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Editorial

Welcome to the November edition of the Rowde Village News. I will have to begin this month with the terrible news of a huge fire at West End Farm in the main village. I am pleased to report however that amazingly there were no injuries to humans or animals. Read about it on pages 36, 43 & 44.

Good news is that the Rowde Youth Club has survived, as sponsors and volunteers have come forward after our and the Gazette and Herald's recent appeals for help. The club update is on page 6.

There's a wonderful colour centre spread this month where we have produced a montage of poppy photographs from the Poppy Trail to commemorate 100 years since the start of WW1.

The school 'reports' are back this month after the summer break. Read what they have been up to on pages 19 & 20.

This issue we have even more than the usual local news reported on pages 38 to 46 and I would like to take this opportunity again to wish all the staff at the George and Dragon a very happy anniversary as they celebrated 10 years in the village. Read on pages 40 and 41 about how the evening went and see who their soap star guest was.

To check for the many other events coming up, have a look at the bulging village diary on page 67. And there are lots of bargains to be had in a very full Classified Ads page again this month so you may find just the item you need on page 63.

And, a notice to ALL contributors: Please note that the next issue, which is planned to be distributed at the beginning of December, will also cover January (deadline for submissions 15th November).

Finally, I managed to take in a local football match a couple of Sundays ago and great entertainment it was too. Our local team has made a great start to the new season and it would be great if a few more people could give them a bit of support when they have a home game on a Sunday morning. See who's in the team on page 45 and read the latest match reports on page 43.

Mind how you go, Ed

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Contributors please also note:

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

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

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

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This month's front cover shows Bronte, Kiah and Elissa with the wonderful poppy they made for the Poppy Trail (see pages 33 to 35).

photographed on iPhone by Alan Watters

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

It's the first September for many years that we haven't needed the heat on at the Social Centre some Mondays. Looking back it feels like a lovely long summer lasting right through to October.

For instance, on a warm sunny day a few weeks ago we had a visit from Steph, who runs the coffee shop at Townsend Garden Centre in Devizes. She is a very accomplished cook and she came to show us how to create "something simple but delicious". Armed with masses of ingredients all beautifully prepared, she proceeded to whistle through no less than six recipes in 40 minutes - cheesy bean filled potatoes, savoury pinwheel scones, salmon pate, lemon and ginger mousse, apple and blueberry Danish tarts, and bacon and brie tarts. As time was limited, the items needing cooking came as "some I made earlier" and so we were then able to have a good tasting session of all of it. Steph had brought copies of the recipes for everyone to take home, and we all agreed it had been a splendid afternoon.

Another week we entertained ourselves by recounting stories and experiences to each other, plus some poems and readings, and finishing the afternoon with a Pam Ayres CD.

One Monday morning we had a visit from Alex North, our Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, who popped in to introduce himself to us all and have a chat; and then on the first Monday in October we had a return visit from Scott with yet another selection of songs for us.

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

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Claire Ladd (Organiser) on 01380859166

ROWDE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On September 2nd members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club set off for their annual coach outing which was partially funded by the donation from Rowde Parish Council. We left Rowde and travelled through the lovely countryside via Westbury, Warminster, Shaftsbury and Blandford Forum to the Haskin's Garden Centre at Ferndown. After having a 'look around' with some of us being tempted to purchase plants

and bulbs we all enjoyed a lovely Cream Tea. Feeling 'well filled' we set off again on our return route through Ringwood and Wilton.

The members would like to thank Daphne for making all the arrangements and John the PHAB coach driver for planning the route. At the meeting on October 7th in the Village Hall Mrs Jackie Bawden came along and brought the Community Poppy along and we all added pieces to it. It was also the Birthdays of Mr Brian Chorley, Mrs Di Buckland and our visitor Mrs Bawden so everyone enjoyed the usual 'tipple and birthday cake'!

The next meeting will be held on November 4th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall and the Christmas Dinner will be on December 2nd.

D Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer 722655

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On August 26th the Ladies Club welcomed 'Charlie' and his wife to their meeting in the Village Hall and had a most interesting talk about his homeland in Gambia. Charlie has promised to come again and cook a traditional Gambian meal for us!

Raffle winners were: Mrs.C.Morris, Mrs.M.Butcher and Mrs.D.Ellis.

The next meeting was held on September 30th and Mr Alan Truscott came along with some more items from his many collections and told us about the various objects and how he started each collection.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.C.Morris, Mrs.P.Cornell, Mrs J.Handy and Mrs.C.Sault.

There will be no meeting in October and the members Christmas Evening will be held on November 25th in the Village Hall.

Di Buckland (Secretary)

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Another very successful Ploughman's Lunch was held on October 4th in the Hall with nearly fifty meals being served by the Committee and Helpers.

Many thanks to all who helped by donating raffle prizes, helping with the meal or attending.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.K.Holmes, Mrs.C.Morris, Mrs.D.Reed, Mrs.K.Maslin, Mrs.R.Clark, Mrs.Y.Atkins, Mrs.J.Baker, Mrs.C.Webster, Mrs.S.Hurst and Mrs, P.Baker.

The Lucky Entrance Ticket was won by Mrs.J.Baker.

All proceeds for Village Hall funds.

The next event will be the Christmas Bazaar on 6th December. (See separate notice)

B Barrett, Chairman

HIWAY CLUB

The members of the Hiway Club (for the Hearing Impaired) met in the Village Hall on August 27th and were pleased to welcome Mr Keith Palmer who talked and showed us some of the various objects he had discovered while Metal Detecting. It was most interesting to learn what these items were and from what century they came from.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.M.Dean, Mrs.L.Gleed, Mrs.D.Buckland, Mrs.S.Drew, Mr.K.Palmer and Mrs.L.Porter.

For their September meeting on September 24th members had a very interesting talk on the Help the Heroes Charity given by Mrs.E.Bailey. It was very pleasing to hear the amount of money raised by the Charity for the injured Service Men and Women and their families.

Raffle winners were: Mrs.M.Dean, Mrs.L.Porter, Miss.E.Harris, Mrs.S.Drew, Mrs.J.Spencer, Mr.J.Meach, Mrs.Y.Atkins, Mrs.B.Smith, Mrs.E.Bailey and Mrs.J.Ilott.

There was no meeting in October and the members Christmas Party will be held on November 26th in the Village Hall.

Di. Buckland (Secretary)



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YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

In September a meeting was held in the Cross Keys in a last ditch attempt to save Youth Club which had been running in the village for many years. Seven enthusiastic people turned up; some villagers, some parents and some both. They were all willing to take over running the club, volunteering their time to make it a success. A new committee was appointed, a new constitution written and a new name given. I am delighted to announce that RALC: Rowde And Local Community Youth Club is now up and running.

The aims of the club are to provide fun, quality youth club sessions in a safe and friendly environment for young people living in the Rowde and local area. It hopes to provide opportunities for these young people to try new activities such as sport, arts and crafts and other leisure pursuits to gain self-esteem and new skills. An important role of the club is to provide a meeting place for the young people to socialise outside school hours, enabling new friendships to develop. The club also aims to encourage the young people to participate in the life of RALC by expressing their views and taking an active role in planning and managing their own activities.

The club is held at Rowde Primary Academy on a Friday between 6.30 and 8.30 for children presently in year groups 5, 6, and 7. The time table for the next month are as follows:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7th RALC OPEN
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14th RALC CLOSED
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st RALC CLOSED
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28th RALC OPEN

On October 10th the newly named RALC opened its doors for the first time to which almost 40 local children and a photographer from the Gazette and Herald turned up. There

was a real buzz of excitement in the air from children and volunteers alike. The children had a great time listening to music, playing ball games outside and 'hanging out' with their friends. The feedback from the children was good and they were all pleased that Youth Club was back on. The following week was attended by the same amount of young people and even when the rain came down it didn't dampen their spirits. They enjoyed the indoor activities that were provided; table football, table tennis and pool. Some children helped to create poppies for the village Poppy Trail, using scrap pieces of paper, fabric and plastic to make collages.

The RALC vision for the future is to provide film nights, discos, barbecues and outings for the young people who attend. It would like to form close links with the Rowde community and take part in various events such as the village fete. It also hopes to be able to provide the same opportunities for younger children by running an earlier youth club session. The club is desperate for more volunteers to add their names to the rota, without at least four adults present each week the club cannot function, so if you can give your time for two hours every 3 to 4 weeks or just give an hour once a month please come along and put your name on the rota or email your details to iainmarr@gmail.com.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have given their support in helping to get RALC started without whom it would not have been possible. Giving young people a chance to become involved in their own club is so important and I hope it has a long and successful future ahead, as the youth club has always been an important part of Rowde village life.

Kerry Smith

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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

The next club meeting will be on 12th November and the book for discussion is 'Farewell to Arms' by Ernest Hemingway. **Please note that, due to the popularity of the Rowde Book Club, we are unable to take on any new members for the foreseeable future.**

BOOK REVIEWS

Life after Life by Kate Atkinson

This highly unusual novel explores multiple versions of a life set within a great family saga.

The book's structure repeatedly loops back in time to describe the alternative possible lives for the central character, Ursula Todd, born on 11 Feb 1910 to an upper middle class British family.

She 'dies' several times in childhood and beyond, but each time re-emerges to live a different life in which some events and circumstances are changed - influenced by her vague sense of déjà vu, so that the same disaster is averted and the outcome altered.

The novel covers the changing social circumstances and major events of the 20th Century. It is beautifully written and includes some very authentic depictions of life during the wars and in particular the Blitz of W.W.11 when Ursula worked in the War Office.

However, the constant hopping back and forwards in time at each reiteration of Ursula's life, becomes not only rather confusing but eventually a bit annoying. Nevertheless it is worth reading and won the author the prestigious Costa Novel Prize of 2013.

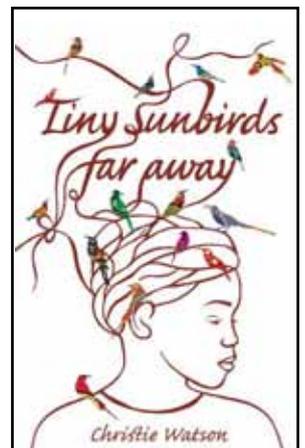
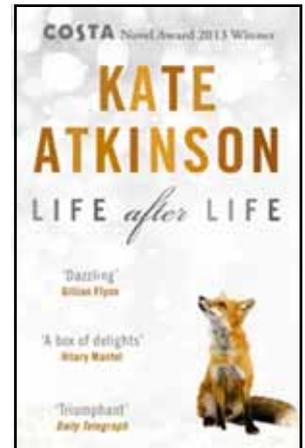
Jacqui Hylands-White

Tiny Sunbirds Far Away by Christine Watson

As this book was the WINNER OF THE COSTA FIRST NOVEL AWARD we thought it would be worth giving it a read. The story takes place in Nigeria and centres around a mother and her two children. Everything changed when the Mother found out that her husband was having an affair with another woman. Blessing and her brother Ezekiel adored their larger-than-life father, their glamorous mother and their comfortable life in Lagos. But all that changes when their father leaves them for another woman. Their mother is fired from her job at the Royal Imperial Hotel - only married women can work there - and soon they have to quit their air-conditioned apartment to go and live with their grandparents in a compound in the Niger Delta. Adapting to life with a poor countryside family is a shock beyond measure after their privileged upbringing in Lagos.

Told in Blessing's own beguiling voice, *Tiny Sunbirds Far Away* shows how some families can survive almost anything. At times hilarious, always poignant, occasionally tragic, it is peopled with characters you will never forget. Many of us really enjoyed this book even though we found it shocking and upsetting at times. It was a real eye opener into the poverty and lives of these people and especially women in Nigeria.

Julie Baker



Your Parish Council

The key areas discussed at the Parish Council meeting in September and October 2014 were:

Village of Poppies

o Parish Councillors and villagers are encouraged to make poppies to commemorate the start of World War I. Poppies will be displayed outside of people's houses in the period leading up to 11th November. Poppies can be made out of any material and can be any size. A trail will be put together which maps the poppies around the village

o Two permanent poppy memorials are being created for the village. One will be displayed at Rowde Primary Academy School. The other one will be sited outside the Village Hall. Contributions are being sought towards the cost of the materials.

o Up to ten new names may be added to the war memorial at St. Matthew's Church. Research by members of St. Matthew's Church has established the names of a further five men born in Rowde, who died in the war. An additional 5 names have been identified linked with the Devizes Boys Brigade, the interests of which are looked after in perpetuity by St. Matthew's Church.

New Youth Club!

o The youth club re-opened on Friday 10th October in Rowde Primary Academy School. The youth club will meet every Friday from 6.30pm onwards. All children from Y5 onwards are welcome. If you would like further details on the youth club, please contact Iain Marr, tel: 01380 738096.

o The Parish Council thanked J Barber & K Wheller for all of their hard work with the Rowde Youth Club in previous years.

New footpath!

o Rowde will soon have a new permissive footpath from Marsh Lane to Devizes Road across Oxhouse Farmland. This footpath will start at the base of the Caen Hill Locks road and emerge opposite the Rowdey Cow cafe. The project will be match funded

with the Parish Council through Wiltshire Council's Paths Improvement Grant Scheme (P.I.G.S). There will be a path opening ceremony on Sunday 7 December with interested people walking the route from Marsh Lane (starting around 1.45pm) and arriving at the Rowdey Cow for refreshments around 3.00pm – see separate article for details and map.

Village Defibrillator

o The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to pursue funding towards a village defibrillator. Clerk has already applied to Aster for a grant towards the costs.

Police matters

o Police have been called to disturbances on the allotments and unauthorised camping on the large playing field on w/e 27 & 28 Sept, and 4 & 5 October. Police have submitted an intelligence report and allotment holders have been contacted.

o A motocross bike was stolen from a garage attached to residential premises. A suspect has been arrested in connection with this and the investigation is ongoing.

o The Police have received reports of a white van visiting people in the Devizes area offering to sell mattresses, paying particular interest in people's dogs.

Fly tipping

o Is this yours (found next to the Jubilee Gate at the large playing field on Mon 13th October 2014)? Please take your rubbish home with you.



Highways

o Wiltshire Council has cleared the pavement from Dunkirk Hill through Rowde and out to Bromham.

o Wiltshire Council has arranged for the gullies to be cleared outside Nailor's Cottage, the Primary School and Scholar's Park.

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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o Wiltshire Council visited Conscience Lane in w/c 14/7/14 to inspect. The hedges need to be cut back and Wiltshire Council will write to the occupiers responsible and request that this is actioned. With regard to the state of the road, Conscience Lane has received velocity patching to the verge over-runs along the lane.

o A complaint has been made about the continued parking on the pavement opposite Paradise Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would report these cars to WC Highways Enforcement Team.

o Two dropped kerbs have been installed at Chestnut Close and Springfield Road (towards Wheeler Place).

Salt for winter

o The two main roads through Rowde are both on the Primary network for Wiltshire Council and will be salted first.

o Salt allowance: all salt bins are filled before the beginning of the season. WC offer a One Tonne bag scheme to all parish councils in the county. The Parish Council will source the possible cost of a salt bin and a suitable location to store it before a decision is taken.

Village Amenities

o The BT payphone is now working and has been cleaned.

o The wetpour surfacing in the small playing field needs to be replaced. The Clerk will seek a grant from Community First for replacement.

o A security post has been installed at the allotments to prevent damage caused to the central grassed path by regular use of cars.

Hedges & Signs

o A further new 'Springfield Road' sign has been installed at the entrance with Marsh Lane.

o A new sign warning that dogs are not allowed in the small playing field has been put on the entrance to the area from Rowde Court Road.

o A small working party will meet to remove a section of damaged fence in the small playing field. The link fence needs to be cut out and some of the hedge removed. The area will be re-planted with hedging plants.

o The hedge around the 'School' sign on Devizes Road has been cut back.

o A further request was made for Wiltshire Council to re-instate the gap in the hedgerow on Devizes Road opposite the entrance to Conscience Lane, to improve visibility when pulling out of this junction. This was a project that Wiltshire Council undertook in the 1990s. Clerk will request a site visit with Wiltshire Council Highways rep.

Settlement Boundaries

o Wiltshire Council is preparing a draft document on proposed revisions to the settlement boundaries. Rowde's proposed revision will include Silverlands Road and Rowde Primary Academy. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed changes.

Planning Applications

o 14/07715/FUL: 9 Elm Close: proposed rear sun room extension to replace conservatory. No objections were found.

o 14/06808/LBC further to application no. 14/05895/FUL: Rowdeford School: renovation and extension of existing outbuilding to form new Outdoor Learning teaching spaces, ancillary accommodation and associated works. No objections were raised.

o 14/08435/FUL: 5 Close Lane: Extension of time to build a new dwelling at Close Lane. The Parish Council objected to the application due to concerns with highways safety on that lane. It was felt that a further building on this lane would compound the traffic problems further in particular because it is a thoroughfare for farm vehicles.

o 14/08791/FUL: Jacksons Cottage, High Street: Single storey extension at the rear. The Parish Council found no objections to the application.

o 14/08871/FUL: The New Bakery: change of use from B2 category to D2. The Parish Council objected to the application on grounds of noise and traffic. The Parish Council also objected to the request to change the use of the building to a leisure facility in the middle of a residential area.

Finance

o Monthly invoices for September of £1639.02 were approved.

Staff costs & printing	1188.90
Grounds & Village Maintenance	450.12
Total:	1639.02

o Monthly invoices for October of £1780.28 were approved

Staff costs & printing	1049.19
Grounds & Village Maintenance	552.32
Poppy Memorial & Megaphone	178.77
Total:	1780.28

Dates for the diary -

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 at 8.00pm, in the Village Hall.

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

Everyone is welcome

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

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

We have a sad time

Losing Veronica, our manager, to more lucrative employment has been a loss to us all. Her bright and bubbly personality always shone through everything she did. But we know she is always there for help and advice should we need it.

When her preferred replacement withdrew at the last minute with unexpected health issues, we had a reappraisal of the situation and have decided to continue with just volunteer help at this time. Cressida, our former Manager, has very kindly offered to help with the back office.



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 are now looking towards the winter months and hope you will come and sample the freshly baked mince pies as well as the hot pies and sausage rolls.

Things will be moving around as we stock take and resite certain things. If you can't find it do ask! And tell us what you like and don't like. Do also look on the black board outside for match priced goods. We are compatible with quite a lot of supermarket items.

And last but not least please read the fantastic poem Celia Harris has written for us about your little community shop.

Latest interesting happening is a Japanese tourist with very little English! And no comprehension of English currency.

Kind regards to you all

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JAN'S RECIPE

Raid the village shop Pesto and Tomato Pasta with Crispy Crumbs

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 onion
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 4 tbs oil
- 2 cans chopped tomatoes
- 2 tsp sugar
- 190 gram jar of Pesto

- a few olives
- 140 grams fresh bread whizzed into crumbs
- 4 tbs grated cheese
- 350 grams of spaghetti or other pasta

METHOD:

1. Gently cook the onion and half of the garlic in 2 tbs of oil until soft. Add the tomatoes and sugar and simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in half of the pesto and olives. Cover and keep warm.
2. While the sauce is simmering, heat the oven to 220c / 200c fan or gas 7. Toss the crumbs with the remaining oil, garlic and cheese. Bake for 10 minutes stirring a few times.
3. Meanwhile, bring a pan of salted water to the boil and cook the pasta. Drain and mix into the pasta sauce. Ripple through the remaining pesto sauce. Serve scattered with the golden crumbs.
4. It would also go well with garlic bread from the shop's freezer!!

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

ROWDE VILLAGE SHOP

*Rowde village shop may appear quite small
But inside you'll find they've 'got it all'.*

*It's amazing how much you'll find in there
All of it kept with obvious care.*

*There's all you need to clean the house
Even a trap for an unwanted mouse.*

*Fresh fruit and veg, there's tinned as well
Cakes so good they can make your hips swell!*

*They've something to soothe an annoying cough
And they can even send your parcels off.*

If all you need is to send a letter

*Then Rowde shop is just so much better
Than standing for ages in a post office queue
To purchase stamps that you can get here too.*

*Tea bags, coffee, sugar and jam
Fresh fish on Fridays, packets of ham.*

*Something to get your fire to blaze
And coloured Loom Bands for the latest craze.*

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They'll even deliver the goods to you.

*If your child needs something to fill his tummy
Then this is the place for something yummy.*

There's so much in there that I haven't got time

To fit it all in to9 this little rhyme,

So pop along and take a peek

You'll find they stock all that you seek.

by Celia Harris

For my very good friend Jan

DID YOU KNOW?

10 Foods You Should Never Keep In The Fridge

TOMATOES - Tomatoes will lose all their flavour in the fridge. What's a bigger crime than that? The cold air in the fridge stops the ripening process, and ripening is what gives tomatoes more flavour. The fridge will also alter the texture of the tomato. According to Harold McGee's 'On Food and Cooking,' the cold temperature breaks down the membranes inside the fruit walls, turning it mealy. Suggestion: Keep tomatoes out in a bowl or basket on the worktop.

BASIL - Basil will wilt faster if left in the fridge, and it will also absorb all the smells of the food around it. It's better to keep it out, sitting in a cup of fresh water, like cut flowers. Suggestion: If you want to store basil for a long time, blanch it then freeze it.

POTATOES - Keeping a potato in the cold temperature of your refrigerator will turn its starch into sugar more quickly, so that you'll be left with a sweet, gritty potato. Instead of putting potatoes in the fridge, store them in a paper bag in a cool -- not cold -- place. Assuming you don't have a root cellar -- the ideal place for potatoes -- store them in a dark place, like inside your pantry. Paper bags work better than plastic because they're more breathable and the potato won't rot as fast. Suggestion: you store potatoes at a temperature as close to 45 degrees as possible. All this goes for sweet potatoes too!

ONIONS - If you put onions in the fridge, the moisture will eventually turn them soft and mouldy. Keep them in a cool, dry place. (You can store scallions and chives in the refrigerator, however, because of their higher water content.) Just keep your onions separate from your potatoes; when stored together, both deteriorate faster.

UNRIPE AVOCADOS - If you want avocados to ripen, definitely don't put them in the refrigerator. However, if you've bought an already-ripe avocado that you don't want to use right away, that can go in the fridge

GARLIC - Eventually, garlic will start to sprout in the fridge, and it may also get rubbery and mouldy. You should instead keep garlic in a cool, dry place.

BREAD - Your refrigerator will dry out your bread quickly. Unless it's sliced sandwich bread that you intend to use within a few days, keep bread out on the worktop or in the freezer. You should keep bread that you will eat within four days out, to be sliced when you're ready to eat it, and you should freeze

the rest to thaw and eat later. Bread in the freezer should be wrapped so it retains its moisture, and when you remove it from the freezer, you should let it thaw slowly and completely before eating or toasting.

OLIVE OIL - You should store olive oil in a cool, dark place, but not in the fridge, where it will condense and turn to a harder, almost butter-like consistency.

COFFEE - If you leave coffee in the refrigerator, it will lose its flavour and actually take on some of the odours in the fridge. You should store coffee in a cool, dark place, where it will retain its flavour and freshness. You can store larger quantities of coffee in the freezer, however.

HONEY - There's no need to store honey in the fridge -- it will stay good basically forever if you simply keep it tightly sealed. Keeping honey in the refrigerator can cause it to crystallize.

FIREWORKS & FUN!

Friday 7th November

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The Reverend John Rees

Thoughts from The Rectory

At church and at our war memorials on Sunday 9th November many of us will gather to remember, with thanksgiving, all those who have served for the freedom of our country in the First and Second World Wars and subsequent conflicts and to pay particular tribute to those who gave their lives for us.

This year is particularly poignant, as since August we have been thinking both of those who set off 100 years ago from our village and from communities across the country to serve in WW1 and of their families and friends left behind. Many set off in expectation that the war would be over by Christmas, but the reality was much harsher. Many men from our village were to lose their lives.

In Rowde Academy we have considered how there were signs of God's loving presence in those dark days. We have looked at a picture of a wounded man on a stretcher in the middle of a mud filled trench. A medical orderly was tending to his wounds while two stretcher bearers were waiting to take him to a field hospital. Despite the atrocious conditions, the picture was full of signs of sacrificial love in action. As you will see elsewhere in the magazine, we are having a village Poppy Trail in commemoration of those days. Do take part.

The heart of the Christian message is about love. At its heart is the news that God, in his great love for us, sent his son Jesus Christ as a sign of his love for all mankind. It is through Jesus that, as St John tells us, light shines in the darkness that is all too present in the world.

Many of the letters written between soldiers and their families in the First World War testify that the awareness of God's loving presence during that time of danger and separation kept them from despair when "normal" life was ripped apart. From Syria to Afghanistan, and indeed in Rowde and Bromham, people still discover that now.

As, on Remembrance Sunday, we honour the memory of those who served and fell, and as we think of those still serving our country in difficult and dangerous places, it is good to reflect on how we, too, can help to make our village and the wider world a better place.

Best wishes, John

Notes from our Churchwardens

Mothers' Union: Meeting Thursday 6th November 2.00pm in The Rectory, Bromham.

Decorating the Christmas Tree for the Bromham Christmas Tree Festival. Tree to be ready by 28th November.

We will also be finalising the arrangements for the Deanery Advent Service on Wednesday 3rd December 2.00pm at St Nicholas.

Reminder £20 subs due for 2015 cash or cheque payable to Rowde and Bromham Mother's Union.

Advent Course: Begins Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm. Venue to be arranged

(contact Rev John Rees for details). The course will run for six weeks.

Coffee Morning in Church Saturday 8th November 10 to 12 noon: The Commemoration kneeler will available for the chance for you to add some stitches. There will also be items from the Wiltshire Regiment Museum pertaining to WW1.

Maureen Hiscocks, Church Warden

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Churchwardens:

Maureen Hiscocks Tel 01380 725406
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For more information about St Matthew's - www.achurchnearyou.com/rowde-st-matthew/

CHURCH ROTAS

Church Cleaning

Team to meet Friday 14th November at 10.30am

Brass Cleaning

Phil Hale

Flower Arranging

2 & 9 November Caroline Land
16 & 23 November Yvonne Larkin
30 November - Advent, no flowers

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

THE ST MATTHEW'S CAFE

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

PRAYER TREE

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

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

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

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

November Worship in Rowde, Bromham & Sandy Lane

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

Everyone is very welcome at all our services



Date/Time	Service
Sunday 2 8.00 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm	All Saints Day Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> All Souls Service <i>Evensong, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 5 11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 8 6.00 pm	<i>Taizé Service, Bromham</i>
Sunday 9 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 3.00 pm 3.00 pm	Remembrance Sunday <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i> Parish Communion Remembrance Service <i>Remembrance Service, Bromham</i>
Tuesday 11 11.00 am	Act of Commemoration at War Memorial
Sunday 16 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	2nd Sunday before Advent <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Bromham</i> Parish Communion <i>Family Service, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 19 11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion, Angell House</i>
Sunday 23 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Christ The King <i>Holy Communion (BCP), Sandy Lane</i> Morning Worship <i>Parish Communion, Bromham</i>
Sunday 30 11.15 am 6.00 pm	Advent 1 Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Advent Service, Bromham</i>
Wednesday 3 Dec 11.00 am	Holy Communion

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

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



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Why go to Church?

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When?

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Where?

Alpha will be held at the home of Gavin & Jane Moss - Tower Hill, Rowde, SN10 2QD (and we hope to be able to run a crèche for those that need it). Over 22 million people around the world have done the Alpha Course and found it a life-changing experience! This is what they say:

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For further information or to book please contact:

**Rev Annie Wintour - 01380 850880 anniewintour@btinternet.com,
or**

Gavin Moss - 01380 729160 mosscaadet@lineone.net

NEWS FROM Hft

It is hard to imagine that the last time I was typing an article for the Rowde Village News I was wearing a T-shirt and looking forward to the last of the summer sun. I'm now sat here in boots and thick tights looking at a very dull grey day outside. However, here at Hft we haven't stopped being busy and have lots of plans to keep us even busier in the coming months.

We entered the Carnival in Devizes in the 'small group walking' class with our theme of 'The Wizard of Oz' and came 2nd, which we were thrilled with. All the people we support had starring roles with two Dorotheas (1 black and white... 1 colour) a Tin Man, a Cowardly Lion, and a Scarecrow. Everyone did really well collecting money on the way round (it's a very long walk) and waving to the crowds. A thoroughly good evening was had by all, so a huge 'Thank you' to all in the Carnival workshop group.

On the 19th September we also had a Fundraising day combined with a celebration of the site being open for 20 years now. It was international 'Talk Like a Pirate Day', which Hft use as a main fundraising event all over the country at all our various sites.

We started the day with an 'It's a Knockout' type of race, with an obstacle course consisting of activities like 'pin the parrot on the pirate picture' and ending in a huge inflatable which had to be got through. We had 8 teams and lots of spectator support.

Lunch was a Hog roast, which was enjoyed by all and we provided Pimms and 'Pirate grog' to drink. All of the food was paid for by our local Fundraising Group, so we were extremely grateful to them for that.



the best dressed pirate winners

We had a 'Best dressed Pirate' (male and female) competition, a pirate quiz and a raffle. Although the night before we had experienced huge downpours and thunder and lightning, the weather was kind to us on the day!



pin a parrot on a pirate picture



'in full flow!'

The following day we held a Tabletop Sale combined with a Macmillan coffee morning in Marsh Hall. Unfortunately, despite this being advertised on the board outside for a number of weeks, it was quite poorly attended, which was a shame for the people we support who had organised it. We did, however, raise £57.00 for Macmillan.

Coming up in the near future we are holding a fundraising Curry and Quiz night. £10.00 per ticket, bring your own drink. There will be a selection of Curries and side dishes. This is on 31st October so will have happened by the time you read this.

We have our Annual Christmas Market on 21st November with lots of different stalls, a BBQ and Mrs and Mr Knapp's amazing fairground organ.

Please come along and support this annual event. We now have details for our Christmas workshops. All courses are 10.00 – 12.00 and cost £20.00

We will be making Crackers on 29th November, Festive Ornaments on 6th Dec and Wreathes on 13th Dec. There will be leaflets with further details on, available in the village shop soon. You will need to book as spaces are limited.

Finally, last but not least, we are busy making lanterns for this year's Lantern Parade, so come along and look out for us.

As always we are looking out for volunteers, as much or as little time as you are able to spare could make a huge difference to someone's life.

Jan Emm



the winning team

A TRIBUTE TO ALAN

Alan Plumb was born on the 17th August 1952, in number 3 Woodbine Cottages, Bunnies Lane, Rowde. He was the eldest son of Charlie and Betty. In March 1953, when Alan was 6 months old the family moved into 33 Tower View, Rowde. Between 1957 and 1959, Alan attended the village Infants' School where he was taught under the watchful eye of Mrs Long, the Head Teacher, and Mrs Cotton.

In 1959, in the Top School, which used to be in Marsh Lane, Rowde, he was taught by Mr Bishop, the Head Teacher, and Miss Drew (Noddy, to all who knew her). Alan's final years at school were spent at Southbroom Secondary Modern, between 1963-1968.

After leaving school, Alan was employed by Mr Slade, who ran the household hardware shop in the Market Place, Devizes.

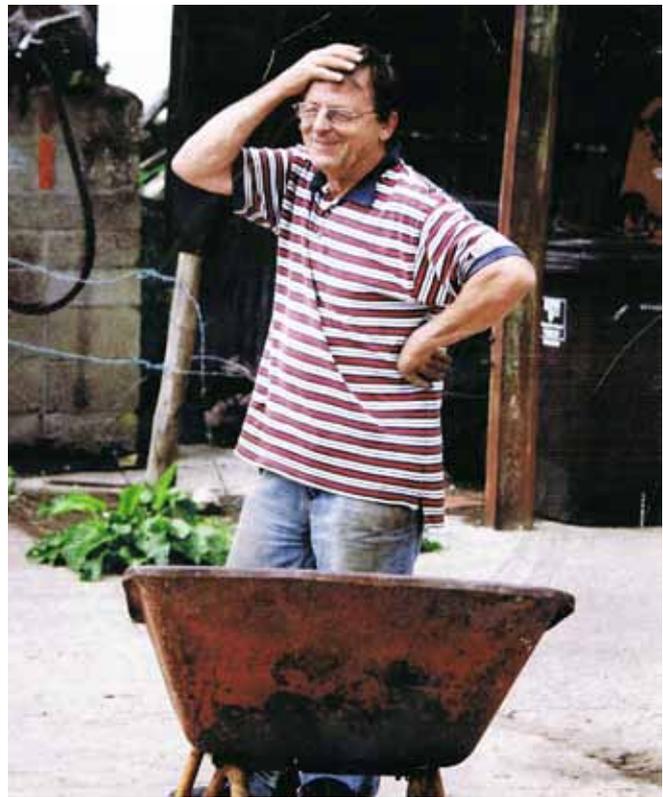
At one point, Alan decided that he wanted to become a chef and worked as a trainee in the Castle Hotel, Devizes. He remained there for about 2 years, until he secured the position as a chef at the Avon Rubber Company, in Bradford-on-Avon. During his time there, Alan attended the Technical College at Bath, where he obtained his City and Guilds Certificate in Catering. Company policies change – Alan had to move from Bradford-on-Avon, across to the Melksham site. Unfortunately, he was made redundant when the canteen there closed. Alan's next job was in Tesco's, Devizes, in the Butchery Department.

One day, during a visit to Poulshot with his friend Nigel Grist, Alan met a young, local woman, by the name of Carol Cowley. A relationship developed between Alan and Carol, and he often walked from Rowde to Poulshot to meet her. Eventually, the couple got married in St. Peter's Church, Poulshot, in October 1976. Their first home was one of the Mount Pleasant Cottages in Rowde, and it was while they were there, that their first son, Nathan, was born, in 1978. Two years later, they moved into a house called The Mount, a short distance away, where they welcomed their second son, Neil, who was born in 1980.

Alan started working for Mrs Audrey Brown, at Malthouse Farm, in March 1977, after Harold Maslen retired. He stayed there 37 years in fact. He knew the farm well, as he had worked there as a boy. In addition, he assisted Mr Cudlip, at Rowde Mill.

We had no arguments in 35 years of working together. Always patient and quiet; Alan was an excellent stockman and loved his animals.

Alan had so many wonderful attributes; he was kind, considerate and gentle, and would help anyone if he could. However, he was also quite skilled at teasing and winding up certain people in the village!



Alan loved his work. He had the greatest of respect for nature and the countryside, and took a great interest in his nature books. He was able to recognise birds by their call, plumage and flight – something that not many could do. After I retired 2 years ago, Alan took over the running of the farm and did an excellent job of this. He co-operated well with the new enterprises that came to Malthouse Farm. Hedge-cutting was Alan's speciality, and his skill improved every year. ... Even the electricity lighting poles mistakenly had a trim with his hedge-cutter

A few years ago, on Christmas night, Alan had a message to say that a group of heifers had got out and were heading up the High Street. Alan and Neil were in hot pursuit, but the heifers went into Maundrell Close, round into St. Matthew's Close, and managed to get tangled up in one of the resident's Christmas lights that had been carefully arranged around the tree in her front garden. These lights were dragged up the road, still fully lit!! The chase ended past Bunnies Lane, close to The Hangings. This was quite a night out for Alan and Neil, but they somehow got the heifers back to the farm.

During his lifetime, Alan had many interests and hobbies. He loved cross-country running and team games. He even took part in a charity run, where he dressed up as a woman. That must have been quite a sight to behold!

Alan also played table tennis here, in the village, and he enjoyed helping to prepare the pitch for the Rowde Football Club's Saturday matches. For many years he assisted in running Rowde Youth Club, working alongside John Box, Mick Matthews and Alan Reynolds.

Alan played skittles regularly for the Chancers skittle team, who play at the Cross Keys. He looked forward to Friday nights when he enjoyed a game of snooker with Derek and Lawrence. Alan never worried about winning – he just enjoyed taking part and having fun.

Alan used his good mental arithmetic, spelling and general knowledge skills when he took part in pub quizzes. He was interested in history – he and Carol were members of the National Trust and they enjoyed going out together to visit interesting places. Many of us know his love of horse-racing and that he attended some of the major events. On Saturday mornings, he would go to Chippenham with his friend, Olly, to wager some bets.

Alan loved his family. As a young man, his first ever week's wages were spent on buying his mother a lovely tea set, which the family still have and treasure. He loved his children and always supported and encouraged them. He gave his grandchildren the greatest and most precious gift of all – his time. He would walk to his parents' house every morning for a cup of tea and a chat.

During the early days of his illness, Alan didn't tell anyone how poorly he felt, as he didn't want to make a fuss. He was diagnosed with cancer in February this year and soon found out that the prognosis wasn't good. He faced the situation with so much courage and strength. He didn't want to be a burden to anyone, and so he gallantly and positively tried to fight it. He, Carol and the family went through a very difficult time when Alan was periodically admitted to hospital. Alan finally went to Dorothy House where he passed away with his family around him on Friday 8th August. Alan is a legend and will be talked about and remembered in Rowde for a long time. He will be sorely missed.

For my part, Alan has been in my life for so many years and I was truly blessed to have known him.

Chris Wheeler

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Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Alan Watters, Editor

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

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

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



Ailsa Devon

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JOHN'S FARM



Two months since the last magazine, and it is amazing how much has gone on. We finished harvest just before the August bank holiday – the earliest for some years. After a couple of frustrating weeks when it rained, and we were unable to do much, it all went relatively smoothly. The wheat yielded well and did not need to be dried too much. Unfortunately the prices have collapsed by as much as 50% due to a number of factors including good harvests in Europe and elsewhere. A lot of the wheat has already gone off from the farm, mostly to flour mills at Avonmouth, Southampton and Manchester. The remainder should all be collected by Christmas.

We started planting next year's crop at the end of August with the oilseed rape being the first to plant. We have cut down on the area of this crop as the price received per tonne is currently around the cost of production. Oilseed rape can be difficult to establish in the field as the seed is very small and it requires a very fine seedbed, plus slugs can ravage it in a wet year. Instead, we are growing a greater area of oats, which are cheaper to grow, and can be planted later.

Although we have made some savings by not having to dry the grain so much this summer it has been quite an expensive year for repairs. This was mainly on the tractors, however, we have not had to spend so much on wearing parts for the soil preparation machinery due to the good ground conditions. We have had a couple of tractors out on demonstration over the summer – a Case and a New Holland.

One of the conservation schemes that we were involved in has come to an end after ten years. The main elements of the system were some field margins, pond creation, hedge planting and wild



The Case tractor on demonstration planting wheat

birdseed areas. The hedge planting has been very successful and apart from some deer damage to the hawthorn species, they have all established well, and the two ponds have attracted a good deal of wildlife, although badgers seem to have taken up residence around one of them. This year was particularly good for the wild birdseed plot with some great sunflowers, quinoa, rye and kale growing well and producing seed. These should keep the birds



The sunflowers in the wild birdseed plot

going through the winter. We shall probably keep this area but have had to remove some of the field margins in Roundway due to the number of dog walkers using them.

Everything is now planted ready for another year, and so the machinery is being serviced and put away for the winter. The next job is to finish landscaping the pond, and to re-roof the old cowshed ready for its conversion into a new classroom for the school visits.

John Butler, Rowdefield Farm



Harvesting wheat on Roundway Hill

NEWS FROM ROWDE C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

We have had a lovely start to the school year, what with all our commemorations to mark 100 years since the beginning of WW1, as well as completing the ice bucket challenge and watching the Tour of Britain bike race whizz past us!

Over the last two months the children have written letters to the unknown soldier, they have learned about the many different animals that were used during the war, we met a real soldier who told the school what it was like for the troops in the trenches. We were lucky enough to have a wire soldier on loan from SSAFA Military charity who was with us for the whole term. He stood on guard by the hall and was a focal point of our assemblies and our WW1 tea party. The children and staff were so taken with the soldier, that we are having our own one made. A sculptor is going to spend three days working with the children to create our own. Our wire soldier will be a permanent fixture in school so that we can always remember soldiers and service men and women past and present.

Our Harvest Festival was delightful, with each class contributing something towards the service. All the children brought tins of food, which were taken and gratefully received by Devizes food bank. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone, there seemed to be hundreds of tins and cans, as well as one very large marrow!!

Early next term will see all of us mark Remembrance Day with one minute of silence. Weather permitting we will mark this occasion in our spiritual garden.

The Rowde Academy Friends have been fundraising for us, and held two successful



the cakes provided for the WW1 tea party. Some were even baked using the WW1 ingredients!

movie nights at school. It is also great to see that Youth club has been able to start again, thanks to local commitment and support.

We have a Christmas shopping evening that will be held in school on Friday 21st November, from 6-8pm. Entry is £1; we look forward to welcoming you.

As always, if anyone is interested in visiting the school, please call the office for an appointment.

Lorraine Colquhoun



the staff ready for the ice bucket challenge



Our fantastic wire soldier, from the Wiltshire regiment. On Loan from SSAFA military charity

NEWS FROM ROWDEFORD SCHOOL

On the 26th of September over 80 pupils and staff walked from Semington to the Wharf in Devizes on our Annual Sponsored Walk. They stopped off for a picnic lunch and a breather at the Caen Hill Locks then continued the last, long uphill 2 miles to the Wharf. The weather was perfect being dry and not too hot. The younger students or those with less mobility stayed at school where their challenge was to find as many "Where's Wally" as they could around the school grounds. We raised over £1,000 which will go towards new playground equipment.



some of the pupils and staff on the sponsored walk

Over the last few weeks there has been great excitement in school waiting for 10 eggs to hatch into chicks. The pupils watched them in the incubator and all 10 successfully hatched. Since hatching, students have been handling them and watching them growing their feathers and change colour ready to be able to move outside. We are now eagerly awaiting for them to lay our own Rowdeford eggs.

Year 8's followed our value this term of Co-operation with their theme for our Harvest Festival Assembly. They told the story of the Enormous Turnip. All the students brought food in from home, made bread in school, and dug the vegetables from our garden to donate to the Homeless in Devizes.

We have said a sad goodbye to Jayne Andrews-Wheeler who has decided to put her feet up and retire after 34 years working at Rowdeford School. Jayne started her work here as a Care Officer, then became a teacher. She has been a valued member of staff and has always entertained her colleagues with amusing stories and memories of her days at Rowdeford (pre National Curriculum and Ofsted as well as post) and is now leaving us knowing she has contributed to the school receiving two outstanding Ofsted reports. Thank you Jayne and enjoy a well-earned rest.

Lorraine Schwarz



new chicks on the block!



part of the food collection

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THURSDAY Dec. 4th. Tanis, Devizes Road &
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FRIDAY Dec. 5th.. Marsh Lane, Springfield Road
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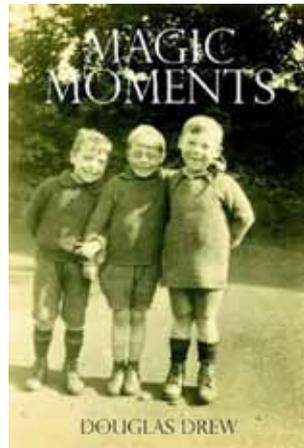
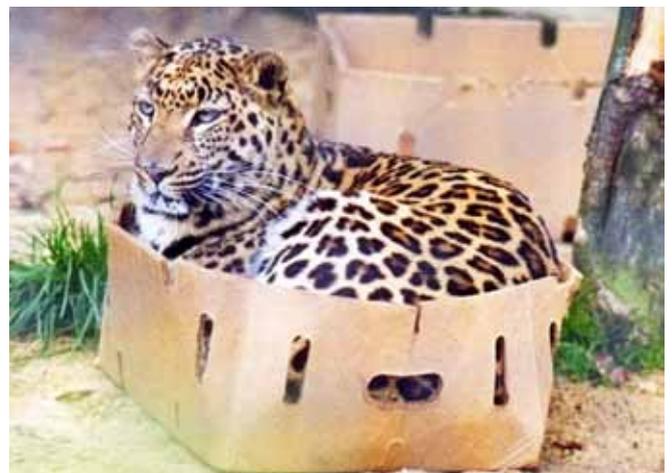


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GOOD NEIGHBOUR NEWS



Whilst the lunch clubs are certainly up there, the part of this job that I love the most is getting to listen to people's stories. Something that always strikes me is the incredible amount of knowledge, skill and passion that everyone I chat with has, whether they themselves realise it or not. I learn more about our community and the people living in it every day through the conversations I have and the stories I hear. Often, the best conversations are with the people I have never met before. I have learnt about informal groups, good walks, personal journeys, local village history and even a story about a pet monkey in Potterne!

I often wonder how many stories are out there that nobody hears and as Christmas approaches and the weather takes a turn for the worst, I am sure we all become ever more conscious that there are those out there that may not have family and friends around them to share those stories with. Locally, there are a number of social groups and events that cater for a wide range of interests all year round and I am always happy to help people get involved where I can, be it through linking people up with transport options, group organisers or other interested individuals.

The internet is a fantastic resource for finding out what is going on in the area but often the people I chat with either do not have a computer or if they do are unable to use it. Wiltshire Online is a scheme run by Wiltshire Council that looks to help older people access the internet by pairing them up with local students who can help them to get online. Having popped along to a couple of the sessions myself they are very friendly and there are usually tea and biscuits available! For those without computers, the local libraries offer free internet access and you can find out more by popping in and enquiring with them or calling Devizes library on 01380 726878.

Finally, for those that will be alone on Christmas day this year there is a Christmas dinner being run in Devizes at the Sheep Street Baptist hall from 12-3pm. All are welcome and there is no cost although there will be space for donations on the day. If you are interested and want to find out more please get in touch with me by calling 07557 922027 and I will be more than happy to help.

Alex North, Good Neighbour

Co-ordinator for Devizes villages

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FUN COLUMN

In a hospital in Edinburgh

Willie McTavish is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. He is with the nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons.

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"Sybil, take the flats over in Morningside and Bruntsfield."

"Tam, I want you to take the offices in Charlotte Square."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings in the New Town."

The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Willie slips away, she says, "Mrs. McTavish, your husband must have been such a hardworking man to have accumulated all this property".

And Sarah replies, "Property? ...no, no, he just wants us to take over his paper round!"

and in an American barber shop

An old cowboy walks into a barber's shop in Dime Box, Texas for a shave and a haircut. He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that it was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed the little ball.

"Oh, you could just bring it back in a couple of days, like everyone else does" replied the barber.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Like me or not, life is too short and you cannot please everyone so don't try. You must please yourself. And if you do please someone else along the way, that my friend is a bonus."

J Lee

...and here's a couple of thoughts for the day you are reading this:

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

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

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

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It has quietened down at the café now as the schools have gone back and Winter is on its way. However, at the time of writing this, half term is only one week away so we are looking forward to seeing the children back again during half term.

We have an exciting new stand in the café as we are now selling Tractor Ted Merchandise which is extremely popular with the younger children and make ideal Christmas and Birthday presents.

I know it seems early to talk about Christmas but we have started making our Christmas Plans already:

Friday 5 December: We are opening our doors in the evening for a spectacular 3 course Christmas meal. Tickets to be bought in advance ~ we will also accept group bookings of up to 15 per table so suitable for smaller Christmas work parties as well ~

Saturday 6 December: 12 - 2pm Children's Christmas Celebration with Local Party Entertainers Face it n Dance – to include games, dancing & face painting & lunch

12th - 22nd December we will have Specials on the Board to include delicious Christmas Lunches so book in advance for a special Christmas Lunch to avoid disappointment!

We will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day but will be open 10am – 2 pm New Year's day. Please call 01380 829666 if you would like to hire us for a private function for a Christmas Evening Meal/Party.

We have some special deals throughout November including Senior Citizens Discount every Tuesday (excluding school holidays), our Soup & a Sandwich Deal is back on and we are also giving out coffee loyalty cards and ice cream loyalty cards.

We have some new Winter Ice Cream flavours including Turkish Delight & Maple & Pecan and no doubt we will have some spooky Halloween Flavours during half term!

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Have you walked the **poppy** trail yet?

The Rowde **Poppy** trail started on Thursday 23 October and runs until 12 November. Find the letters on some of the **poppies** and rearrange them to find a message.

Leaflets showing the walk are available from the School Office or the Village Shop – price £1 towards the British Legion.

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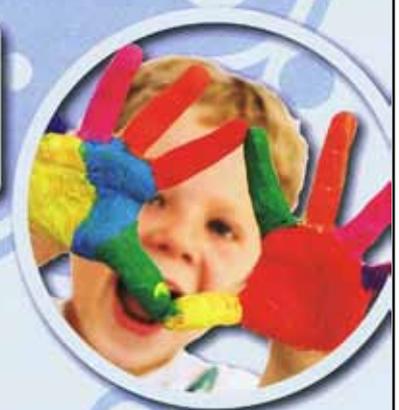
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Police closed Caen Hill, for over two hours on Sunday 21st September after an accident involving two cars. Wiltshire Police received a call at 1.38pm and attended along with ambulance and fire services. The incident involved a blue Vauxhall Astra and a white Ford Fiesta. There was a full closure of the road for safety reasons to remove the lamppost knocked over in the incident. The road was fully reopened at 4.30pm.



South Western Ambulance Service was called at 1.42pm and three people were taken to the Royal United Hospital, Bath, one with a suspected broken pelvis.

OH BOY - IT'S ANOTHER GIRL!

Great-great-grandmother to nine-week-old Gracie, Ennis Green, 96, is delighted that the family has expanded and she can pass on all her wisdom.

Jan Hillier, Gracie's great-grandmother and Mrs Green's daughter, said: "If there's anything I want my mum to pass on to Gracie, it is her sense of her humour, she is always happy.



Family head Ennis Green with eight-week-old Gracie House, with daughter Jan Hillier, left, granddaughter Sue Ballinger, right and great granddaughter Sophie Ballinger, mother of Gracie

It's just wonderful, we are a very close family and we are all so delighted".

Mum to Gracie, Sophie Ballinger, 22 lives in Rowde with Gracie's dad Dean House and is currently on maternity leave from her job at a call centre in Bath.

Mrs Green moved to Melksham to marry her late husband Leslie and worked as an assistant cook at Lowbourne School, cooking food for the surrounding area. She later had a career working in the admiral team for the MOD in Corsham.

Mrs Hillier, 73, who used to be an auxiliary nurse for the district nurses in Chippenham, added: "It's a wonderful experience, five generations doesn't happen very often. To see the different generations is wonderful and not very common".

Sue Ballinger, 49, who is Gracie's grandmother and a dental nurse in Bradford on Avon, is also thrilled to have another girl in the family, she said: "We were all convinced Gracie was going to be a boy but it was a wonderful surprise. We are bowled over with her, she's gorgeous and to have Granny still around is fabulous. Granddad died 15 years ago so Granny lives on her own and she's done so well."



Club members and the committee celebrate the launch night for Rowde Youth Club at Rowde Primary Academy

ROWDE YOUTH CLUB MARCHES ON!

Anonymous donors have stepped in to support the newly reformed Rowde Youth Club following recent publicity and appeals in the Rowde Village News and The Gazette and Herald.

New organiser Iain Marr was delighted when well wishers contacted him to donate a total of £700 to the club. One supporter has donated £500 and there have been a number of smaller gifts.

The club held its first session under the new leadership on Friday evening at Rowde Primary School and 35 youngsters attended. Mr Marr said: "It was great so many youngsters turned up. We also had a young person who used to be a volunteer helper come along and he said he had never known such a good turnout or for the atmosphere to be so good."

Parish council chairman Jackie Bawden said: "I am delighted the club is back up and running. It is a very positive thing for the village."

The club meets on Fridays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm during school term time.

A NEW FOOTPATH FOR ROWDE!

Have you ever wished that you could walk to the Rowdey Cow without having to walk along the busy High Street or just wanted a different walk with the family on a Sunday afternoon?

Well, with support from Wiltshire Council, a local tenant farmer and the Canal and River Trust, Rowde will be getting a new permissive footpath in December.

The new path starts where the Marsh Lane footpath, coming towards Rowde from the locks, crosses the track going up to the Caen Hill cafe into the Jubilee Wood. This land is owned by the Canal and River Trust (CRT) which has given permission to extend the permissive path along the edge of the hedge until it meets Wiltshire Council's land. At this point a gap in the hedge will have to be made and a kissing gate and bridge erected.

The path will then continue along the line of the hedge until it meets the gate into the field. Walkers to Rowde may leave the walk at this point following the pavement into Rowde (B3101) whilst those coming from Rowde will join the new path via a new kissing gate beside the field gate.

The new path will follow the edge of the field running at the back of Hft and beside Rowde Academy School. There will need to be a number of openings cut and two new bridges across ditches. The views from the path of Roundway and up into Devizes are spectacular throughout this walk. The permissive path comes out on Devizes Road just opposite the Rowdey Cow.

The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of over £1500 to carry out the essential work needed to create the path. Teams of volunteers from Rowde will be working over 3 weekends in November with members of Wiltshire Council's

footpaths team to open up gaps in the hedges, put in the kissing gates and bridges.

Walkers will be reminded to keep to the path. It is a permissive path and as such may be withdrawn from use if walkers or their dogs stray onto the agricultural land beside the path.

Join us on Sunday 7 December for the official opening. Meet at the Marsh Lane end of the track going up to the Caen Hill Cafe at 1.45. Walk the new path to the Rowdey Cow for refreshments.

Jackie Bawden, Rowde Parish Council
HARVEST LUNCH 12TH OCTOBER

I offered to help set up for the Harvest lunch on Saturday. We arrived and Jane was already there setting up. A few minutes later Mo, Clare, Kiah, Thalia and Ehren arrived to help. We started by wiping down the tables and setting them up in order. Once we had done this we got all of the chairs out around the table in colour order so they all matched. We then started laying out glasses, knives, forks, spoons, salt and pepper on each table. We had to lay them out very carefully so we didn't break anything and so it looked nice. It took about an hour to set up but it looked good when we had everything done.



Two of the hard working chefs in the kitchen!

On Sunday morning Gavin and his team of helpers – Bernie, Keith, Mike and Tayte - started preparing and cooking the lunch at 9.30. After the service in St Matthew's everyone who had bought a ticket walked down to the HFT Hall. Once they arrived they were shown to their tables. There were adult tables towards the back of the hall and family tables towards the front. This was so the adults were not disturbed by the children running around the play and drawing areas where the children played while waiting for their lunch. 88 people came to the lunch, 19 of these were under 14. It was a very good turn out.

The first course was roast pork, roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots, parsnips and apple sauce. Everyone enjoyed the meal and people went



...and there was a big demand for seconds! up for seconds, there was plenty. After the first course had finished about 15 minutes later dessert came out. The puddings were fruit crumble served with cream or custard. Children could have ice cream if they would rather. It was really fun and enjoyable and I think everyone who came enjoyed every bit of it. £440 was raised which is being split equally between Wiltshire Air Ambulance and the World Food programme.

Wesley Attwood

EASTENDERS STAR JOINS THE PARTY



*A night to remember judging by these happy faces!
 L to R - Chippy, Lucy, Michelle and Phil*

Soap star Lucy Benjamin was the life and soul of the party when she visited Rowde to help the George and Dragon celebrate its tenth anniversary. Miss Benjamin, who became friends with pub owners Phil and Michelle Hale and 'Chippy' Day during a charity event several years ago, took the role of quiz master during the evening and joined in the dancing.

Phil Hale said "if you think how loud and bubbly her character Lisa Fowler was in EastEnders and multiply that by ten then you have Lucy! We had a fantastic evening. We have really enjoyed our ten years in Rowde. For us coming out of London it was great to come to a place like this where we can be part of the community."



...and the happy quiz winners - The Quizzie Rascals

And the 'Quizzie Rascals' were the narrow winners of an exciting and very entertaining quiz. Their team was made up of Lucy Fenton, Phil Hunt, Helen Hopgood, Andrew Smith, Lisa Naylor and Stef Naylor. Well done to them and congratulations to all the owners and staff at the George and Dragon. We hope you stay for another ten years (and more)!

Ed

WORLD WAR 1 BATTLEFIELD COMMEMORATIVE RIDE

In the past the second weekend in September has usually been one which I take part in the Ride and Stride event aimed at raising money for the Wiltshire Historic Church Fund, which Saint Matthews has benefitted from in terms of receiving a grant. 2014 was to be different as I joined 92 other cyclists at Folkestone at 0900 a.m. at Sir John Moore Barracks.

The aim of the little jaunt was to spend the next six days cycling round some of the Battlefields of France and Belgium, where the antecedent Regiments of The Rifles, which include The Wiltshire Regiment, had been present. Each of the 93 cyclists had set themselves a minimum target of raising £750 for a fund called Care for Casualties, a Rifles regimental Fund to look after the present day wounded servicemen, their families and supporters.

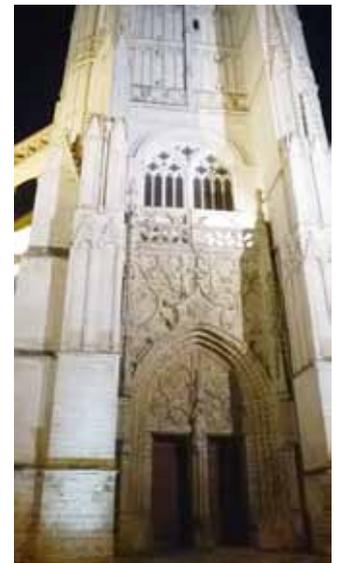
After an hour spent in administration and briefing we set off in small groups, so as not

to annoy the British car travelling public. I had always thought Folkestone and Dover were on similar contour lines, but some sadistic route planner had us riding up three steep hills before descending down into Dover to catch the ferry.

Once in France our route out of Calais was along a 13 mile tarmac track running south along the canal and thereafter most of the routes in France and Belgium would be on minor roads. Having set off in our groups the organiser, Green Jersey Cycle Tours, would beetle off ahead and set up a food/drinks stop some two hours cycling down the road. Once we had all been through there they would do the same for lunch and again for the mid-afternoon replenishment stop. The lunch stop was usually in small town with mini supermarkets where one would buy pasta type meals just like the one sold in the Rowde Village shop, ideal for restoring spent energy.

Day one was a relative short haul of 47 miles seeing us safely in the town of Saint Omer. The accommodation that night was in the Ibis hotel; similar in standard to a Premier Inn, but after a day's cycling all you needed was a bed and the ability to have a decent shower.

Day 2 was from St Omer to Arras, which have been 58 miles according to the Green Jersey Cycling Tour's route planner but our milometers were showing 62, gave us the opportunity of stopping at several Commonwealth War Grave Cemeteries. Each Day would see the group laid a wreath at a specific site to commemorate the actions of specific antecedent Regiments and on this day a wreath was laid at the Duds Corner Cemetery to commemorate the actions



St Omer Cathedral
"Sans Lumiere"

Only Half Way up the Hill from Folkestone to Dover





Indian CWGC Michael, a double amputee and former serving Rifleman, passing three of the Farmers Boys

of the Wiltshire Regiment, The Royal Berkshire Regiment and the Gloucestershire Regiment at the Battle of Loos in 1915.



Regimental Collect being read at Duds Corner Cemetery

Day 3 was from Arras to Albert and the and those who had ventured onto the charity ride without any military history background were realising the horrendous scale of the loss of lives because cemeteries might have many graves but the sheer number of names on the panels around the perimeter of each cemeteries denoting those with no known grave greatly outnumbered the number of headstones. The evening accommodation at Albert was a Poppy Hostel, very basic dormitory accommodation, 8 people to a room.

Day 4 was from Albert to Bruay and the most poignant visit that day was to the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.

Day 5 was from Bruay to Ypres and the major difference when we crossed into Belgium was the provision of cycle lanes on most roads, which we had to use. We had been warned that the ceremony at the Menin Gate would be starting at 8:00 p.m. and to be in place at least before 7:30 p.m. Even then the crowd was



Four "Farmers Boys" {nickname of the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire)} in front of the Wiltshire Regiment panel at Thiepval. Or "Tallest on the Right, shortest on the left: Form three ranks"

several deep and the only way to really see the ceremony was to stand behind a tall American or Australian and watch it on their Apple Mas as they held it above their head and filmed.



the ceremony at the Menin Gate

Day 6 was to be 76+ plus miles Ypres back to Folkestone with 63 being to Calais, fortunately it was dead flat and we averaged 18 miles an hour for most of the way. Once back in England we realised how much less tolerate of cyclist we Brits are compared to the French and Belgians, where a hoot on the horn over there is one of encouragement and "hail fellow well done"; over here it means "get out of my way what do you think you are doing being on the same road as me."

Michael Cornwell

FOOTBALL

Rowde's winning run extended in new season

After finishing the previous campaign with a 12-match unbeaten run, Rowdey Cow Rowde (formerly Cross Keys Rowde) extended that run to 13, courtesy of a 4-2 home success over Miller Sports B. Harry Waylen gave Miller the lead which was cancelled out by Jamie Wallen before half time. Bradley Whitbread edged Rowde in front but a second from Waylen restored parity. A penalty from Alex Singh made it 3-2 and Matt Lever scored late in the game to confirm Rowde's win.

Cup Hat Trick for Brad Whitbread

Bradley Whitbread scored a perfect hat-trick in his Rowdey Cow Rowde side's 6-2 victory over Old Road FC in the WG Parr Trophy match on 14th September. Matt Lever, Alex Singh and Robbie Whyte were also on target for Rowde, while James House scored both for Old Road.

Worton end Rowde run

After their good cup win against Old Road, Rowde's amazing 14 games unbeaten run finally came to an end on September 21st when they were narrowly beaten 5-4 by title chasing Worton & Cheverall. Rowde players finding the back of the net were Bradley Whitbread (two), and Robbie Whyte (one). A Worton own goal made it four.

Happy Returns for Rowde

Rowde regained their winning ways on 28th September as they beat Bath Road 5-4 in another nine goal thriller. Bradley Whitbread scoring four, and Joe Merritt scoring the fifth. Then on 5th October they won again against Mallard FC. This time in a thrilling 10 goal fest 7-3. Rowde's goals coming from Bradley Whitbread (four), Matt Lever, Rory Collins and Dean Taccuso.

Thrilling Cup Shoot Out!

On 12th October Rowdey Cow Rowde (second division) were involved in a thrilling cup tie with Premier Division side Goatacre CC FC. In normal play Darren Holcombe's goal for Goatacre was cancelled out by Bradley Whitbread's 57th-minute strike and so the tie went to penalties. Goatacre keeper Shaun Preen saving two shootout spot-kicks to send his side through. Successful spot kicks from Simon Dance, Holcombe, Dan Barnett and Rob Murphy won it for Goatacre after Preen had saved penalties from Jamie Wallen and Bradley

Whitbread. Unfortunately Robbie White was the only Rowde player to score from 12 yards.

Another big win for Rowde!

On 19th October Rowdey Cow Rowde beat Old Road FC 8-0 with three goals from Dean Taccuso and two from Bradley Whitbread. The other scorers were Rory Collins, Dan Arnold and Kieren Chivers.

(See who's who in the team on page 45)

FOLLOW POPPY TRAIL AROUND VILLAGE AND SUPPORT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Rowde is organising a poppy trail around the village to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War from October 23 to November 12. Villagers will be creating poppies of all shapes and sizes to be displayed in gardens. Those following the trail will pay £1 which will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

WANT TO GROW YOUR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE?

Free training for social enterprises in Wiltshire!

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If you would like to sign up, or just want to know more please visit www.enterprisetrainingwiltshire.com or phone 01225 715806.

Workshops for start-up enterprises and entrepreneurs will be coming soon supported by Aster Communities.

FIREFIGHTERS FACE WALL OF FLAMES IN ROWDE

Rowde farmers Martin and Debbie Handy have lost more than £40,000 of hay and straw in a fire that ripped through four barns next to their home on Monday 20th October.



A wall of flames met the first fire crew from Devizes as it arrived to battle a blaze at West End Farm, Rowde. Command support manager Ade Hurren said: "The first crews did a tremendous job containing the fire when they arrived. They were met with a wall of flames and had to deal with a difficult water supply."

Eight crews from all over Wiltshire joined the battle to save farm buildings at the property. The first crews arrived just after 11.10am after the alarm was raised by workers at the farm. Those from Devizes and Melksham were soon joined by others from Chippenham, Marlborough, Wilton and Pewsey.



Mr Hurren said: "The water pressure from the hydrants in these village area is often low so we have had to call in specialist water carriers to help with the operation."

The A342 was closed from the bottom of Dunkirk Hill to St Edith's Marsh and there was also heavy congestion and chaos along some of the small village lanes leading into Rowde as motorists tried to find their way around the fire area.

The fire was contained with barns and other farm buildings but tons of hay and straw were destroyed. There were no casualties reported

and livestock was not affected as the animals were away from the buildings in nearby fields.

Ambulance crews stood by in case there were any casualties among fire fighters and police controlled the traffic.

At the height of the blaze, eight crews were helping to battle the fire and stop heat reaching a giant slurry tank and two diesel containers. The Environment Agency were also called to the farm as it was feared the blaze might cause the slurry container to spill its gallons of liquid which would then contaminate a nearby stream. But the firefighters managed to cool the tank sufficiently that although it started to melt it did not leak.

The water pressure from the hydrants in the village is often low so they have had to call in specialist water carriers to help with the operation. They also used water from the stream to combat the flames. The environment agency was happy there had not been pollution.



Farmers Martin and Debbie Handy praised the crews for arriving quickly after the alarm was raised. Mrs Handy said: "I couldn't believe how much of a nuisance had been created with the road closed and so much smoke but the fire crews were wonderful."

(See page 36 for more photographs)

....and at this time 25 Years Ago

DETECTIVES HUNT ROWDE ARSONIST

A team of Wiltshire detectives were hunting an arsonist believed to have started a fire that caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the car breaker's yard at Caen Hill, Rowde. A young lad passing in a car saw the fire and raised the alarm. Although a bungalow was saved by strenuous efforts of firemen from seven towns, it was severely smoke logged.

Ed

Rowdey Cow Rowde FC



Back Row (left to right): Jamie Wallen, Harry Merrit, Aaron Chivers, Luke Stonham, Grant Bridewell, Harry (The Cat) Wilson, Joe Merrit, Matty Lever, Brad Whitbread, Damo Perry, Darren Fordham (manager)

Front Row (left to right): Ash Armstrong, Rory Collins, Kieren Chivers, Dean Tacusso, Josh Scott, Robbie White, Dan Arnold

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photograph by Alan Watters

(See page 43 for latest match reports)

ROWDE RESIDENTS TURN OUT IN FORCE FOR TOUR OF BRITAIN RACE!

Tour De France victor Sir Bradley Wiggins and the other riders passed by the turning for Rowde village on the A361 at Caen Hill just after 11am on 12th September.

The Tour of Britain is now one of the major cycling events in the world and school children and local people lined the road at Caen Hill to show their support for the cyclists as they whizzed past with Sir Bradley Wiggins prominent out on his own to the left of the leading pack.



Rowde residents and school children line the road and await the arrival of Sir Bradley and Co



Last year's winner Sir Bradley Wiggins (left) on his way to third place in this year's race

ROWDE VILLAGE FETE AND SCARECROW TRAIL 2015

Dear Villager,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 5th Nov, 7th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th Mar, 1st Apr, 6th May 3rd Jun.

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

I look forward to hearing from you,

Lorna Freemantle

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Stall Name

CONTACT DETAILS

Stall holders Name

Email Phone number

STALL DETAILS

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

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

EVENT DETAILS

Location; St Matthews Church Playing field.

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

Set up times;

If you require to drive vehicles onto the playing field please arrive by 10 am on the day

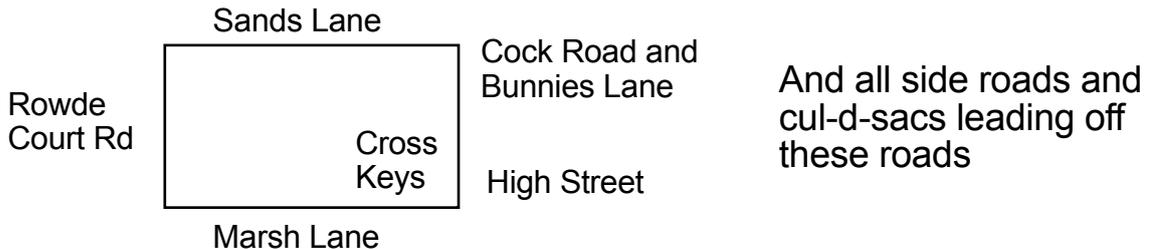
Vehicles to be clear of the field by 11am

All stalls to be set up by 11.30 am

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

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

Anyone is welcome to build a Scarecrow, the theme for your scarecrow will be issued to you. Each Scarecrow will be designated a position along the route shown below. They will be on display between Saturday and Sunday. They will need to be in position by 0930 Saturday 4th July 2015.



I would like to build a scarecrow;

Name Email Phone

Please indicate if you will need assistance in transporting your scarecrow to its display position which will be issued to you.

I live along the route and will be happy to host a Scarecrow

Name Address

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

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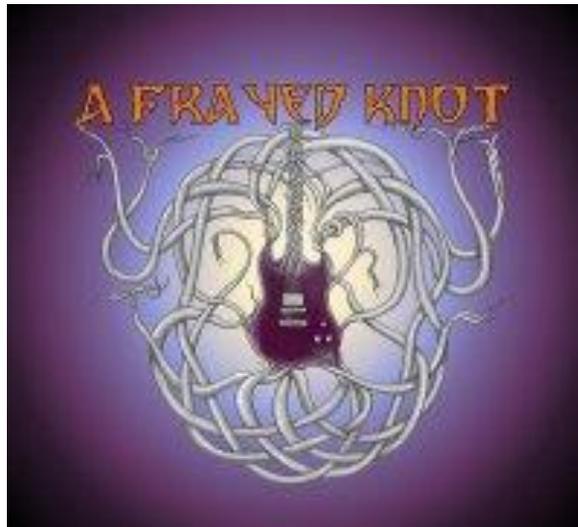
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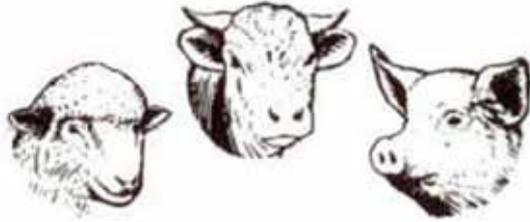
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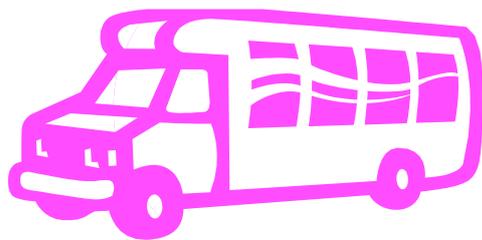
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I think everyone had a really good time and it was lovely to have all the families with their children – it was great seeing them all playing happily with the toys and drawing things.

Special thanks to Clare, Khia, Thalia, Ehren, Amanda, Wesley and Mo for helping with the set up yesterday – I have booked you all in for next year.

Also to Keith, Bernie, Mike, Tayte and Joe for helping Gavin with all the cooking - again you are all booked for next year.

Also thanks to all the crumble makers and to everyone that helped with clearing up at the end, it just makes such a difference to Gavin and me, and makes it all so much easier.

With the ticket sales and Raffle we raised £440 (after costs) which is a wonderful amount.

Our next fundraising event is 'Stewsdays' Tuesday on November 4th at 6.30 pm in St Matthew's church.

If you would like tickets, please let us know as soon as possible as we already have 50 people on the list and have a maximum of 100 tickets.

Look forward to seeing you all soon

Gavin and Jane

THANKS FOR CHARITY SUPPORT

Thank you so much for your support in contributing to our Barn & Table Top Sale with Coffee & Cake. We raised £200 for Rowdeford Charity Trust and £200 for Macmillan.

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Sincerely,

Janet Giles (01380850327 or 07799400932. mail@janetgiles.me.uk)

PLEASE GIVE TO 'RIDE AND STRIDE'

Dear Alan,

I was asked if I would pen something for the magazine about the WW1 Commemorative Cycle ride I have just returned from (see pages 41 & 42).

As an aside I raised my own personal target for the Charity and if people want to donate anything may I suggest it goes to the Ride and Stride for the Church as I was absent from that event this year to take part in this cycle ride.

Yours Aye

Michael Cornwell

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you once again to all who came along to my Coffee Morning in aid of The Wiltshire Air Rowde Village News **November 2014**

Ambulance on 5th September. Also thank you for your kind donations. We raised £440 - WOW!!

from Christine at 32 Springfield Road

CAN YOU HELP FIND TINA POUND?

Dear Readers,

My mum has asked me if I could help her find a lady called Tina Pound (maiden name). She used to live at Tower View in Rowde many years ago and then moved to Aylesbury as a child. Her mum was called Mabel Pound and her father had passed away when she was young. She would be approx. 50yrs old now and she used to go on holiday to Bowleaze Cove in Weymouth. If there is anyone who has any information or can help in anyway I would really appreciate it. Please contact me at suemarywestrupp@hotmail.co.uk or call me on 07880 344004.

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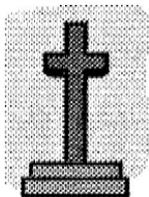
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		4					8	
					1			
1				4				7
				9	7			1
		8	5	3				6
	6		4				9	2
						9	3	
6					4	2		
		3	2	8	9			

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (difficult this month)

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

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

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

2	6	1	3	4	5
3	4	5	2	6	1
6	2	4	5	1	3
1	5	3	6	2	4
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Village Diary



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- 7 November **Fireworks and Fun** (see page 11)
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- 28 November **RALC Youth Club open** (see page 6)
- 29 November **TAPAS Night** (see page 53)
- 5 December **Evening Christmas Meal at the Rowdey Cow** (see page 30)
- 6 December **Xmas Bazaar** (see page 22)
- 6 December **Christmas Fair** (see page 52)
- 10 December **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**

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- 14 January **Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Village Hall**
- 31 January **Charity Burns Supper** (see page 26)
- 4 July **Rowde Village Fete and Scarecrow Trail** (see page 26)

Updating the Diary or Village Guide

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

ROWDE BUS TIMES (to and from Chippenham and Devizes)

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Rowde, Cross Keys 0743 0823 0930 1030 1130 1230 1330 1430 1550 1630 1720 1800 1835
Chippenham Bus Stn 0812 0843 1002 1054 1202 1254 1402 1454 1622 1702 1752 1832 1904

Rowde, Cross Keys 0730 0759 0842 0914 0944 1044 1144 1244 1344 1444 1607 1707 1727 1817
Devizes Market Place 0735 0805 0853 0920 0950 1050 1150 1250 1350 1450 1613 1713 1733 1823

Saturday

Rowde, Cross Keys 0743 0830 0930 1030 1130 1230 1330 1400 1530 1705 1800 1835
Chippenham Bus Stn 0820 0854 1002 1054 1202 1254 1402 1424 1602 1737 1832 1904

Rowde, Cross Keys 0730 0814 0914 0944 1044 1144 1244 1344 1517 1649 1822
Devizes Market Place 0735 0820 0920 0950 1050 1150 1250 1350 1523 1655 1828

***Note: If going to Chippenham Railway Station, add 6 minutes to times shown
Times correct as at October 2014***

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