling overgrown trees from alongside the side ponds and beside the locks which were beginning to damage the locks and encroach on the ponds. The work will remove shady areas by increasing the amount of light reaching the reed beds - an important habitat for insects. Removal of trees will also open up views of the locks to the thousands of visitors that visit Caen Hill each year."

But one walker said: "I am extremely upset. I am particularly worried about the impact it will have on the Kingfishers. They need to be able to have somewhere to perch when they are fishing. The kingfishers are dependant on the pounds."



People are worried about the effect of tree felling on kingfishers

But the trust said it was responsible for actively managing the growth of woody vegetation next to the pounds so that wildlife would continue to thrive.

The spokesman said: "The lock flight is also home to a wide variety of wildlife species including dragonflies, harvest mice, water voles and occasionally otters. The reed beds which surround each of the side ponds are used as a source of shelter and food for the critically endangered water vole along with reed and sedge warblers who build their basket-like nests hanging between the standing reeds."

Mark Evans, waterway manager at the Canal & River Trust, said: "The works here at Caen Hill look quite drastic at the moment but they really are essential in safeguarding the historic canal and maintaining waterside habitats for wildlife. The overgrown trees are having an impact on the ancient waterway and there are signs that tree roots are damaging the brickwork within the lock, potentially causing lasting damage. The work we've been doing at Jubilee Woodland shows just how important trees are to us at the Canal & River Trust - not only do trees create important wildlife habitats, they also give us a great sense of wellbeing. They help us breathe easier by improving air quality, they bring communities together and encourage people to step outside to explore the great outdoors and rediscover our wonderful canals. We have worked hard with local groups such as Help for Heroes and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to encourage more nature and plant life to Caen Hill locks so now, when people visit this spring and summer, they should hopefully see an abundance of plant and wildlife along, and around, the waterways."

ROWDE ARTIST ON SHOW IN JULY



'Pencil Drawing Rocks!' by Ann Swan

Local artist Ann Swan will be taking part in the Marlborough Open Studios 2018. The art trail takes place over the first four weeks of July where artists open their studios to visitors free of charge.

Rowde Court Studios will be open Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm on the first three weekends in July and all are welcome to come along, browse or buy Ann's work and have a stroll around the gardens. Refreshments will be provided at all times. Enter through the green door in the high wall on Marsh Lane, opposite the entrance to Springfield Road. See you there!

Ann's work will also be featured in the event's preview show (see page 36 for poster).

Check out Ann's website www.annswan.co.uk for more information and examples of her work.

JOHN'S FARM



The weather had certainly improved since last month and we have been able to get out into the fields at last, I cannot remember a time that we have planted spring corn so late.

Which made affect the eventual yields as the plant has a shorter growing period. We still have some maize and soya beans to plant in May. Everything has been sprayed and received its first dose of Fertiliser.

We have also been busy clearing out blocked field drains. These become jammed with roots from the cereal plants. Another problem is that we have a number of springs which tend to move around in the fields over time.

The sheep and the goats will soon being going out on to the grass now it had dried out, they have been in since bonfire night.

We have had a number of school visits lately and we are looking forward to Rowde Academy visiting on the 17th May. Hopefully we will have some goose eggs hatching on the day. There are also upcoming visits from Brownies, Bee keepers, Lavington School and Ramsbury School.

We also held a Junior Tractor Driving Course for 13 – 16 year olds, which was a great success and we are holding another one in August.

Our Archaeology evening was a great success with over 70 people attending. This is the third talk given by Jan Dando and Phil Andrews, there will be a further dig this summer.

We held an excellent Easter Fun Day in the school holidays which was a sell out and everyone enjoyed visiting the farm, and Kris's Tropical Discoveries Workshops was a big hit with everyone being able to handle a tarantula, snakes and other reptiles. We received many great reviews after the events and photos of the day can be seen on our Facebook page, Rowdefield Farm Training and Education.

We are opening up the farm again on Saturday 7th July for our Summer Fun on the Farm afternoon, Kris's Tropical Discoveries Workshops will be here again along with archery, face painting, Tractor rides, meet the farm animals, Devitera Micro brewery, big machinery display and much more..... Tickets for this event must be booked in advance and are now on sale. See our poster for more details!

The farm website has more information – have a look at www.rowdefieldtraining.co.uk and you can also see what we have been up to at Rowdefield Training on Facebook where there are also details of upcoming courses and events – not all of which are farming related!

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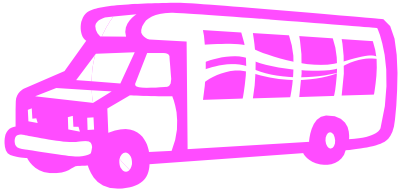
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This old post card of a very 'international' event on The Hill in Rowde a long time ago was sent in by Dennis Powney. Unfortunately we have no information on what the gathering was about or who is in the photo. We would love to know though so, if you can enlighten us in any way at all, please get in touch. **Thanks, Ed.**

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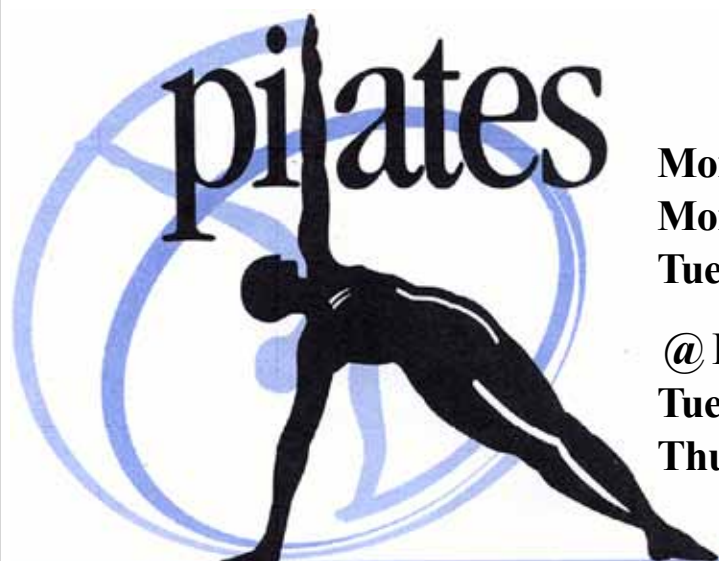
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LETTERS

TOP OF THE OPS

I would be most grateful if you would kindly consider putting the following in the next edition of your Parish magazine:

White Horse Opera are holding a "Top of the Ops" Concert at Easterton Village Hall on Saturday 2nd June at 7.30pm.

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Thanking you for your help

best wishes

Barbara Gompels

(see poster on page 35)

OLD POSTCARD OF 'THE HILL'

Dear Alan,

Here is a picture postcard, pictured on 'The Hill' Rowde. Time and event not known.

On the reverse is written 'On the back is some funny people'.

Hopefully someone in Rowde may be able to shed more light on when and what.

Yours,

Dennis Powney

(see the postcard on page 37)

ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY

Hi Alan

I'd be so grateful if you could find a space for this in your May edition.

Wiltshire charity Alzheimer's Support is inviting everyone to its a Royal Wedding Street party in Sidmouth Street, Devizes, on May 19. The party will be at the finishing line of the charity's annual Walk to Remember from Bradford on Avon to Devizes.

Festivities will run from 12 noon to 5pm and will be the first official engagement of the incoming Mayor of Devizes Councillor Andy Geddes. Attractions include live music, tea party food and drink, street entertainers, a licenced bar, ice creams, coffee van and display of vintage bikes. The wedding of will be shown on a big screen at midday, then replayed at 2.30pm for walkers taking part in the charity's sponsored walk.

More details of the party and the walk at www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

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Sudoku (medium this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (difficult 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.

	1				5
4					
		6			
			2		1
			5		2
		3			

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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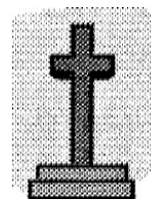
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Website

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Youth Club

Iain Marr 07540017184

Village Diary



5 May	Ploughman's Lunch (see page 13)
9 May	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
19 May	Royal Wedding Street Party (see page 45)
20 May	Rowdeford Garden Fair (see back cover)
23 May	Spanish Night (Note: this event is now sold out)
24 May	Village Meeting, Rowde Primary Academy School 7.30pm to 9pm
24 May	Wine Club Supper (see page 38)
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13 June	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
7 July	First day of Ann Swan's Open Studio (see page 36)
11 July	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
4 August	Flower Show
11 August	RowdeFest (Note: the date for this event has yet to be confirmed)
12 September	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
? October	Ploughman's Lunch (Note: date to be announced)
1 December	Christmas Bazaar
All Tuesdays	St Matthew's Cafe (see page 20)

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