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Please note that our Rowde Village website manager is Ian Diddams and can be contacted  
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## Editorial

Welcome to 2014 and to the February issue of the Rowde Village News. It's the 'Big Issue' again with 64 packed pages but I must begin by saying how delighted we are with our success in the national magazine awards 2013. Read all about it on page 11.

We have some great articles from the village clubs and organisations, equally good school 'reports' and interesting contributions from our farming contributors, like 'John's Farm' (page 18), 'Pet n Pat' (page 20) and the 'Rowdey Cow' (page 37). And there's a unique outlook on life and the future, given quite 'graphically', by Carrie in her 'Kith and Kin' article on page 21.

Rowde author Darren Worrow features on page 28. He has just had published a book of stories by himself and nine other writers from all over the world. The proceeds are going to a local charity and you can buy this great little book in the village shop, priced only £8.

We posed you a challenge in the last issue with a picture quiz which was much enjoyed by many of you I hear. The answers and the prize winners are announced on page 23. Such was the popularity of this quiz that we have set another prize picture quiz on page 42, this time just for our 16 and under readers.

I personally attended several enjoyable events over the last month or so and you can see the results of my ever active camera clicking on pages 30, 35 and 55.

No 'Photo Memories' this month I'm afraid. If you have any old photos from in and around Rowde please send them in with a few words to accompany them. And if you only have prints you can drop them in to Rowde Court Studios in Marsh Lane. I will scan your prints and return them safely and I can even email you the digital versions. Also, I have repeated the appeal for information and photos from wartime Rowde on page 39. We received information on two soldiers but we need much more for Michael Cornwell's project.

Finally, it being 2014, would you believe we have 14 articles in 'Local News' and 14 letters in the letters pages?

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

This magazine is brought to you thanks to The Stationery Cupboard and all the advertisers.

### Notice to contributors & advertisers

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### Contributors please also note:

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

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

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

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This month's front cover shows Bob the Piper at the Charity Burns Night in Bowden Hall at Rowdeford School. Read the report on page 35.

*photograph by Alan Watters*



## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

The early print date for the Christmas and January magazine seems to somehow hurry the year to its close, and bring Christmas ever closer. Yet as I write we still have some of our seasonal activities to look forward to, such as visits from Busy Kids and St. Nicholas School to sing for us, and also our Christmas lunch at The Owl next door. However looking back over the last month we have already had quite a full and varied programme. A few weeks back we enjoyed a return visit from Pete Lamb, who was accompanied this time by Collette. Together they took us through quite a wide range of different songs, and also the usual treat of Pete's guitar solos – these are a firm favourite of us all. The following week the Serendipity Hand Bell Ringers visited, further to their earlier postponement. We found watching these most interesting as well as delightful to listen to, and Brenda encouraged us to sing along with some of the well known tunes. The ringers also took turns to tell us more about the subject as it took a while between each piece to prepare for the next.

The last week in November found us welcoming Jean Collens back after several years to present to us more of her collection of poems, monologues and humorous readings. Jean appeared unfazed by having husband Bill (who drives for us each week) in the audience! - and continued to call on her acting skills to bring each offering to life.

Over all these weeks our members have been steadily bringing in contributions towards the Operation Christmas child appeal, and we filled between us all 16 boxes for underprivileged children.

The first Monday in December found us sitting round a big table again in the morning as Anita paid us a return visit. We had enjoyed making flower arrangements with her back in the Spring and so she offered to come again and show us how to make Christmas pomanders. Using oranges, lemons or limes, and cloves and ribbon we produced a fine selection of decorative and fragrant embellishments for the season. Then in the afternoon, fuelled up on delicious sausage, peas, mash and onion gravy, we visited the Christmas Tree Festival in the Parish Church to see all the imaginative exhibits. For those who found this too arduous Norma had kindly photographed them all on her laptop and so was able to show the trees to those left behind whilst we were gone.

We have recently had a generous donation of £125 from the Bromham Carnival Committee, and also a cheque for £100 from the Bromham Parish Council, for which we are very grateful.

We send Christmas Greetings to all our many friends and supporters, and wish you all a Happy New Year.

If you are elderly, or house bound or needing some company because you live alone it may well be our club is right for you. It's a wonderful place to make new friends [and probably find some old ones] and enjoy some company. So if you would like to come and join us on a Monday at the Social Centre do give me a ring. We can provide transport 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**

## ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members of the Afternoon Club enjoyed their Christmas Dinner at the Oliver Cromwell on December 10th.

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January 14th in the Village Hall and the next meeting will be on February 4th at 2.30pm.

We are still looking for re-cycled teenagers, so why not come along and see what we do!

**D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655**

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

For their Christmas evening on November 26th, members of the Ladies Club were pleased to welcome their friends from Bromham Wives Group and Devizes Evening W.I.

Unfortunately, due to illness, the entertainment was unable to attend but an enjoyable evening was had by all. The lovely refreshments were provided by members.

The Bromham Ladies were the winners of 'Spot the Tune' competition and raffle winners were:

Mrs.M.Siburn, Mrs.P.Kiing, Mrs.S.Smart, Mrs.J.Frost, Mrs.F.Bradley, Mrs.T.Collins, Mrs.D.Favezzi, Mrs.M.Hayter and Miss J.White.

The next meeting was held on January 28th when Alan Truscott again came and showed us items from his collections.

The February meeting on February 25th will be a members Pancake evening.

**Di Buckland (Secretary)**

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Another very successful Bazaar was held on December 7th and a profit of over £900 was made for further improvements to the Hall.

The Chairman Mr.B.Barrett thanked everyone who had helped and supported this event by either donating money or items to sale, raffle prizes, manning the stalls, making the Santa Grotto etc and especially Debbie and Martin Handy for providing and decorating the transport for Father Christmas to tour the village with Committee members and helpers collecting items on the three evenings before the Bazaar.



*A busy day for Santa at the Christmas Bazaar*



*...and a packed hall made it a successful day*

Whisky Raffle winners: Mr.B.Cross, Mr.P.Woodward and Mrs.M.Hiscock

Iced Christmas Cake winners: Mrs.K.Maslin and Miss.O.Perrett

There were over 40 prizes in the Grand Raffle. Work is now complete on the new ramp and doorway into the Hall which will be of benefit

to all and thanks must be expressed to all who helped with this project.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1st. TABLE TOP SALE

MAY 3rd. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

AUG. 9th. FLOWER SHOW

OCT. 4th. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

DEC. 6th. BAZAAR

The committee have also offered to do the Cream Teas in the Village Hall for the Village Fete.

**B Barrett**

## ROWDE YOUTH CLUB

Since our request for parent helpers, four parents have volunteered to help supervise the children during our Friday night Youth Club sessions from 6pm to 7.30pm. We are delighted to have this help, however if another two or three parent helpers were prepared to help share the load it would make everyone's roles easier. At the moment we have two adult helpers as well as the Youth Club leader at each session, but if more than 30 children come to a session this would still leave us under staffed. If any more parents would like to get involved, please email [hilarymortimer@btinternet.com](mailto:hilarymortimer@btinternet.com) or Jan Barber on [jan@janmor.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:jan@janmor.wanadoo.co.uk).

Could we also renew our request that parents escort their children into the school hall and sign them in to check that we have sufficient adults to run the session safely. This is essential to ensure that we can safely supervise your children whilst they are with us.

### Next Club Date is February 28th

Please be aware though that this date could be subject to change.

**Jan Barber**

## Volunteers required

### Help in your community shop

Please come forward and give us a hand. We need all ages and all hours

Please phone or e-mail Veronica. Or pop in!

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## ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next book club will be 12th February which will be a 'free read'. *If you would like to join us or have a suggestion for a good read please contact Ann Swan on 01380 724788.*

### BOOK REVIEW "A Venetian Affair" by Andrea Di Robilant

A long hidden cache of letters, found in an old Venetian palazzo, form the backbone of this extraordinary book. Their narrative reveals an enthralling clandestine love affair spanning decades and also gives us glimpses and details of day to day life in eighteenth-century Venice.

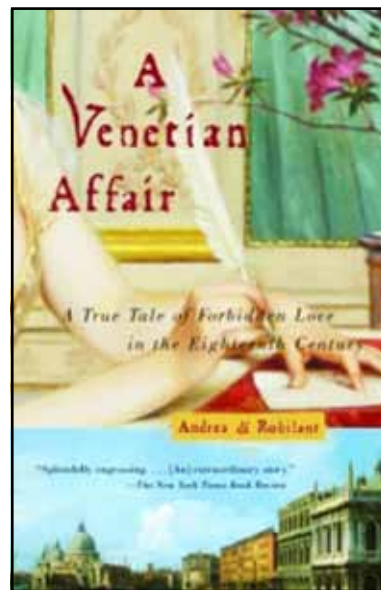
We also learn of the hypocrisy and constraints of its society.

Andea Memmo was heir to an illustrious and fiercely conservative noble family. He fell in love with Giustiniana Wynne, the illegitimate daughter of an English knight and clearly an unsuitable match. She was captivatingly beautiful, spirited and intelligent but unacceptable in Venetian Society. Driven to secrecy by disapproving parents, their letters, written in code, reveal the depth of their passion and hopeless predicament.

We learn what became of each over the next thirty years. It is so full of twists and turns that you have to remind yourself that it all really happened.

Some of the group found the book difficult to get to grips with, probably because the language and style of the letters, written from 1754 onwards, is unsurprisingly a little strange. However, for those who persevered, it was a fascinating account of two real lives, as gripping as any novel.

**Jacqui Hylands-White**



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

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

**Alan Watters, Editor**

### Mobile Library Service



A mobile library van visits Rowde (Village Hall) on alternate Mondays, from **3.20pm to 3.50pm**.

You can borrow books for adults and children of all ages, plus story tapes/CDs. It is also possible to reserve items that are not available on the van. The library van is wheelchair accessible.

For more details on Wiltshire Library Service, log on to: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries)

#### What you will need:

Either a Wiltshire Library card or proof of your name and current address (for example an allowance book, bank/building society statement, driving licence or official bill/invoice).

#### Next dates for the Library van (all Mondays):

February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24, April 7, May 19, June 2, 16 & 30.



# PETS CORNER

## AGREEABLE FRIENDS

*This 'doggy tale' has been submitted by author Peter Lee-Hale, who lives in Rowde. It is a longer story than we usually print so it has been serialised. Ed*

### Episode 4

It was at a dinner speaking about prison reform that the Judge, rising to his feet to deliver his after dinner speech and in casting his eyes around the guests, saw her again. He almost fluffed his lines - he really must find out who she was but by the time he managed to move away from his hosts after the dinner she was gone.

Among his telephone messages one morning was one asking him to ring a well known T.V. company who wanted him on the early morning David Frost chat show, along of course with Tara and Barnaby. This was a tremendous success and next week Henry brought in to him in his Chambers an envelope bearing the Royal Crest. It was an invitation to luncheon at Buckingham Palace, one of several the Queen gave throughout the year to prominent personalities in all walks of life. It was agreed that the dogs could enter the Palace Grounds but stay in the car - because of the Corgis it was explained.

Tara and Barnaby however had other ideas.

"It's all or nothing" she had told Barnaby, "once we are in the grounds we'll be going to the lunch too." Barnaby agreed as he had always had a wish to chase a Royal Corgi so maybe his ambition would come true and he would get some lunch as well.

The day dawned and at 12.15 the Judge drove through the gates of the Palace and under the balcony where the Royal family showed themselves on special occasions and into the courtyard beyond. The Judge was directed to a space close to the entrance which led up to the main picture gallery where all recipients of honours entered. The Judge stepped onto the red carpet which led up through the entrance. A footman inspected his invitation and directed him up the stairs. He was then led into an ante room where the other luncheon guests were gathering and following instructions waited expectantly.

A bookcase swung back and a footman stepped into the room followed by one, two, three and then a fourth corgi. The Judge thought to himself that Tara and Barnaby would love to be there now - little did he know.

Down in the courtyard all appeared quiet. The security men had moved away and no one was in sight. Barnaby raised a stealthy paw and pushed down the handle of the door which swung open. Remember to close it hissed Tara and he dutifully did. The pair then eased themselves around the various cars to gain the entrance. Two footmen were engaged in conversation facing away from the rascally pair. Swiftly they scampered silently up the stairs and following their noses headed along the corridor where they heard the sound of voices. Before they could go further, as they rounded the corner they came face to face with Barnaby's ultimate ambition - the corgis and with a delighted yelp he gave chase hotly pursued by Tara who thought this was folly indeed. A door further along opened and a footman emerged carrying a tray - that's it thought Tara, now I will meet the Queen. The corgis darted between the legs of the footman and a second and a third who all lost their balance and china and trays came crashing down.

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The corgis entered the dining room and shot underneath the table all the way down to the end followed by an exuberant Barnaby and a reluctant Tara. Chaos reigned for a few moments but soon order was restored with the corgis removed and Tara and Barnaby confined to a neighbouring room with a little something from the platters - Barnaby got his lunch as well as a chase with the corgis.



The queen was most understanding and far from being banished to the Tower when the lunch was over, made a point of coming to see the two miscreants. No one was more relieved than the Judge; perhaps he might achieve a knighthood after all.

The following morning the Judge was notified that he would be one of several Judges allocated to take the Assizes in Dorchester, a pleasant Dorset City.

Of course the dogs went too and another first was registered when they appeared in the Procession to the Law Courts in the Shire Hall.

It was on this occasion, when the Judge was trying a major case, that the Defendant's friends tried to nobble not just a member of the Jury but the Judge himself by kidnapping Tara but thanks to the perspicacity of Barnaby and a number of local canines she was rescued and the appropriate justice was meted out to the culprits.

It was around this time that the Judge was invited to join the Committee of his Club, the Garrick, and was summoned to invigilate on the appointment of a new member. Knowing that his canine friends insisted on accompanying him everywhere, the Judge was at a loss how to prevent their appearance at the Garrick, the holy of holies. All his efforts to prevent them going with him were in vain and it was somewhat surprising that some of the more venerable members did not suffer a heart attack but, if they had lunched with the Queen, who would dare to deter them from entering the hallowed portals of the Garrick.

Almost daily, the Judge's thoughts dwelled on the striking beauty that had frequently crossed his path, never since his wife had died in labour had he really looked at another woman but the vision of her began to haunt him.

In between all these events are the frequent visits by the doughty trio to the Young Offenders Institution where a strong rapport builds up between the inmates of the Juvenile Unit and the trio.

As an old Oxford Rugger blue and former Captain, the Judge is invited as Guest of Honour to the annual Varsity Match. Tara and Barnaby of course attend too and disaster almost strikes when Barnaby gets carried away and dashes onto the field to join the game and succeeds in bursting the ball.

Work for the Judge has been all consuming of his time but his thoughts have never been far from 'his lady of the mists' suddenly, it came to him the Common ! He must conspire to meet her on one of her walks, if she did indeed walk her dog there still. True, he hadn't seen her when he walked with Tara and Barnaby but then, who would be walking dogs as early in the morning as he did. He resolved to alter his walking times from then on - but other startling and possible dangerous events were suddenly to occur.

....to be continued.

**Footnote: if you have photos, or can take some, of your pets, please send them in and tell us something about them, Ed**

# Your Parish Council

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

## Chairman's Announcements

- The Chair announced that a key aim for the Parish Council in 2014 is to support and encourage 'working together' in the village such as the planned Village Fête in the summer.
- Thank you was given to Pete & Pat Simmons for donating the Christmas tree to the village and also to the team who helped put it up, including Hugh Whittle, Neal Bawden, Robin Eccles, Pete Williams, Bill Ibbetson.
- Precept
- The precept has been set for 2014-15. It was agreed to increase the precept in order to continue to provide support for village groups and activities. Parish Council land must also be maintained and it has been indicated that Wiltshire Council will shortly start to devolve more of their responsibilities to parishes, such as grass cutting and verge maintenance. It is unlikely that there will be additional funds made available for this. In addition, Wiltshire Council will only pay 65% of the council support grant this year and the number of Band D houses in the village has dropped in the last year – this is the band on which Wiltshire Council calculates the precept. As a result, the value of last year's precept would be worth significantly less in 2014-15.

o It was agreed that the precept will have to rise by 7p per week per band D household. The total amount received will be £27, 836.56, which is an increase of 6.96%. The precept for the previous two financial years has remained the same.

- Please see following for the new annual charge per household for 2014/15:

Band A household= £37.43; Band D household= £43.66;  
Band C household= £49.90; Band D household= £56.14;  
Band E household=£68.62; Band F household= £81.09;  
Band G household= £93.57; Band H household=£112.28

## Finance

- Membership of the Webbs/Wicks Trust Committee has not changed. When a vacancy arises, the Parish Council will be notified.
- Clerk's salary was increased in November after an appraisal. The new pay salary was set at point 30 on scale

LC2, on the National Salary award for Local Council Clerks 2013/14. The Clerk's contracted hours are 15 hrs per week.

- The costs of having a village Christmas tree were discussed. There was no cost for electricity in 2013, and none is expected for 2014 due to the new energy efficient LED bulbs. The tree is also kindly donated.

Monthly invoices for December were approved (total of £1359.11)

Admin, inc stationery, room hire	790.61
Grounds & Village Maintenance	532.50
Christmas tree costs	36.00

Monthly invoices for January were approved (total: 1942.61)

Admin, & new printer	502.02
Grounds Maintenance	713.50
Clerk's salary	727.09

## Highways Update

- Cllr Bentley was thanked for his report on roads and pavements in the village. A site meeting took place with Cllr Bentley, the Clerk and a senior WC Highways Technician and the following can be reported:
  - Potholes, litter and graffiti can be reported directly to Wiltshire Council through their interactive service at 'My Wiltshire' app.
  - Marsh Lane from the Cross Keys junction to past Rowde Court will be completely resurfaced shortly.
  - The bottom of the Church drive will be completely resurfaced after February.
  - The creation of a lay by area on Bunnies Lane was discussed (to create more parking spaces) and it is thought that the work would cost in excess of £3K which WC does not have the funds for. WC will clarify where the Highways boundary goes up to.
  - There is an issue of the road narrowing opposite West End Farm, which may have resulted from soil dumped on the verge which over time has narrowed the road. WC is investigating it further.
  - Rowde is scheduled to have a road sweeper every 3 - 4 months which can remove

## ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde, Bromham & Potterne

<b>Liz Bryant</b>	<b>Wiltshire Councillor</b>	<b>01380 850316</b>
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moss from pavements and weeds from kerbs. It can also be tasked with cleaning up dog fouling.

- Cllr Bentley, Cllr Boorman and the Clerk met with a WC Senior Traffic Management Engineer to discuss weight restriction signs on Cock Road/Sands Lane/Bunnies Lane junction. WC has agreed to carry out the following changes before the end of the financial year: A342 High Street – to provide bend / junction warning sign and SLOW road marking; Cock Road – to replace village nameplate and 30 mph / national speed limit signs; Cock Road junction with Bunnies Lane – to provide weight limit sign and end of weight limit sign; Cock road junction with Sands Lane – to provide weight limit sign and end of weight limit sign.
- WC has also secured footway resurfacing opposite George & Dragon pub towards Slades garage, plus surface repairs at the junction to Maundrell Close.
- At the Devizes Area Board meeting held on Monday 25th November, a proposal for pedestrian improvements at the junction of A361/B3101 Caen Hill was discussed. The key aim of the proposal is to find a cost effective way of ensuring that no more than 2 lanes need to be crossed before a safe refuge is reached. Costings will be put together and then reported back to the next Community Action Traffic Group (CATG) in January.

## Village Safety

- The stile at the junction of footpath Rowde 13 with the bridleway south west of Lower Durett Farm has been replaced. WC will also investigate a problem on footpath Rowde 6.

## Dog fouling

- The Dog Warden has reported an unusual increase in dog fouling in this area. Concerns about dog fouling should be reported to John Quinn, the Dog Warden at Wiltshire Council, at: [john.quinn@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.quinn@wiltshire.gov.uk), or by telephoning: 0300 456 0100 or visiting the dog fouling section of Wiltshire Council's website.

## Salt spreading

- The Parish Council declined to purchase a tailgate salt spreader for use in the parish. A hand pushed unit was suggested instead. Cllrs B Bentley and A Boorman will draft a snow plan.

## Village Maintenance

- The Hill: Areas of The Hill have been re-seeded and the pathway replaced with more substantial material after the completion of the repair works to the wall of Prospect House's garden. WC has confirmed that they will cordon off the area to allow the seed to grow. The current dog fouling signs will be removed and replaced with stickers on the lampposts.
- Mr Eccles has kindly offered to re-set the 'Best Kept Village' plaque into the wall of Prospect House.
- Small Playing field: The gate entering the toddlers playing area has been secured, with a post and rails erected behind gate to reduce pressure on the spring
  - o Bolts have been tightened on the climbing wall, and the bearings on the rotator turnstile have been oiled.
  - o The bin in the blue sheltered area has been replaced.
- Large playing field: the broken back boards on the basketball post have been removed and the backing painted over.

## Police

Reports were given that on:

- 01/11/2013 An unknown suspect has stolen a phone from a vehicle whilst it was left unattended at Jones Scrap Yard on Caen Hill, & on
- 13/11/2013 A single vehicle road traffic collision occurred where a car collided with a hedge by Horse Lane Farm. No person was injured.

## Allotments

- The hedge bordering the allotments and the large playing field has been cut back.

## Sports Field Development

- A member of the public has requested a public consultation on the future development plans for the large playing field. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2014, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

## Planning Applications

The following applications were reviewed by the Parish Council:

- 13/06880/FUL Proposed carport with electric vehicular door: The Old Bakery, High Street. After some discussion, no objections were found.
- 13/06934/LBC Listed building consent for alterations and extension to dwelling: The Villa, High Street. No objections were found.

## Wiltshire Council update

- The adoption of WC's Core Strategy has been delayed by 9 months. This leaves the Devizes Area vulnerable to new development. Devizes Area Board has been in discussion with the Inspectors.
- It was noted that WC is trying to identify a unified approach towards dealing with solar planning applications.

## Village Fete

- The Parish Council is supporting the setting up of an independent village fete committee. Please contact Steve Mundy on 01380 727598 if you would be interested in helping in any way you can.

## Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 8.00pm**, in the Village Hall. **Future Parish Council meetings can be found in the village diary on the back page of the magazine.**

### Everyone is welcome

*A full set of minutes is available on the Parish noticeboards and on the Village website ([www.rowdevillage.co.uk](http://www.rowdevillage.co.uk)).*

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.

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# ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

Hello again,

Can you believe it is just one month from Christmas, well I can't...We have drawn our fabulous raffle and phoned all the winners who I think were very excited to win. We will be drawing our veg box winner after this issues has gone to print, so will let you know who won next month. We will run another draw next month so for your chance of two free veg boxes come and spend over £10 and you will be in with a chance.



## 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 started using Wiltshire Produce Ltd again after our last suppliers quality fell. Tony is very kindly giving us a great deal on prices and we sell our fruit and veg at the same price you would buy from him in the market.

I would also like to publicly thank Derek from Spa shop who understands more than anyone else the challenges of running a small retail outlet. Derek has recently done us a great favour and myself and the management committee are very grateful. Thank you Derek for your continued support of our venture, without your support things would be much more difficult for us.

Our new Bake and Bite initiative has been a great success and we are selling several pastries each day. Come and see what we have to offer. We are at the moment stocking sausage rolls, cheese&ham bake, steak bake, cheese&onion rolls, potato covered frankfurter style sausage, bacon&cheese slice and PROPER Cornish pasties, made in Cornwall. I have tried pasties from every shop that sells them in Devizes and can tell you these are better than them all. Come and give them a try. If you have a favourite from the bake and bite range that we do not stock let us know and we will try to stock them.

We are now offering a frozen bake at home range which include demi baguettes, crusty rolls, croissants and pain au chocolate. If you would like us to bake them for you we will take orders to be ready for you to collect the following day, this is great for lazy weekends with family and friends. We will also sell any of our bake and bite range for 10p cheaper than our charge for hot goods. So make breakfast different this weekend

We have had three new fabulous volunteers, Julia, Ben and Shaun, all of whom came into the shop and asked if we needed help and we thank them for coming forward it is such a treat when someone comes to volunteer rather than waiting for me to approach them. We have also had parents and children volunteering on a Saturday afternoon, would you like to do this? If we could have 8 teams of people you would only need to come once every couple of months. It is an amazing experience for the children who would not get the opportunity to "run a shop" any other way. Finally, a great big thank you to all of our existing wonderful volunteers, without whom our shop would not exist

Our shareholders meeting will take place in February and we look forward to seeing you there if you are a shareholder, if you are not and would like to be please fill the form in the magazine and bring it into the shop, thank you.

For the New Year, make your resolution to support your village shop. Please do this by:

- ordering a veg box,
- buying 5 items from your weekly shopping list
- spending £5 a week (not including cigarettes) from us.

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Thanks for reading, I hope to see you soon in the shop,

**Veronica Seedhouse 01380 829663**  
**[rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com](mailto:rowde.village.shop@btconnect.com)**

## VERONICA'S RECIPE

### Fabulous Cheese Scones:

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 250g plain flour
- 3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 50g butter
- 1 egg
- 250ml milk
- 120g grated Cheddar cheese
- 100g sultanas or raisins

#### PREPARATION METHOD:

1. Sift flour with baking powder, salt and paprika. Rub in butter finely. Stir in remaining ingredients just until dry ingredients are moistened.

2. Spoon into well-greased muffin tins. Bake in a preheated 220 C / Gas mark 7 oven for 25 minutes.

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

# GOOD NEWS FOR ROWDE VILLAGE NEWS!

The results of the 2013 National Parish Magazine Awards have at last been finalised, with the standard this year being said to be the highest ever. It was hard work for the judges to decide the order but, in our first time of entering, the Rowde Village News achieved 27th place out of the 710 magazines that were submitted from all over the UK.

The RVN magazine team are delighted with the result as it puts us in the top 4% of magazines in the United Kingdom.

The Top five awards in the competition were:

1st and overall Winner: The Ivybridge Magazine (Devon)

2nd and Best Print: The Old School & Stoke Climsland News (Cornwall)

3rd and Best Content: Barton Today (Northamptonshire)

4th and Best Design: The Dove (Somerset)

5th and Best Editor: Loddon Reach (Berkshire)

***I personally thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine over the years***

**Ed**

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## Good Neighbour News Age UK Befriending

Have you heard about Age UK's Befriending Service? If you live alone and feel a bit isolated maybe you could benefit from it. Or maybe you have some time on your hands and could consider being a volunteer befriender yourself. There are 2 sorts of befriender :- telephone benders work from the Age UK office in Devizes for a few hours a week. They ring the same people each week, have a good chat and get to know them. Home Visit Befrienders visit someone living alone each week, to offer support and friendship. There may be someone living near to you who has requested a befriender. Could you be that person? If you are interested please ring Age UK on 01380 727767.

On a completely different note – I have recently heard of a lady who was told by her gas company that she was £500 in debt. She didn't feel that this was correct. She asked a neighbour to read her meter. The gas company had misread the meter and the lady was, in fact, in credit. If a bill, like this, seems totally unreasonable, make sure you get someone to check it out for you, before you pay.

## Surviving Winter

The Community Foundation has released details of this year's Surviving Winter grants. These are for people who are living in fuel poverty. This means that they spend about 10% of their income on fuel. There is a one off payment which can be used to pay for electricity, gas or other fuel used during the colder winter months. If you would like to apply for this grant, please give me a ring and I will visit and fill in the application form.

If you receive means tested benefits, like pension credit, other grants may be available. These include replacing old and inefficient boilers, having extra loft insulation or cavity wall insulation put in. Do contact me to see if you are eligible.

*If you would like to talk to me about these things or anything else do ring or email me.*

**Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour  
Coordinator for Devizes villages  
on 07557 922027 or email  
devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk**



# The Reverend Norma Fergusson

## Thoughts from The Rectory

The church year can be very confusing – quite apart from things like the variable dates for Easter and the first Sunday of Advent, there are the practical problems of reflecting 33 years of life in a mere 12 months. But every so often, the church slows down and looks at that life in real time – Holy Week is the most obvious example, but right now – in the period between Christmas and the Feast of the Presentation (also known as Candlemas) - is probably my favourite.

This is the time between the birth of the Christ child and his presentation in the Temple, in accordance with Jewish tradition, so we know that it must have been 40 days after the birth. 40 days that Mary and Joseph needed to recover from their journey and to adjust to the joys and practicalities of parenthood, not to mention the mysterious appearances of stars, angels, shepherds and wise men. Time that we also need to absorb the wonderful news of God made man for love of us which we heard afresh in the Christmas services.

This is why so many churches keep their Christmas decorations after twelfth night – traditionally, twelfth night marks the end of a secular midwinter festival and has no Christian significance. After all, if the church stopped celebrating Christmas at twelfth night, we would miss out on Epiphany: the time when the wise men from the east brought their gifts to the baby – gifts which both recognised his unique status and foretold his death.

Then, at Candlemas, the baby was recognised again – this time by Simeon and Anna – as the light which had come into the world for everyone. Perhaps not surprisingly, this became celebrated by blessing candles which would be used on special occasions throughout the year – sometimes to comfort the dying or, in some traditions, as protection during thunderstorms.

I started by saying the church year was confusing – but I think that can be a good thing. The church should be about real time, which is the time in which we live and in which God breaks into our lives. And that's not just in the 12 – or even the 40 – days of the Christmas season: it can be every day, if we let him.

**Norma**

## Notes from our Churchwardens

At 6.30pm on Monday 9th December the combined Church and Junior choirs met and, together with family and friends, set off to sing carols and collect donations for DEVIZES FOOD BANK.. They returned just before 8pm having collected £110 plus a large number of tins and jars of food. Cold but happy. Hot drinks and Mince Pies were served and everyone agreed it had been a great evening and all hoped to go out again next Christmas.

JUNIOR CHOIR will be singing at the Family Services on the 4th Sunday of the month. They will

be proudly wearing their Royal School of Church Music Medallions presented to them in January. Don't forget our second STEWSDAY on Tuesday 18th February.

**Maureen Hiscocks**

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**Asst Curate:** Rev Norma Fergusson Tel: 850811 Email: norma.fergusson@tiscali.co.uk

### Churchwardens:

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Gavin Moss Tel 729160

**For more information about St Matthew's Rowde you can also go to:**

[www.achurchnearyou.com/rowde-st-matthew/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/rowde-st-matthew/)

## CHURCH ROTAS Church Cleaning

Volunteers meet at 2pm on Friday 21st February

### Brass Cleaning

Philip Hale

### Flower Arranging

2/9 Feb - Jayne Andrews-Wheeler

16/23 Feb & 2 March - Jane Sartin

### Mothers' Union

MU meets on Thursday 13th February at 2.00pm in The Rectory, Bromham. We will be discussing our plans for our 2014 project with Joanne Triffitt, the Diocesan MU Community Development Coordinator. More details of our project will be available next month. We will also be looking at designs for our new banners. More details from Anne Rees (859646).

### Benefice Youth Group

The Youth Group will meet on Tuesday 11th February from 6.30 - 8.00 in The Rectory Bromham. This will be a 'Question and Answer' session - please come with any questions you may have about faith, God, Jesus, the Church etc and the leaders will do their best to answer them! Please email your questions in advance to revjohnrees@btinternet.com or bring them to the meeting. Young people in year 6 upwards are welcome.

### 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. There are "leaves" in a basket near the tree on which to write your prayer and then hang them on the tree.

# February Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

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



Date/Time	Service
<b>Sunday 2</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.00 pm	<b>Candlemas</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Family Service in School</b> <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
<b>Wednesday 5</b> 10.00 am 11.00 am	<b>Prayer Group</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 8</b> 6.00 pm	<i>Compline, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 9</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	<b>4th before Lent</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham, with Benefice Junior Choir</i> <b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 12</b> 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
<b>Sunday 16</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	<b>3rd before Lent</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
<b>Wednesday 19</b> 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
<b>Sunday 23</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	<b>2nd before Lent</b> <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <b>Family Service, with Benefice Junior Choir</b> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i>
<b>Wednesday 26</b> 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Bromham</i>
<b>MARCH</b> <b>Sunday 2</b> 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> <b>Family Service in School</b>

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

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

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

Please note that, although we try to avoid this whenever possible, times of midweek or special services may change due to unforeseen circumstances. **Please check the Church notice board for further information.**

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

## Another STEWSDAY - Tuesday 18th February 2014

### TAKE A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING?

At St Matthew's Church, Rowde – 6.30pm

There will be a range of one pot meals on offer such as:

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Currently Rowde tower has adults and youngsters learning to ring the church bells from 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm on Fridays. Recently there have been good efforts from teams of all ages in the Seend striking competition (aiming to place each bell in the right place knowing that bells are the longest string instrument in the World) where timing and technique are sometimes frustrated by lack of concentration or bell action.

**Improvement helps better service, wedding, etc. ringing.**

**Trot along on Friday at 7.00 pm to see what, why, when, how.....**

## WANTED

### Assistant Organist and/or Pianist

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We have an enthusiastic choir and a new Benefice junior choir has been formed recently. Expenses can be paid: remuneration and the number of services per month are negotiable. To find out more or to express interest please phone  
Mrs Nicola Brown on 01380 722406



## HELP AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE

According to the last census, there are 47,608 people in Wiltshire providing care and support to a relative, child, partner or friend who would not be able to manage on their own.



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It is estimated that 3 in 5 people will become a carer at some point in their lives. The problem is that most people will not identify themselves as such – people simply consider themselves as a spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent or friend doing what they would be doing anyway. Many also mistake the word 'carer' with those providing paid care work in a residential home or domiciliary agency capacity.

Carer Support Wiltshire is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, at the other end of the telephone, or face to face, along with accessing to counselling and advice relating to your role. All of our services are free and confidential for anyone aged 18 and over and we can offer you the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies.



*Speaking with a Support Worker*

We will shortly be running a monthly carers cafés in nearby Devizes where you can come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two.

To find out more about us, or to register for some support, please visit our website [www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk), email [info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk) or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

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# NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

Happy New Year to you all. At Rowdeford we had an exciting and busy Christmas. We enjoyed two inspiring Carol Concerts from our students and a delicious Christmas Dinner where staff and pupils wore Christmas jumpers. This was followed by a magician show. Quite a few of our pupils also got the opportunity to go to a pantomime.



*Enjoying Christmas lunch*

We also enjoyed the company of Angel House residents when the Year 11 students put on a coffee morning for them. Our choir entertained them with new songs and a few old favourites. The students organised the whole thing and it was a great success.

Just before all that took place we had an OFSTED inspection. This confirmed how amazing our students and staff are at working together with our values led Curriculum. The official result is Rowdeford is continuing to be an OUTSTANDING SCHOOL, with students having outstanding teaching and the school having outstanding leadership. A truly team

effort. To thank the students for all their hard work we arranged a small surprise for them one break time: an ice cream van came onto the playground and everyone enjoyed a cone with a chocolate flake or sauce.



*Celebrating our OFSTED success*



*"A 99 please"*

Our Values led curriculum is a new introduction to Rowdeford. The whole school voted on what the values should be with Co-operation, Responsibility, Happiness, Resilience, Respect and Caring coming out on top. Every term we will concentrate on one of these. This term is Happiness. This runs through the lessons and pupils earn merits for making someone happy, or showing their happiness. So on that note we wish everyone a Happy 2014.

## Things you may not think your village shop stocks:

- Guinea pig and rabbit food/bedding
- Tomato juice
- Tabasco Sauce
- Pickled eggs
- Capers
- Chick peas
- Mini torch



# NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Happy New Year!

All the staff and children at Rowde Academy wish the RVN readers a happy and prosperous 2014!

Here at Rowde Academy, we had an incredibly busy December, but in the true spirit of Christmas, we had lots of fun together.

We began December with the choir visiting Angel House in Bromham, they sang beautifully to the residents and have been invited back to sing again, later in the year.



Reception class, as well as class 1 and 2, performed the Nativity play this year; both plays were magical and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. It was perfect that we were able to perform 'I Spy Christmas' at St Matthew's. Thank you to all the teachers in class R and 1 and 2 for working so hard to put the performances together.

Midst all of our Christmas excitement, Year 6 went back in time to the Victorian era and visited Sevington School. I am hoping that the children would prefer to come to school now rather than then!

Our Christingle service was coupled with our school commendations this year. Again the children were brilliantly well behaved and sang beautifully. Congratulations to all those children who received commendations, very well deserved.

Our 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' was a musical delight. Everyone sang really well, in spite it being the end of term. The 12 days of Christmas by Year 6 had most of the children in fits of giggles!

During the whole month, everyone was still working really hard and I would like to thank all the staff and children for doing so.

We are now into 2014, a new year, new beginnings and new horizons. It is lovely to be back and to see all the children back, bright eyed and ready to learn. It's going to be a good year.

So as I started by saying, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

**Lorraine Colquhoun**

## TEEN TOPICS

### New Year's Resolutions

2014 is promising to be a pretty big year for me. I am intending to pass my driving test (hopefully), I will become an adult (that's a given) and enter my absolute final year of school. Everyone always says at the start of the year that they intend to change, however by February we end up back in our old ways (My main issue being procrastination). However this year I am intending to improve and in fact I am



absolutely determined. The recent death of Mandela made me question myself and what I was actually doing. Thinking of all the things he achieved in his life made me feel slightly bad, here I was sat at home in my room, procrastinating as much as was humanly possible, whereas this one man had changed a whole world and its views. Although I am not suggesting that everyone becomes Mandela, it does make you think that even making small changes could lead to something great, because let's face it, if Mandela had spent his whole life on twitter, then people's views on racism may be completely different to what they are now.

**Molly**

(Any thoughts, please email me at [mollydilling@googlemail.com](mailto:mollydilling@googlemail.com)).



# JOHN'S FARM



The New Year has certainly started off a bit like 2013 in weather terms! The total rainfall here on the farm last year was 912mm which is around 250mm more than the average for the previous four years. We have already had 107mm up to the 18th January 2014. The ducks now have two ponds – the new one and another flooded area of the field. There are a network of underground drains which have a tendency to block up with root material at this time of year, so some maintenance will be required over the next few days.



*Flooded fields again!*

January is the time of year for a range of maintenance tasks on the farm. Last week we were preparing an area of the yard in front of the machinery shed for concreting. We have used some crushed stone to level the area up



*The first slab of concrete laid*

– the next task is to get our levels correct! We have also been hedge planting. A new hedge is going in behind the new grain store to create a screen with some flowering shrubs to attract the bees. There are also some trees to plant around the pond and complete the landscaping. We have chosen Alder, Maple and Ash. Over the last ten years we have established a number of new hedgerows around the farm. They have mostly taken well and this year we are going round and replacing any dead

plants. Only about 4% failed to grow – mostly in a single hedge which was planted just before a very dry spring. The main species are hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle, maple, hazelnut and wayfaring tree. Unfortunately the deer seem to enjoy the prickly varieties and some of these have struggled to get going.

Most of our school visits take place in the January to July period but this academic year we have had more in the autumn than usual. So far around 400 children from Wiltshire schools have visited since September. It looks as though we will have around 1200 visitors by the end of July. They are here for two hours and the period is split into a class session, where they learn about food sources by milking our life-size model cow, grinding wheat, making oil from oilseed rape and many other activities. The second hour is spent outside, mainly with the animals – one of the favourite jobs is collecting the eggs from the chickens, although not everyone is so keen when the hen is still sitting on the nest! This week a number of degree students from a local college have been here learning about cropping and looking at soils. At the moment we are investigating some alternative themed visits to offer next year, some of which may be of interest to the village.

Finally some grain has been leaving the farm and going off to be processed. The oats are being taken to a mill in Crewe to be used in muesli production, and the oilseed rape has gone to Erith in south east London, where it is processed into cooking oil. We also grow an industrial type of oilseed rape which goes to Hull where it is used in the plastics industry – mainly cling-film and bottle seals.



*Loading oats destined for Crewe*

Hopefully the rain will stop in February and we will see a few frosts!

**John Butler, Rowdefield Farm**



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## PET N PAT ANIMAL CENTRE

Hi everyone, spring is nearly here and we are looking forward to opening again in the springtime.

The ponies are recovering from their strangles outbreak and our vets are very happy with their recovery. We will be getting tested by the vets shortly to see if the disease has cleared. Hopefully, we can then get back on the road to visits and events.

I would like to thank everyone for your support during this trying time.

Weatherwise, what can we say? We have had rain and wind and more rain but hopefully we will miss the snow. Half the winter has gone, so looking forward to the spring sunshine. Not surprisingly, we have had a few issues with flooding in the yard and barns but we have now sorted out the drain issues so we should be ok whenever it rains and not have any more flooded barns - which has wasted lots of bedding.

Looking ahead, we will be holding a spring dog show (date to be confirmed) and our summer horse and dog show will be on July 27th 2014. We will be open for Open Farm Sunday in June again. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone at these events. Last year we have had a great entry and atmosphere at our events and this year, again, we will have great rosettes and trophies for all entrants. We are looking for sponsors for the classes at these events and have spaces for trade stands, so if anyone is interested - prices start at £15 - please contact me for details.

Just a few notes on staffing: our volunteer Sue is no longer at the centre but we do have some work experience pupils who come and help out to gain experience working with the animals. Of course, we always welcome volunteers (hot drinks and cakes/biscuits supplied). Whatever time you may have spare, please contact me.

You will be pleased to read that we have had our annual inspection by Wiltshire Council (two very friendly animal health and welfare officers came and did an inspection of animals and paperwork etc) and they are happy with the health and welfare needs of the animals as well as all the legal paperwork and requirements being met. Alas, we are very happy that we are doing things right in the authorities' eyes.



*Sam the Belgian*

We have rehomed one of the rabbits and have two more looking for homes (at time of writing).

Sadly, Toffee, our male veteran pygmy goat, has gone to the goat pasture in the sky.

Billy is out on loan at present but will probably be back soon. As you will have seen (you can't exactly miss him as he is huge) we have had one of our heavy horses arrive and he is in his own field getting used to his new environment. He came to us as the person who had him for a short while had grazing problems (mud mud and more mud). He will be going in with his friends sometime in spring and you will see him out riding in the village with his friends. He is happy on his own as he likes his own space and he is getting fed as he is a big boy.



*Donkeys Grigio, Machio & Violet*



*Heidi the goat*

Anyway, hope everyone is coping with the wet weather and that we shall see the local community at our forthcoming events this year, ideally in dryer conditions with the odd spell of sunshine thrown in for good measure.

Oh, and by then you will be able to see our new banner on display which we had made.

**Barbara and Liam**

**07511621454, [balimil@btinternet.com](mailto:balimil@btinternet.com)**



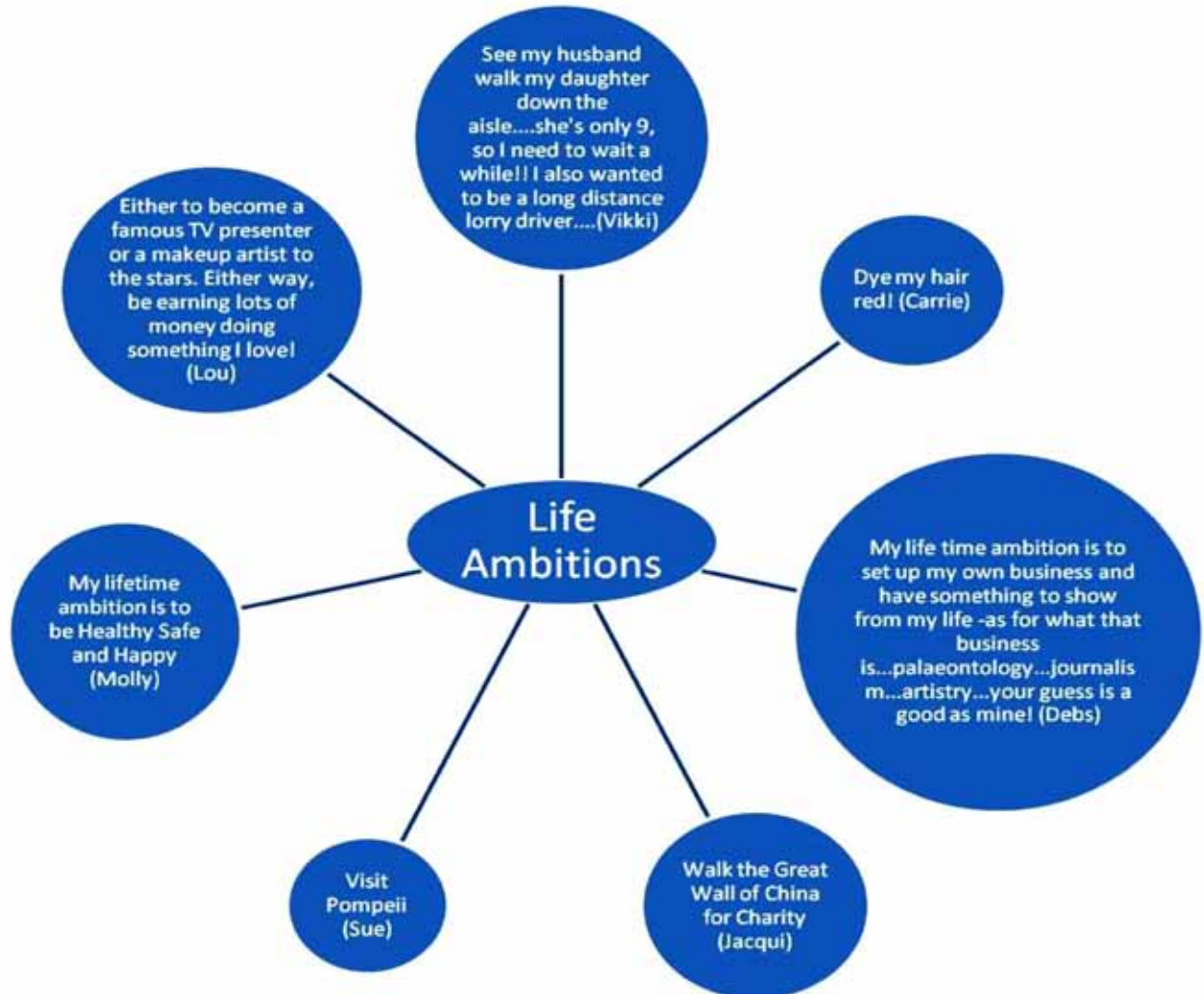
*Roo the young mule*



*Pepper and Wispa*



# KITH AND KIN



By the time you read this we will be 1/12th of the way through 2014! It is so true what they say – “Life flies by as soon as you have children” – And boy don’t I know it.

With my daughter growing so fast, I’m starting to think more about what else I want to achieve in my life. My first Big Ambition is to make a Bucket-List of sorts – a list of all the things I want to achieve before I “kick the bucket”.

I didn’t have a clue where to start, so I’ve posed the question to friends and family to see what sorts of things people want to achieve...

I want to be more adventurous with my “look” so I’ve bravely coloured my hair “Cherry Red” – it’s taking a bit of getting use to, but it feels good to have finally done something bold!

I’d love to hear from everyone in Rowde as well – so please write to me (Carrie0688@yahoo.co.uk) and let me know what you’d love to achieve - it could be anything! Something bold, family orientated or maybe something totally crazy.

**See you soon,  
Carrie**

## Rowde Primary Academy Playing Fields

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

## Greyhound Rescue

Greyhound Rescue West of England is an independent greyhound rescue charity, dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abused and abandoned greyhounds and greyhound crosses. If you would like to rehome a greyhound or greyhound cross or volunteer for GRWE, please contact us for more information.

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## NATURE NOTES - FEBRUARY

Have you ever found a sick, injured or orphaned animal and wondered where to find help and advice? Well, for this month's Nature Notes I thought I might tell you about an excellent organisation we have right here in Wiltshire.

### The Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital

*Registered charity number 1056375*



The Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital provides a 24-hour rescue and advice service for Wiltshire's wildlife. Our team of dedicated volunteers rescues, treats, cares for and rehabilitates mammals, birds and reptiles in preparation for their release back to the wild in and around the Wiltshire area.

All animals admitted are given the same care and attention, regardless of species.

Emergency contact number: 07850 778 752

#### What should I do if I come across a wild animal in distress?

There's no easy answer to this question, as every case is unique. However, we've put together some basic guidelines which are designed to minimise stress for animals and to assist people in managing the situation.

Stop and think carefully about what you're doing before rushing in. Phone us and check first if you're unsure about anything. Take note of the location where you found the animal, including any landmarks or nearby buildings. If appropriate, try to mark the spot so you can find it again easily.

Make sure you don't endanger your own life or others' lives. If you come across an injured animal on the road, make sure it is safe to stop and pull off the road. Use hazard lights and a reflector. Try to assess the situation – if an animal is injured, is it safe for you to pick it up?

Animals in distress are frightened and may be in pain. To prevent injury to yourself, avoid handling

the animal. All wild animals may carry diseases - be cautious and wear protective clothing. If the animal is immobile, you can place a blanket over it to keep it calm and warm.

Call us first before bringing the animal to the hospital, as it may need to be taken somewhere else. Avoid feeding wild animals. For example, many people don't realise that feeding bread and milk to birds or hedgehogs will kill them.

#### What if I find an abandoned baby animal?

Baby animals should not be handled if possible. Think about the situation carefully – perhaps the mother has left her young for a reason and will return later. Remember, phone us and check first if you're unsure about anything. If the animal needs to be moved because it's in danger and does not appear to be injured, move it to a safer position nearby so the mother has a chance of finding it. If the baby is abandoned, call us for advice.

Emergency contact number: 07850 778 752

Please note that the Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital deals with the rescue, care and release of injured, sick or orphaned indigenous animals. We don't handle cases of animal abuse or animals that are causing an inconvenience.



**Male hedgehog** - A gin trap which had been set up to catch rats caught this poor male hedgehog instead. These traps are outlawed due to the stress and suffering they cause animals.

Christopher had a difficult time releasing the hedgehog, but eventually succeeded. Despite a very swollen front paw, there were fortunately no broken bones. Anti-inflammatory cream was administered and he's made an excellent recovery.

#### We need your help!

The Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital is treating an increasing number of animals and relies solely on memberships and donations. Every patient needs suitable accommodation, a specific diet, warmth, a quiet environment, regular care and monitoring. They may also need veterinary treatment and medication. Help them by becoming a supporter or donating towards this much-needed cause.

Website: <http://www.wildthingsres-q.org.uk/>

E-mail: [enquiries@wildthingsres-q.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wildthingsres-q.org.uk)

Telephone: 01980 629470

Emergencies: 07850 778752

**Ed**



**Hansel and Gretel** - These two badger cubs were found in April 2013 wandering around on their own. They were very thin but with the help of the WWH they are now doing really well and will be released this Spring



## ROWDE PICTURE QUIZ

### What and Where?

1. Foot scraper outside main entrance to St Matthew's Church
2. Jacobean House – High Street
3. Prospect House wall at The Hill
4. George & Dragon
5. Village Shop – inside
6. Wesleyan Chapel window
7. Climbing wall in playground next to church
8. Cross Keys Pub – outside wall
9. Rowde Court Road sign
10. Part of Cross Keys pub sign
11. Sign at entrance to The Old Vicarage/ G&D car park
12. Sign at The Hill
13. Village Hall, Cock Road side
14. Chestnut Close sign
15. Old School House, corner of main road, opposite The Hill
16. Rowde Hall – under balustrade
17. The map/sign on The Hill
18. Prospect House Wall – Bunnies Lane side
19. A climbing ring in playground next to church
20. 'Famous for Fish' sign outside G&D
21. The well outside The Cottage, High Street
22. Stone Plaque on wall just inside Church
23. Wesleyan Chapel – corner of Marsh Lane/Rowde Court Road
24. Rowde Hall Balustrade
25. Cock Road sign
26. Rowde Court Studio sign, Marsh Lane
27. George & Dragon – looking towards George Cottage
28. Pond outside Wesleyan Chapel/House on Marsh Lane
29. Part of Village Shop sign
30. Sign outside The Cottage, High Street

Well, nobody got them all right but a few people came close. The lucky winners though are Taya Lilly Owen and Rosie Berry who both got 28 correct. They will each receive a £15 voucher to spend in the village shop. Well done to them! We hope you all had fun with this and thanks to everyone who entered.

### The one that got away!

There was one photograph in the last issue that nobody could identify. Photo number 22 which is part of a plaque situated on the wall inside the church near the entrance (see photos). Well, I did say in my editorial that you may have to go inside a building or two!



Look out for another prize quiz this month on page 42!

**Ed**

## Volunteers required Help in your community shop

**Please come forward and give  
us a hand. We need all ages  
and all hours**

Please phone or e-mail Veronica. Or pop in!

**Phone 01380739800 or e-mail  
[rowdevillageshop@gmail.com](mailto:rowdevillageshop@gmail.com)**

## NEWS FROM Hft

We continue to offer a wide variety of sessions in our Occupation & Employment service from which the people we support may choose. Our new 12-week programme started on 6 January and includes such things as woodwork/metalwork, drama, basic IT, Life Story Work, car maintenance, literacy & numeracy and volunteering.

The following poem was written by those attending a Wellbeing workshop that was held in November 2013.

### Hft Poem

Hft a lovely place to be  
What does it mean to me?  
Independence, cooking, people, art  
And a lovely cup of tea!  
Friends to see, John and David Wilki  
Dancing together, the place to be  
Abba music for me at Hft  
Listening to the Goon Show  
Happy as can be!

The 'Planning & Hosting an Event' group have begun organising our annual mini Music Festival which this year takes place on the evening of Friday 20 June and all day Saturday 21 June. If you, or someone you know, would like to perform at this event, please contact Emma Hughes on (01380) 725455 or email her at [emma.hughes@hft.org.uk](mailto:emma.hughes@hft.org.uk). Emma would also like to hear from anyone who wishes to have a stall at this event.

As you will see in our advert on page 51, we continue to offer a range of goods and services. We were delighted to be told by Paul Langham at A'Beckett's vineyard at Littleton Panell that our orchard's autumn apple crop produced juice that had the best flavour of all of last year's pressings.

Our duvet service continues to be very popular, particularly when colder/warmer weather arrives! Items can be dropped off at any time between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday. Just come into the reception area and a member of staff will be happy to help you. Items are usually ready for collection within a couple of working days but if you require same day or next day cleaning, we can often oblige providing that staff are available and the item is brought in as early as possible.

**Doreen Jones**

**Regional Administrator**

**Please ring Doreen on 725455 for further information on any of these events.**

## PHOTO FUN

Some fun carrier bags this month!





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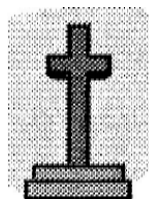
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## Rowde Runners

Rowde Road Runners meet weekly at  
the George & Dragon. We now have a  
dozen members who participate in a gentle  
run each Sunday morning. We have two  
or three easy routes that can be 3, 4 or 6  
miles long. If you fancy a quiet friendly jog  
on Sunday mornings, please come and join  
us. For more information, please call Chippy  
at the G&D, 01380 723 053.

**We meet every Sunday at 9.30am  
in the George & Dragon car park**

# Quiz Night

Fun, Food and Bar!

Chilli or Veg Chilli  
+  
Rice



At Devizes School  
Main Hall on  
February the 28<sup>th</sup>  
2014, 7pm start!!!

Raffle

Teams of 4-6  
£10 per person

Come and enjoy a fun filled evening with a prize for the winning team! All the money collected on the night will be used to help fund the students running this quiz, on their expedition to Kenya where they will be helping local communities and doing project work organised by camps international.

Contact Emma to book a team: 07889887844  
emmabooth381@yahoo.co.uk

**“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”**

## **Great British Fish and Chip Supper**

**Friday 16th May 2014**

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst

raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the battle matter



and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

A poster from Wiltshire Police titled 'Farm Watch and Horse Watch operate in this area.' It features the text 'You are being watched!' in large blue letters above an illustration of binoculars. Below the binoculars, it says 'All suspicious persons and vehicles are reported directly to the police.' At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a tractor in a field and a Wiltshire Police crest. Contact information at the bottom left reads 'Call Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000 In an emergency call 999'. A small 'SCAM WISE' logo is in the bottom right corner.

## **Scam Wise Stickers**

Two red and white door stickers. The left sticker is titled 'No Doorstep Traders' and lists several 'No' rules: 'No home repairs or improvements', 'No free advice or surveys', 'No calls without appointment', and 'No I.D. No Entry'. It also says 'Please leave this property and don't return. It's a criminal offence to stay.' and 'Push mail fully through letter box.' The right sticker is titled 'Stay out stranger. Always check who's at the door.' and includes the instruction 'If you're not sure, DON'T OPEN THE DOOR. Expecting a caller? Door chain on &amp; check I.D.' It also lists: 'Say NO to doorstep traders and keep the door locked', 'You can ask them to leave - If they don't it's a CRIMINAL OFFENCE - Dial 999', 'Take time to think and shop around', and 'Help and advice from Consumer Direct Dial 08454 04 05 06'. Both stickers have instructions on where to place them.

**Scam Wise door stickers** are available for individuals. Contact Wiltshire Trading Standards on **01225 713248** or email [tradingstandards@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@wiltshire.gov.uk) or Swindon Trading Standards on 01793 466272 or [tstandards@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:tstandards@swindon.gov.uk)



## I AM NOT FRAZZLE!

Hello fellow Rowdies, Rowders, or Rowdains, I've never been quite sure what we are known as here despite living in the village for the past seven years! I'm Darren Worrow and I am an author, of sorts, and cartoonist. You may have seen some of my work when out and about; in fact Marsh Lane is my gallery- the village shop logo and the Marsh Lane footpath signs, as well as the toddler group and old playgroup logo, posters for the school Christmas fair and to all the kids that joined in with the rather windy cartoon workshop at the school family fun-day!

I just wanted to let you in on my latest project, "I Am Not Frazzle!" it's a book with ten different stories from ten different authors from across the globe, crossing genres of humour, fantasy, romance and hard-hitting drama but all with a general theme of children involved. The reason for the theme I hear you ask, well that is the really special part as all the proceeds of the book goes to The Devizes Opportunity Centre. For those that don't know, the Opportunity Centre helps young children with disabilities and learning difficulties get a good start to life. It is a registered charity and needs our funds and support.

My friends I can tell you now, I've been working so hard to make this idea a reality

and I am so happy that it has come to light. The book has been available worldwide online as an eBook and a paperback for the last month. I am delighted now that Devizes Books and the Rowde Village shop have some copies for sale at just £8. So please show your support. You can visit the website [www.iamnotfrazzle.webs.com](http://www.iamnotfrazzle.webs.com) for more information and online buying options; there is also a Facebook page to "like," where you can meet the authors.

The book is aimed at an adult audience but it is very inoffensive and quite suitable for older children too. Feel free to email me any questions and give any feedback, I do like to hear what people think, well, what most people think anyway!!

*Many thanks, Darren*

## HUGH AND ALAN VISIT TEDWORTH HOUSE RECOVERY CENTRE



After the successful launch and sale of a charity book in aid of Help for Heroes by local Rowde residents Hugh Whittle and Alan Watters, they were both invited to a tour of Tedworth House at the end of November.

Tedworth House in Tidworth is one of four Recovery Centres run by Help for Heroes, which forms part of the Defence Recovery Capability. Tedworth House aims to inspire the wounded, injured and sick and returning veterans to lead active, independent and fulfilling lives, which will enable them to reach their full potential and to support them and their families for life. It is a place of opportunities providing education, training, sport and adventure in a relaxed, understanding and caring environment. State of the art facilities and dedicated staff aid the path to recovery.

You may think that this describes Tedworth House and it seems there is little more to say but we soon found out what a truly amazing facility it is.

We started our day at The Boot Inn, Shipton Bellinger. Here we had an excellent lunch





and met up with the others in our tour party, members of the H4H supporting charity 'Words for the Wounded' (W4W). This turned out to be a very worthwhile session as we found ourselves in the company of some very interesting authors and were able to exchange fundraising ideas and experiences. Time flew by as we ate and chatted so we hurriedly had to make our way to nearby Tedworth House. And in case you are wondering, as I initially did, why it is called Tedworth House when it is in Tidworth, we had it explained later that when the house was first built Tidworth was actually called Tedworth. Mystery solved!

We walked from the car park to reception, past Simon Dyer's evocative sculpture and then on into the majestic foyer. Apparently Help for Heroes wanted only the best for their mates and that the house would be as splendid as it had been when it was a private house and then an Officers' Mess. They have succeeded.



Firstly we listened to a presentation by the Centre Manager, Giles Woodhouse in which he explained the ethos of Help for Heroes, focusing as he did so on some of their inspiring recovering personnel. He underlined, also, the need to continue raising funds. Did you know that many of the wounded are aged between 20 and 24 and will continue to need back up for 50 years if not more? Added to this is the fact that the troops will be out of Afghanistan soon, and probably out of the public eye, but Giles made clear that the needs of the recovering must not also fade. So we all have work to do.

After the presentation, Front of House Team Leader Susan Gibbings led us off on the tour. Beginning outside, we went past the playground for the children of those staying



or visiting here and the woods that the personnel make full use of.

Once back inside we saw that the facilities are numerous and wondrous, there is a ski slope, a swimming pool, both 'resistant' so it must be a bit like going down an 'up' escalator. You have to work really hard and work against the current.

The gym was perfect then, going outside again, so too the basketball pitch on which many other adapted games are also played. On and on we went. We even glimpsed an equestrian centre then back into the main house and a look at the rooms. There are beautifully furnished single and family rooms and privacy is ensured with the provision of a nearby kitchen so people can come and go as they please. Everywhere there are cheerful paintings and prints on the walls, all of neutral subjects which won't trigger unpleasant memories. Nothing has been left to chance.

There is a creative arts room where all sorts of activities take place including creative writing workshops.

And all too soon really, the tour was over. It certainly was a thought provoking experience. Tedworth House Recovery Centre is utterly essential to the recovery of our wounded - physical and emotional. It made us more grateful than ever to those of you who have bought 'Poetry, Prose and Pictures' or have donated to the book's own charity fundraising webpage. We are also grateful to the W4W organization who let us chum along with them on the tour.

Finally, I must let you know that the amazingly popular Poetry, Prose and Pictures' second and final print run is nearly exhausted but we still have just a few copies left. If you would like one, at the modest price of £5 with all of it going to Help for Heroes, please look out for it in the village shop or contact Hugh Whittle on [whittlesmail@btinternet.com](mailto:whittlesmail@btinternet.com). Also, if you are a budding amateur writer and would like info about Words for the Wounded, please visit their website [www.wordsforthewounded.co.uk](http://www.wordsforthewounded.co.uk).

**Ed**

## MARINA WINS NATIONAL AWARDS!

Last month Caen Hill Marina was awarded the prestigious prize of British Inland Marina of the Year by the Yacht Harbour Association. Cara and Rob the managers went up to the Boat Show at London's ExCel Centre to receive the award from the sponsors GJW Direct, the UK's largest direct boat insurer.



The award ceremony had four categories; International marina of the year, UK coastal marina of the year, UK inland marina of the year and finally Marina employee of the year which was open to all categories. Well, we are very pleased to announce that Cara won this award and so we were awarded two beautiful glass trophies.

*Delight for Cara and Rob*

The awards were nominated by the moorers and then adjudicated by a panel of independent judges based on the moorers' feedback. We are extremely proud to have received these awards as the marina has only been open for just over two years. These awards go on top of the four gold anchor awards we attained last year for Cara and we feel pleased that these show recognition of the hard work we have put into the running of the marina since our opening in October 2011.



We would like to thank Jackie Bawden and the parish council for their support since our opening and Veronica and the shop volunteers for their shop deliveries to the marina although we now have a fridge and can hold a bit of stock in our office saving the volunteers coming every day.

**Rob and Cara, Marina managers**

## THE BIG BREAKFAST!



Ann and I booked the charity 'Breakfast Experience' at Vine Cottage in Bunnies Lane, Rowde on Sunday 18th January and a thoroughly enjoyable experience it certainly turned out to be. We were joined by six other lucky diners and we all agreed that the food was deVINE! On top of that, the friendly and relaxed atmosphere evoked some interesting and amusing chat! Before we left I was curious to find out how this wonderful venture in aid of the RNLI came about and the following story was revealed.

Ben served 37 years in the Royal Navy before retiring in 2002. When Ben and Mary got married in 2003, they decided to have charitable donations in lieu of presents. Being a 'mature' couple they didn't need the usual gifts. The RNLI and RSPCA were their selected charities and so they asked for collecting boxes to be placed at the reception. The RNLI box was delivered by John Box (Chairman of the Devizes branch of the RNLI) at their home in Devizes. He was interested to hear about Ben's Naval career and that they were soon to move to Bunnies Lane in Rowde. Ben had lived in Rowde before and two others from the branch committee still lived there at that time. Ben was immediately earmarked as a possible committee member and sure enough John was soon in touch and Ben 'volunteered'. For most of those years he has also been the branch treasurer. Three months ago Mary filled a vacancy and is now also on the committee.

In September 2008, after converting the cottage to having three en-suite bedrooms they opened Vine Cottage Bed and Breakfast. The first 2 years were difficult as they juggled a nursing and satellite communication job with running the B&B, however they both retired from the 'day jobs' in the summer of 2010 and



have since worked solely at the B&B. The success of their business has surprised both of them; they have won and earned numerous accolades and awards, including a breakfast award from both Visit Britain and AA.

Despite a recent increase in business trade, the winter months are inevitably quieter for tourism trade and last year they decided to add another fund raising event to the calendar by introducing the £10 charity breakfasts. £7.50 from each meal is donated to the RNLI and last year proved a great success over the 5 week period with £300 (including donations) being raised. This year it has been increased to 8 weeks from 19th January until 9th March, so they hope to better last year's total.

There are still some places available so please give them a call on 01380 728360 and remember that booking is essential as there is a limit of 8 spaces each week.

An advert for the event is on page 60.

Thanks again Ben and Mary, we do hope the event will be repeated next year so that we can enjoy another delicious breakfast!.

**Ed**

## **GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE**

Stephen John Handy and Karen Ann Handy trading as S.J.Handy of 23, Yard Lane, Bromham, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 2DT is applying to change an existing licence as follows, to keep an extra 1 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at the operating centre at Rowde Hill Farm, The Common, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1SY.

## **THREE FOOD FIRMS ON SHORTLIST FOR AWARDS**

Three local food businesses have been shortlisted as finalists in the south west regional final of the Countryside Alliance Awards.

Poulshot Lodge Farm Shop is in the local food category, while Rowdey Cow cafe and ice cream parlour is in the start-up category and Country Butchers is in the butcher category. They are all up against three other finalists in their category.

Andy Hobbs, manager of Country Butchers, in Little Brittox, Devizes, said: "It's a good achievement. We are voted for by our customers."

The shop, owned by butcher Daniel Curtis, has been open almost three years and the number of staff has grown from two to five, including an apprentice.

Mr Hobbs said: "We do traditional butchery with a modern twist. We don't wear sterile white jackets, we have jokes on our blackboard and we have music on in the shop."

Poulshot Lodge Farm Shop, owned by the Hues family of farmers, opened in July 2010 selling its own home-reared beef as well as locally-sourced pork, lamb and poultry. As well as meats the shop sells fruit, vegetables, eggs, cheeses, chutneys and bread from local producers.

Rowdey Cow, at Lower Farm, Rowde, run by Sue Thompson, opened almost two years ago and uses the milk produced by her father, Adrian White's dairy cows to make gelato, Italian style ice cream. The ice cream parlour has 30 different flavours. The cafe sells hot food.

## **DONATED JACKETS KEEP ROWDE PUPILS SAFE ON WALK HOME**



Pupils at Rowde Academy have been given high visibility jackets and wristbands to use on their walk home in the darker evenings

Pupils at Rowde Academy will be able to stand out on dark nights thanks to donations of high visibility waistcoats and wristbands.

Devizes company Barefoot Signs has given the primary school about 60 waistcoats while retirement housebuilder McCarthy & Stone has donated 250 reflective wristbands.

Barefoot Signs owners Anthony Hills and Carole Northam's four-year-old daughter, Imogen, started at the school recently. Lorraine Colquhoun, headteacher of Rowde Academy, said: "We encourage our pupils, especially older ones to walk to and from school.

"It's a great way to keep healthy and active and reduces road congestion. However, at this time of year, many are now finding themselves doing their journey in the dark and we're keen to make sure they stay as visible and safe as possible."



## POLICE APPEAL AFTER WOMAN HIT BY CAR NEAR CAEN HILL LOCKS

A woman was left with a painful arm injury after a car struck her as she walked along the pavement near Caen Hill Locks in Devizes on Monday 2nd December.

The victim, a 49-year-old woman who was visiting the area, was walking on the pavement along Marsh Lane at around 12.20pm when a car, believed to be a silver or dark grey Ford Focus travelling towards the junction of the A361 at the bottom of Caen Hill, clipped her arm with its wing mirror. The impact caused the mirror to fold in and possibly be knocked off its mount, leaving the woman with a badly bruised right arm.

The car failed to stop following the collision and officers are asking for anyone with any information to get in touch.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Pete Lawson at Trowbridge Police Station on 101.

## ROWDEFORD SCHOOL PUPILS HELP FEED HOMELESS PEOPLE IN WILTSHIRE



*Christopher Sloane with pupils from Rowdeford School*

Homeless people enjoyed a Christmas lunch at Devizes Opendoor's centre in St John's Parish Rooms, Devizes and vegetables grown in the garden at Rowdeford School were donated for the lunch.

Year 7 students dug up, prepared and washed the vegetables before handing them over to Christopher Sloane of Opendoor.

## PARTY FAIRIES MAKE THE VILLAGE HALL ROCK FOR THE NEW YEAR!

All over England clocks symbolize the transition that occurs at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve

The celebration in Rowde Village Hall was no exception as we focused on the chimes of Big Ben at midnight whilst we all jumped for joy and 'popped' the cascading balloons before joining hands to sing Auld Lang Syne but then got all soppy to the sound of the bag pipes

Circa 50 people gathered in the Village Hall wearing their 'lucky' hats and danced the night away to music provided by our very own 'Music Man' (Nigel Clarke) who did a groovy job with his bountiful variety of soundtracks including artists such as:

ABBA, Bee Gees, Dexy's Midnight Runners, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Gloria Gaynor, John Travolta, Madness, Mud, PSY, Queen, Show Waddy Waddy, Small Faces, Sweet, The Jacksons, The Proclaimers and The Weathergirls - plus oodles more.

I think I can say without contradiction that everyone had a fantastic time in addition to beverages of every kind and copious amounts of food

I have received a liberal amount of thank you cards and emails from our party revellers' along with requests for tickets again this year.

Just remember dearest Rowdies, our merriment wouldn't have been as successful without you!



*Rowde Party Fairy xx*

## OBITUARY

### Marian Mary CROSS

CROSS Marian Mary Aged 90 years, died 28th December 2013 at RUH, Bath. Mother, mother-in-law, gran, great gran and widow of Eric. She will be deeply missed by all. Funeral service took place at St. Matthew's Church, Rowde. Donations to Brookside Care Home c/o John Stuart Funeral Directors. Grateful thanks to all the Care Home and medical staff involved.

## CAROL SINGING!



Firstly, we met at St Matthew's church with lots of our family and friends. We all came in warm clothes and bought torches because it was cold and dark.



We left the church and walked to the place we were going to sing at first.

The adults sang under a lamp while, the children, knocked on doors with buckets so that they could collect some money or food for "Devizes Food Bank."

We continued walking throughout Rowde while stopping at different places to sing. We walked and sang for over one hour and a half.

After that, we walked back to the church and had hot chocolates, mulled wine and treats such as mince pies and chocolates (yummy).

Then, we counted the money. We raised over £110.00. When we emptied the bags of food we filled the whole side of the church.

I had a great time and had lots of fun.



Thank you to those who went carol singing with us, you did a great job!

Thank you to everyone in Rowde who donated some money or food at an expensive time of the year. Those who received it will have been really grateful and they would have had a better Christmas.

**By Kiah Mai Cooper (age 11)**



## NEW ROUNDWAY DOWN BOOK

Amateur historian Keith Genever's 38 years of researching the Battle of Roundway Down has led to him writing a book.



*Keith Genever with his book 'The Civil War Comes to Devizes'*

Mr Genever, 73, has found many artefacts on the hill over the years by extensive metal detecting. His discoveries have led him to dispute some of the earlier versions of where the battle was fought.

His investigations support local historian Dr Lorna Haycock's theory about the location of the battle.

Mr Genever, of Waylands, Devizes, said: "The Battle of Roundway Down started between Morgan's Hill and Roughridge Hill on the top of Roundway Down. That's half a mile from where it was thought to be. The troops walked all the way down the field and were pushed across to Roundway Culvert. In that field I found cannon balls and musket shot. That's where it ended. I have read seven accounts of the battle and they are all different. Lorna Haycock wrote a book ten years ago about it. Hers and mine match up quite well. Colonel Burns in 1920 wrote an account of it and he is spot on. The evidence I have for my book is what I have found through metal detecting.

Historians have been proved wrong in the past – the battles of Hastings and Bosworth were found to be in the wrong areas."

Mr Genever began metal detecting in 1975 to relax from his job as a psychiatric nurse at Roundway Hospital.

His book took him nine months to write and it includes a map of where he says the battle started and ended and a walk around the battle sites. The book also covers the siege of Devizes beforehand when the Parliamentarians camped on Jump Hill and fired on St James' Church.

The 70 page book, called 'The Civil War Comes to Devizes' and which Mr Genever published himself, features photos and sections on Civil War armoury, coinage and commanders.

His initial print run of over 60 sold out and more have been printed available at Devizes Books, price £12.50. Any profits will go to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK.

Mr Genever said: "I'm so overwhelmed that people have bought the book. It was my first effort and I had help with my grammar. It has proved popular because it is about Devizes."

## TEETHING PROBLEM WITH POTHOLE APP

Tweaks are being made to Wiltshire Council's highway repairs smartphone app after reports of faults with the service.

Since launching in September the free app, My Wiltshire, which allows the public to pinpoint highways complaints including poor road surfaces and vandalised street signs, has been downloaded by 450 people with 515 complaints being logged.

Those submitting issues are asked to take a picture of the problem which registers the location through the global positioning system, logs it with a highways repair team and adds it to their repair schedule. Wiltshire councillor John Thomson, cabinet member for highways, has trialled the service, which is part of the council's £125m five-year highways deal with Balfour Beatty Living Places. He said he has submitted 80 reports on the app.

"Some of the problems I've noticed is that the GPS doesn't always correspond with the logged complaint," he said.

"When this is the case there needs to be improved communication through the app contacting the person who logged the report."

He said: "It has not been perfect but these things take time, the trouble is when you are pioneers problems will happen and others will copy when you've addressed them."

There is a software update available, and everyone who has the app should download that as it allows the app to run much smoother.





# CHARITY BURNS NIGHT IS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

On 25th January, the anniversary of the birth of Robbie Burns is celebrated around the world. Traditionally this usually involves haggis, root vegetables, bagpipes, whisky, poetry and 'The Gay Gordon's', not everyone's idea of a good night out! The celebration held in Bowden Hall at Rowdeford School contained all these elements yet proved to be a truly excellent evenings entertainment.

The event was organised by Ann Swan, Rosie Berry, Jill Myerscough and Pat Rhodes to raise money for The Rowdeford Charity Trust and St. Matthew's Church.

Guests were piped in by Bob MacNaught, greeted with Atholl Brose and sat down to a lavish traditional supper of Arbroath Smokie pate, Haggis, Tatties and Neeps, Cranachan and Cheese and Biscuits, interspersed with songs and poems followed by, yes you've guessed it, 'The Gay Gordon's'!

It was generally agreed the event was a rousing success and will have raised a good sum for the two charities, so Bob the Piper has been booked again for Saturday 31st January next year! Book early to avoid disappointment!

Thanks go out to all the organisers and their helpers in addition to all the sponsors and all the people who donated prizes for the raffle.

The photographs below show:

1. The guests are welcomed on arrival - "Tickets please!"
2. Next, after arriving, guests are given some delicious Atholl Brose!
3. Along with Alan Watters and Richard Fergusson, Bob assists Ingrid Sidmouth, Headteacher at Rowdeford School, with addressing and stabbing the ceremonial haggis
4. Bob pipes guests in as they arrive
5. Cynthia Wilkinson reads a Burns poem
6. The tables were given names of Robbie's ladies
7. Prizes in the Grand Raffle



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Salvador Dali would put a tin plate on the floor and then sit in a chair beside it holding a spoon over the plate. The moment he began to doze and dream, the spoon would slip from his fingers and clang on the plate, immediately waking him up so that he could capture his surreal dream images.
- Astronomers suggest that 10 billion earth-like planets may exist in our galaxy.
- The healthiest place on earth is Japan's Okinawa Island. It has more than 450 people over the age of 100.
- The healthiest area to live in Britain is south west England (which is good news for our readers in Rowde, Ed)!
- The maximum number of times you can fold a piece of paper is seven but if you could fold it 50 times, its thickness would be around 70 million miles!
- The 1997 movie 'Titanic' cost more to make than the ship did.
- Thomas Edison taught his second wife Morse Code so that they could communicate in secret by tapping into each other's hands when her family was around.
- The two oldest cats on record lived to 38 and 34 years old and were both pets of the same owner. They lived on a diet of bacon, eggs and coffee!
- The ten longest lived humans ever recorded are all women.
- The greatest recorded number of children that have been born by one mother is 69! Amazingly there were no single births; the poor lady (Mrs Vassilyeva from Shuya in Russia) gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets. And this was in the days before IVF! Furthermore, the father of these children went on to have another 18 children with his second wife. These were six pairs of twins and two sets of triplets and again, no single births. Unbelievable you may say but all of this has been verified in the Guinness Book of Records.
- Nine out of ten people will only set the TV volume to an even number.
- If the iPad was built by American workers instead of Chinese workers it would cost you around £8,000.

**Ed**

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

### The Obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock.

Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables.

Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

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

Always end the day with a positive thought ...no matter how hard the day has been, tomorrow is a fresh opportunity to make things better!

**Ed**

## WADSWORTH LOOKING FOR NEW LANDLORDS

Wiltshire pubs that are advertised as needing new tenants on the Wadsworth website include: The Woodbridge Inn near Pewsey, where the current landlords have only been in charge for around a year; **The Cross Keys at Rowde**, The Moonrakers in Nursteed Road, The Bull Inn at Hindon near Chippenham, The Three Horseshoes at Burbage and The Bell by the Green in Devizes who need new tenants just 18 months after popular licensees Paul and Lesley McDonald pulled their last pints at the pub and announced trading conditions were too difficult to cope with.

Also, The Artichoke in Devizes was sold by Wadsworth last year and is now being turned into flats.



## ROWDEY COW NEWS

Christmas at the Rowdey Cow was great fun with a visit from Father Christmas, a children's party and a Christmas Evening Celebration. We also hosted some Christmas Work Do's. During January we had our January Sale which had some fantastic special offers.



We now have Loyalty Coffee Cards & Loyalty Ice Cream Cards so please ask for one when you next visit us. We are continuing our Children's Offer where they get squash and a child's scoop of ice cream included with every child's lunch time meal.

As we move into February we are getting ready for our Valentines Evening where we offering a delicious 3 course meal with live singing and guitar accompaniment. If you would like to come along please see our advert for more details and give us a call to reserve a table as we had a waiting list last year due to the high demand. Although the animals have been moved into the barns they can still be viewed from the toy tractor barn.

Pyjama Drama will be back in the barn in 2014. First session will be Tuesday 28th January 1pm-2pm & also on the 25th February - Booking advisable - contact Alison on 01380 887898 / [alisonr@pyjamadrama.com](mailto:alisonr@pyjamadrama.com) or just pop into the cafe and put your name down. Finally we have had some good news that we have reached the finals of the Country Side Alliance Rural Enterprise Awards.

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Cut Chips

Roasted Butternut Squash Risotto with Baby Leeks, Cherry Tomatoes & Smoked  
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## APPEAL TO ROWDE RESIDENTS

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

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

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

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

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

***Please be assured that any prints supplied will only be scanned then returned safely to their owners.***

## FUN SECTION

Welcome to winter themed story this month. It seems appropriate!

On a bitterly cold winter morning, a husband and wife in Toronto were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car. A week later while they were eating breakfast again, when the radio announcer said, "we are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through". The good wife went out and moved her car again. The next week they were again having breakfast, when the radio announcer said, "we are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...."

.....then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?" Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, .....

....."Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

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# EATING OUT - THE RAVEN, POULSHOT



In 1990 I was confined to a wheelchair after suffering a brain haemorrhage! Before then I worked as a tour-director taking large groups to exotic locations around the world, staying in luxury hotels and enjoying some fine restaurants! At Christmas I decided to take my wife for dinner at the Raven in Poulshot so I feel well qualified to make the following comments: We had a very friendly welcome and the food was magnificent!

**Richard McTaggart, Rowde**

Editor's Notes: The Raven was a 'Pub of the Month' winner in October last year! The landlords are Jerry and Nathalie Edwards. Jerry is the chef while Nathalie, originally from Guyana, runs the front house. They describe The Raven as a proper English pub in a picturesque village. Mr Edwards uses produce from people he trusts, including beef from Poulshot Lodge Farm, pork from Dave Wilkinson in Melksham and fish from St Mawes in Cornwall. The menu is a mix of traditional pub food and ethnic dishes. Mr Edwards enjoys travelling and he likes to try out recipes for dishes he has abroad, such as in Goa and Indonesia. Mr Edwards said at the time of their award: "We make sure the standard of food is high. We are a village pub, a very traditional English pub. We don't have fruit machines, pool tables or juke boxes here because they would not suit our pub. It's much nicer to have people chatting, laughing and having a good time."



*Landlords Jerry and Nathalie Edwards*

## REVIEWS NEEDED!

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

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# PRIZE ART QUIZ

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Painted them (and you can see them in full colour on the village website). Entry this time is open to anyone who lives in the parish who is 16 or under. Please email [watters.alan@gmail.com](mailto:watters.alan@gmail.com) with your entry or hand it in to the village shop in a sealed envelope. The closing date is 20th February, **Ed**







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Phil, Michelle & Chippy**



*And here's a few photos from the festive celebrations that took place in the George and Dragon. The ones at the top are from the Carol Singing Evening and the lower ones from the New Years Eve party.*



# LETTERS

## DIDN'T WE DO WELL!

Hi Alan,

Oh wow, that's brilliant news about coming 27th out of 710 publications submitted to the National Magazine competition! That means the RVN is within the top 4% of all magazines that entered. Isn't that good! Top 10% would already have been nice. We should publicise in the February issue!

**Happy New Year everyone, Suzan**

## ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

### Normal service is resumed!

I am writing this in early January although it will be February when you read this, so apologies for any delay.

Our shop functions on volunteer support, without it, the village would not have a shop at all. The volunteers have given their time all through the year and throughout the Christmas period very willingly.

They deserve a huge thank you for this. The opening hours over the period were advertised and discussed and decided to have limited opening hours when we had very little trade to make it worth while to remain open. Having people give up their time and do little trade over the new year period is a fine juggling act. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused by the shortened hours,

We do aim to provide a comprehensive service and are grateful for your support.

We are now back to the full opening routine which is 7-30am to 6pm.

Any persons wanting to come and help as volunteers are most welcome.

Only 40% of our turnover is village trade. This is a real shame, as it is such a useful and happy little store. The passing trade comment on what we stock, our hot pies, sandwiches, good quality fresh meat and sausages etc, fish and 60% of our turnover is passing trade.

Kind Regards to you all for the new year, see you in the shop!

**Jan Barber**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A Community Speed Watch (CSW) team headed by Liz Ibbetson has operated in the village for nearly three years. The team is now reduced to a small band who continue to dedicate their time to educate and remind drivers to reduce their speed in our village. At present the "speed monitoring device" is here in

Rowde for a week on a monthly rota. We could operate now as many hour sessions as we like but the size of the team means that we only do a very small number of checks. Due, inevitably to absences, illness and personal commitments we will not be able to carry on with such a limited number of people. It would be a great shame not to be part of this scheme (approx. 70 throughout Wiltshire) Undoubtedly there is speeding in our village.

If you have perceived CSW as a paper tiger that will achieve nothing, please be assured that the rules are in the process of change, as you will note from the official data with information on persistent speeders that is also included in the magazine. The deterrent(s) applied to speeders detected by CSW teams will be greater and applied with more diligence, so an increased number of volunteers may achieve more in CSW's attempts to reduce speed to 30 mph through Rowde. If you feel that you can spare as little as an hour once every four or five weeks to help with this important function please contact me or Liz Ibbetson to learn about the training and commitment. Please consider that there are various jobs to do apart from monitoring sessions, i.e. collecting/delivery of the machine, co-ordinating the rota and the all important completion of the excel sheets after the monitoring sessions which are forwarded to CSW.

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## DAFFODIL APPEAL

Dear Editor,

I am appealing to your readers to volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, and help people with terminal illnesses in Wiltshire get the care they need.

We're looking for people who can donate an hour of their time this March to collect for Marie Curie by simply giving out daffodil pins in return for donations.

Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To ensure we can continue to provide this vital care we need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a great success.

If you're able to donate an hour of your time to help someone in their final hours then please contact me on 01179 247 275 or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil).

Thank you for your support,

**Natalie Taylor**

**Community Fundraiser**

# LETTERS

## RECIPE OF SUCCESS!

Dear Alan,

I am greatly indebted to Laurence Plumb who kindly sent a recipe for vegetable roulade to last month's issue in time for me to incorporate it into my Christmas food planning. I had two vegetarians coming to stay along with the rest of the family and I wasn't greatly confident about cooking a main dish for them. The vegetable roulade was definitely the answer – it was easy, nutritious and delicious and was enjoyed by the non veggies and our eight month old granddaughter who loved the mashed sweet potato base. Two of our guests went away with a scanned copy of the recipe as they liked it so much. Thank you Laurence and Rowde Village News for enhancing our Christmas celebrations.

*Yours sincerely*

**Kath Shaw**

## FIRST NEWS

The Winter edition of our publication "First News" can now be found on the home page of our website [www.communityfirst.org.uk](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk).

This edition contains an article written by our Chief Executive Philippa Read about the Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme, news of Youth Action Wiltshire and Young Carers along with articles relating to our Community and Charitable work across Wiltshire.

If you would like to become a member of Community First or wish to renew your membership, information can be found on this link - <http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/support-us> including membership forms.

*With kind regards.*

**Sheila Martin**

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## WHAT A WASTE!

Hi Alan,

I thought maybe some of the village magazine readers might find this of interest, certainly those who pay water rates to Wessex Water.

For those of us who walk down the Common, may have noticed just prior to the entrance of Smithwick Farm, fresh water flowing up from under the road and running down towards the farm entrance before being diverted into a ditch.

This has been like this since the beginning of November and I reported this to Wessex Water on 14th November.

As of the 3rd December, apart from the leak being marked with a blue spray marking,

nothing else had been done so being of an inquisitive nature, I phoned Wessex Water. I inquired as to the progress of fixing the leak, stating to them that some 95000 litres of water had been wasted already.

To my surprise, I was informed that this leak was not due to be fixed until 3rd March 2014!

Allowing a leak rate of 2 litres per minute, which is a conservative estimate, that would work out at 354,240 litres of water lost or put it another way 77,923 gallons!

Let's hope we don't have a hosepipe ban this coming year.

*Regards*

**Chris Hayes**

## ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Due to a change in circumstances I am in need of accommodation in the Rowde area, preferably self contained but happy to share or "buddy up" with someone also needing to rent.

I am a professional female with many years experience in health and social care, so also happy to provide support/companionship with daily tasks in exchange for accommodation. I have one quiet and well behaved dog.

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*Thank you*

## TRIBUTE TO GRAHAM MASLIN

Having had the pleasure of knowing Graham since I was a small child, I would like to have a few moments of your time to tell you all about a true gentleman. Having grown up with his children, Gary, Paula and Justin, I have seen a lot of Graham. Graham Maslin was at the forefront of a lot of good things to happen in Rowde; he was instrumental in the development of the swimming pool at Rowde School in the late 70s and he was involved with several other good people in the bringing together of the sports field.

Graham served on Rowde Parish Council for many many years and no doubt was one of the best councillors Rowde has had; always there with a word of advice and only too happy to help when needed.

Graham's funeral was attended by well over 200 people with people travelling from all parts of the country. Without the likes of Graham, Rowde would most definitely not be the village it is today. A true gentleman, in a true sense, who will be sadly missed .....

**John Dalley**

# LETTERS

## TUESDAY STEWSDAY

Dear All

As you may have heard we are organising another Stewsday at St Matthew's Church on Tuesday 18th February from 6.30pm.

If you would like a break from cooking and a good social evening out, why not come along to St Matthew's for supper. There will be choice of Stews followed by Apple Crumble, and all for only £6 per Adult and £2 per Child (Under 12).

Bring your own drinks (and glasses).

If you would like to come please e-mail or ring Gavin or Jane on 01380 729160.

**Tickets MUST be bought in advance.**

Look forward to seeing you there,

**Jane and Gavin Moss**

## SPRING CONCERT

I would be most grateful if you would kindly mention the following in the next edition of your parish magazine

Tickets are now on sale for White Horse Opera's Spring Concert a concert of popular arias and choruses from "All Round The world".

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Yano last sang with WHO in 2001 when he played the role of Alfredo in Die Fledermaus, he has promised to sing some Neopolitan favourites!

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**Thanking you,**

**Barbara Gompels**

## CAROL SINGING WENT OFF REALLY WELL

Dear Alan

Thanks for putting the bit in the Parish magazine for us.

As a result we had 19 adults and 11 children come along to sing and the general feeling was that it went off really well. There was a fantastic community spirit and we raised an

amazing £108 .64 as well as collecting two carrier bags full of food for the food bank.

I think we will try and do two nights next year as there were quite a few areas that we just didn't have time to get round to.

Hope to see you soon

**Jane**

## THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL CHARITY BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Dear Ann and Alan,

Please pass on our thanks to the rest of your "committee/workers" for a great and enjoyable evening. Your attention to every detail was wonderful which created a lovely setting - not achieved without a great deal of thoughtful hard work. Well done. I hope that you were pleased and that it will have made a worthwhile sum to share between the two charities which after all was also an aim!

No wonder you both do not have enough spare time to create all you wish for in many areas.

**Many many thanks,**

**Liz**

## MORE PRAISE FOR BURNS NIGHT

Dear Anne, Alan, Rosie, Pat, Jill and Robin,

Thank you so much for organising a fabulous Burns Night celebration on Saturday on behalf of St Matthew's Church and Rowdeford Charity Trust.

I have to admit that I really hadn't known what to expect and it was tremendous fun!

I was so impressed with your impeccable organisation and attention to detail. The combination of delicious food, well-chosen speeches, songs and highland dancing was perfect and Bob the Piper did a fantastic job as master of ceremonies.

I did feel a bit like Lady Macbeth as I plunged my sword into the ceremonial haggis but fortunately I haven't suffered permanent psychological damage!

I am very aware of the amount of work involved in organising such an event and I'm really grateful to you for all of your efforts.

I really look forward to seeing the photos!

**With very many thanks,**

**Ingrid**



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## Sudoku (easy this month)

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

### Last Month's Solution

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

## Mini Sudoku (medium this month)

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

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

### Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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



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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  
Assistant Curate: Rev. Norma Fergusson - Tel: 850811

## 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: 728899

## Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

## Footpaths

Contact Parish Clerk 720988

## Garage

Slades of Rowde Tel: 01380727936

## Good Neighbour Coordinator

Caroline Culley 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

## 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: 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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## Toddler Group

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## Tuesday Afternoon Club (60s+)

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Mrs D Ellis, Tel: 722655

## Veterinary Surgeries

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

## Village Shop

Veronica Seedhouse  
Enquiries - Tel: 01380 739800

## Website

www.rowdevillage.co.uk  
Email: admin@rowdevillage.co.uk

## Youth Clubs

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

## Youth Council Committee

Daniel and Luke Smith, Shannon Kerfoot and Edward Handy.  
Chairperson - Lewis Dodds  
Secretary - John Jones

# Village Diary



- 4 February **Rowde Village Hall AGM** (see page 15)
- 5 February **Village Shop shareholders AGM**
- 12 February **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 12 February **Rowde Book Club meeting** (see page 6)
- 14 February **Valentine's Evening in the Rowdey Cow** (see page 38)
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- 18 February **STEWSDAY TUESDAY** (see page 14)
- 20 February **Prize Art Quiz - Closing date for entries** (see page 42)
- 25 February **Pyjama Drama** (see page 37)
- 1 March **Table Top Sale in the Village Hall** (see page 15)
- 5 March **Special PC Meeting in the Village Hall** (see page 37)
- 12 March **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 2 April **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall** (note earlier date than usual)
- 3 May **Ploughmans Lunch** (see page 5)
- 10 May **Wooton Bassett Brass Band at St Matthew's Church (for church funds)**
- 14 May **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 16 May **Great British Fish and Chips Supper** (see page 27)
- 11 June **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 20/21 June **Mini Music Festival** (see page 24)
- 9 July **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 9 August **Flower Show** (see page 5)
- 10 September **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 4 October **Ploughmans Lunch** (see page 5)
- 8 October **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 12 November **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 6 December **Bazaar** (see page 5)
- 10 December **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 31 Jan 2015 **Charity Burns Supper** (see page 35)

## **Updating the Diary or Village Guide**

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

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