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April/May 2025



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Editorial

Welcome to another bumper edition of your Rowde Village News.

This issue there are all the usual excellent reports and articles from the village's schools, clubs, societies and other organisations of course but there are also several interesting articles in the 'Local News' pages (24 to 31). Rowde Primary Academy in particular has given us three pages to read about what they have been doing recently and what they are planning for the future. If you would like to help them establish their outdoor activity plans please see their plea for second hand items on page 12.

Rowde's site selection for the Devizes area neighbourhood plan will be taking place on 23rd April in the Rowde Village Hall. So, this is your opportunity to have your say about which sites should go forward. Read all about it on page 17.

There is also an election coming up for members to join the Rowde Parish Council so you can read all about that too on page 20.

We have the 'Photo Memories' feature back. See if you can recognise anyone in the photograph on page 23.

Rowdefest, Rowde Open Gardens, Furlong Close and Comic Relief, The Mind Tree Cafe and Aid for Ukraine are just a few of the excellent articles you will find in the Local News section (pages 24 to 31).

Finally, I must mention the wonderful photo on the back cover which was sent in by Sue Fisher. It's a cracker! And if you would like the chance to have any of your local photographs printed in colour on the magazine cover please email them to me at watters.alan@gmail.com.

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 second 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 the views of the magazine's editorial team.

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Cover Images

Sue Fisher took the wonderful photo featured on the back cover. She was walking up through Jubilee Woods to Devizes recently and spotted this little fella. Brilliant shot Sue!

The photograph on the front cover was taken by the editor at the entrance to Furlong Close just last week. In this issue Furlong Close is featured in three articles over pages 28 to 31.

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

At the meeting held on February 4th in the Village Hall members showed their creative talents in making models from Lego bricks.

The winner of the Raffle was Mrs. K. Brock.

The next meeting was held on March 4th again, in Village Hall when to start the afternoon members all enjoyed Pancakes with a Cuppa! This was followed by a 'tasting game' where members were given a number of Jelly Beans and they were asked to decide what flavour they were. Winners were: Mrs. S. Loader and Mrs. H. Imrie. The Raffle winner was Mrs. J. Swift.

Next meeting will be on April 8th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall when the 'talents will be brought out again' when we do a craft project.

Di Buckland

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting will be held on June 4th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is a very important meeting as the very small Committee need help to keep the Hall in a clean, warm and affordable venue for all to use.

In the past year the Hall has been decorated throughout and new curtains and cushions in the large room as well as general maintenance around the building. This all takes money and hours of voluntary work which would be made easier with more assistance.

Di Buckland

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

It was good to be back together again in January after the Christmas and New Year break. As well as exchanging more recent news, we asked members to share Christmas memories from their past which we all enjoyed.

We always hold our AGM at the beginning of the year. Reports told members the state of our finances and reviewed what had taken place over the previous 12 months. Our trustees and committee were re-elected for another year and thanked for all that they do.

A varied programme over the last couple of months has included some singing, a quiz, a games morning and a movement session with Georgie. We very much enjoyed a visit from Mistral (part of the Devizes Band), who entertained us with various familiar musical pieces and encouraged us to sing along when we could.

We are most grateful to Danny and Tara from the Greyhound who have helped us over the past weeks by providing delicious lunches. Together with the whole village, we were devastated to hear the very sad news of Craig's sudden death and our thoughts are with Serena and her family as they grieve.

A reminder of our fund raising coffee morning on 22nd March in the Clubhouse – tea, coffee, delicious cakes and a few other bits and pieces!!

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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

Meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month. Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.

BOOK REVIEWS

'The Ghost Ship' by Kate Mosse

This is the third in the Joubert Family trilogy and focuses on the story of Louise, a young orphaned woman in the 1600s who achieves her unusual dream of captaining her family's merchant ship, sailing from Europe to the Canary Islands. The novel is described as a sweeping and epic love story, a tale of adventure and buccaneering, love and revenge, stolen fortunes, piracy and hidden secrets on the high seas. Under the captaincy of Louise, the Ghost Ship hunts pirates to liberate enslaved prisoners but ultimately finds itself hunted. The ship's crew hides a secret, the bravest among them are not who they seem: if arrested, they will hang for their alleged crimes. Can they survive their journey and escape their fate?

The majority of Book Club members had not read the first two books in this trilogy but were hopeful that it would be a good read, noting that Kate Mosse's historical novels have many fans.

While agreeing that the author had obviously undertaken a lot of detailed research into the era and the context of the seafaring business, most felt that this was to the detriment of the development of the characters and the coherence of the story. The fact that the main character is a strong-minded young woman was considered to be a positive aspect of the novel. However, many felt that much of the plot seemed implausible and that they had felt little emotional connection with the characters. Overall, it was agreed that this was a disappointing read which did not live up to the promises of its description.

Suzanne Jacobs

'The Housemaid's Secret' by Freida McFadden

Published in 2023, 'The Housemaid's Secret' by Freida McFadden is a gripping thriller, the second novel in a series featuring a housemaid as the main character.

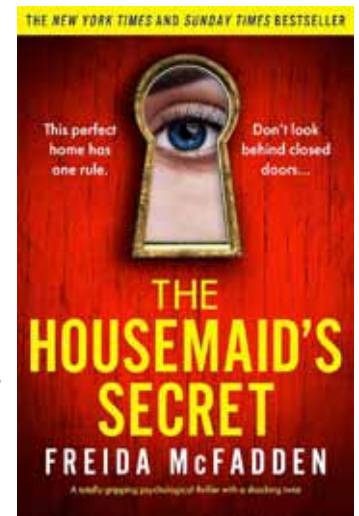
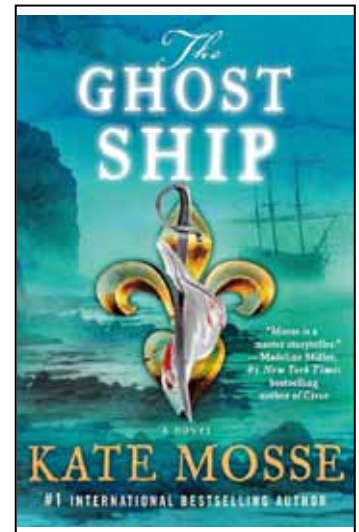
This one revolves around Millie Calloway, a convicted felon who finds work with wealthy clients in Manhattan. It opens with Millie losing her job due to her felony conviction and struggling to support herself with the loss of income. She is eventually hired by Douglas Garrick, CEO of Coinstock, to assist his wife, Wendy, who is purportedly ill and mysteriously confined to their guest bedroom.

As Millie starts working for the Garricks, she observes suspicious behaviours and signs of potential abuse towards Wendy. Her suspicions are confirmed when she witnesses injuries on Wendy, prompting her to intervene.

The plot thickens as Millie, who has a past of helping women escape abusive relationships, tries to assist Wendy. This leads to a series of dramatic events, including an attempted escape, a murder accusation, and a shocking twist where the true identities and motives of the characters are revealed.

I struggled to become interested in the early chapters but once I got into the book it did become a bit of a page turner as events unfolded but then descended into the ridiculous towards the end. Those of us who did read it thought it worth the journey and rated it 7/10.

Ann Swan



THE BEREAVEMENT HELP POINT

The Bereavement Help Point in Devizes is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting. All sessions are free of charge and there is no need to book, just come along.

Where: The Bear Hotel, Market Square, Devizes SN10 1HS

When: First and third Tuesday of the month from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

To find out more visit: dorothyhouse.org.uk or phone 0345 0310 555 or 0800 181 4118

ROWDEY COW NEWS



As I write this it is the Spring Equinox and we are enjoying the most beautiful sunshine! The last few days have been very kind to us with the lovely weather and we have had some wonderfully busy days after the quiet Winter period.



We had a visit from an Italian Ice Cream Chef earlier this month who gave us some new recipe ideas including Popcorn ice cream, Dubai Chocolate, Toblerone and Jam Donut which you may have seen featuring in our ice cream cabinet over the last month. We are excitedly preparing for our new ice cream cabinet which is arriving next week which we purchased when Karen and I visited the Ice Cream Alliance Exhibition in Birmingham and were asked to take part in some ice cream tasting judging. It was interesting to taste how all the different recipes for vanilla can taste so different.



We had our first Slip and Grip Car Meet here at the start of the month and the car park had some amazing cars on display from new Ferraris to old Astin Martins and Racing Cars and Chevrolets! There was a great atmosphere and bacon and sausage sandwiches were flying out from the trailer! We will be hosting these the second Sunday of each month and there will be plenty of parking for customers and people wanting to view the cars too.



We are busy preparing for Mothering Sunday next week where we are offering a delicious afternoon tea as well as breakfast and lunch. Then before we know it we will be in the Easter holidays when we will have some Easter Trails and crafting events on to help keep the children occupied for the parents.

We have made a couple of changes over the last month including stopping taking table bookings apart from special events. This was due to the large number of big table bookings not turning up which was meaning customer walk ins were being turned away for no reason. It has worked really well so far and we have not had to turn anyone away. The second big change we have made is stopping Sunday roasts and doing an all-day brunch menu alongside our normal weekday lunch menu instead. Again, we have enjoyed some of our busiest Sundays since making this change so appears to be working well.



The ponies and donkeys have been spending more time outside in the field now it has dried out and we are hoping to get the pigs back out again soon! The baby peacocks are now almost full grown and getting more beautiful each day. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



Our value for this term is Perseverance, here is a photo of pupils from other schools who access our alternative provision at Rowde on a hike in the cold and not giving up!



School has been a fun time with staff and pupils dressing up for World Book Day. In Spanish pupils have been learning how to talk about places in Devizes. They used junk to make models of different places in town, including a cinema, bakery, swimming pool, pharmacy and even a model of Silverwood School by Jordan! Here they are with their finished Spanish town!



Teresa Ollerhead

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

It feels like spring is upon us and, as we approach our busy summer term, there is a lovely, positive feeling at Rowde C of E Primary Academy. We are very proud of our school and our children – site improvements continue and we continue to be determined to make the school the best it can be for our pupils. On Thursday 6th March, we had our Church School inspection which is also known as SIAMS. This is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools and is focused on whether or not a school is living its foundation as a Church school. That is about how we live our vision and Christian values, but also how we support and prioritise our disadvantaged learners; how we support children, parents and staff to live well together; how we prioritise mental health and how we are enabling everyone to flourish. Church schools were initially set up to support to community and ensure that the poor were given free education - it is not about how 'Christian' a school, but rather how the school is fulfilling its foundation using our Christian vision and values as a vehicle for supporting our whole community. The report is yet to be published, but please keep an eye out on social media and the school website – it shouldn't be long now and we're excited to share the result and report with the community.

Nursery at Rowde



For some time now, I've wanted to get nursery provision at our school and I'm so pleased that South Hills Schools have set up and are ready to open after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 22nd April. The room looks amazing, as you can see! South Hills Schools use elements of Montessori, Curiosity Approach and Steiner, to create a happy, safe environment where children can learn and flourish, sparking their natural curiosity, awe and wonder of the world around them. We have worked closely with South Hills to ensure the room and their



approach matches our early years provision in our Reception class, so it will support transition into school. The nursery will provide care for children from 2 years old and, for more information and to express interest in a place, visit their website: <https://www.southhillsnurseries.co.uk/>

Wrap-Around Care

We are really pleased that we've been able to make huge improvements to our wrap-around care room at Rowde as we've received a grant from Wiltshire Council to develop our provision. The room has new flooring, appliances, equipment, seating... Everything! Our children are loving it and we're already getting busier which is brilliant. As part of the funding, we've also been able to reduce the cost.

Breakfast club, from 7.45, is still £4 but we're able to provide a wider range of nutritious food ideas with lots more fresh fruit and veg. After school, the children are able to stay for the first hour (until 16.15) for £2, to take part in a range of clubs and activities. Again, they receive a nutritious snack with more fresh produce, included in the price. If they need to stay later, up until 17.45, then that costs £5 and children with us at 17.00 get fed again! It is getting busier and we are thrilled that we can support our families and community when juggling the school run and work is a constant balancing act.

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future

Emergency Awareness Training



Whilst first aid is part of our PSHE curriculum, we were keen to give children something additional to support them in knowing what to do in an emergency. We invited Wiltshire Air Ambulance in to do their Emergency Awareness Training and work with children from Year 1 to Year 6. All classes covered 999 calls and the recovery position. Year 3 and 4 also did CPR and Year 5 and 6 did 999 call, recovery position, CPR and also choking. It was such a brilliant day and we hope we can repeat it every year so the children become increasingly confident.



Year 6 Heart Dissection



Last term, Year 6 learnt all about the circulatory system. To really bring it to life, they took part in a heart dissection and were able to observe the different chambers and arteries. If it was too much, they were able to leave the room, but the majority got stuck in!



Science Week and Life's A Beach

At the beginning of March, we were visited by the Life's A Beach charity. Sophie Chappell, the charity's manager, launched the day with a whole-school assembly all about plastic and how it's damaging our beaches and animals' habitats. She then did an hour workshop with each class and they did some litter picking around our site. Over the course of the day, they collected 20kg of rubbish! As part of the



NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

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visit, the children also were gifted a reusable water bottle which will really help us reduce plastic usage as a school.

This visit was also part of British Science Week where, in Key Stage 2, our children tried to 'reuse' different materials to create musical instruments! They had to use recycled 'junk' to create different instruments and then form bands with a range of different sounds. It was a little noisy, but a lot of fun and learning.



Life at Rowde is very busy but always focused on our Christian ethos and vision – to enable children to learn, grow and love. You can always read about what we've been up to through our weekly newsletters are also uploaded onto the website: <https://www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk/24/newsletters>

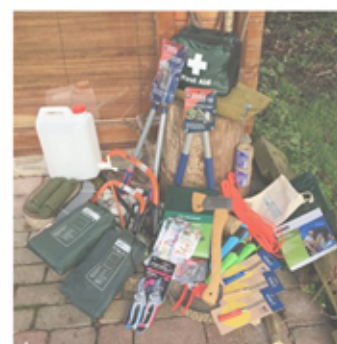
As always, every day at Rowde is an open day. If you would like to see us in action, or think you could support in anyway, please get in touch: alice.simpson@rowde.wilts.sch.uk

Alice Simpson, Head Teacher

We're in need...

As we continue to develop and establish forest school at Rowde, we're in need of lots of equipment. For all the safety gear, we're going to use the funds from the Tesco In-Store vote. However, there's plenty that we could have second-hand so please let us know if you can help!

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Your Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on
Wednesday 2nd April 2025

7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend

Please visit the rowdevillage.org website, the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page and the village noticeboards for a full set of minutes and confirmation of forthcoming Parish Council meetings.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the minutes, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by email: rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com or on: 07752 724096

Rowde Parish Council will have a new Parish Council in May. The notice of election was published on 11th March 2025. Nominations are open for people aged over 18 years old living in the Parish and who are registered to vote. If you would like to join the Parish Council, a nomination form can be downloaded at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections> or by contacting the Clerk. The deadline for nominations is 2nd April 2025, 4pm.

Site Selection for the Neighbourhood Plan:

The village is invited to give their views on sites for potential development in the village. Everyone in the village is invited to attend, on Wednesday 23rd April, 6pm, in Rowde Village Hall.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council met on 12th February and 12th March 2025. The full minutes from these meetings are available on the website: rowdevillage.org or upon request to the Clerk at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or 07752 724096.

At the Parish Council meetings, the following items were discussed:

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

- The Heart of Wessex: Wiltshire Council will not become part of a mayoral authority at this time.
- Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation Plan: This plan has been paused by the Council, while the process is reviewed. The Council is still required to have a Gypsy & Traveller Site plan. The site for Rowde is still being considered.
- Budget: Cllr Mayes noted that Wiltshire Council approved their budget last month. Council tax will increase by 4.5%, which is lower than the maximum permitted 4.99%. It was noted that Wiltshire Council carries out a lot of preventative work in order to keep finances under control.

PLANNING

Progress report on new development at Haymeadow Way

At a site meeting with representatives of the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council, the Acorn Education Trust and Persimmon Homes, it has been proposed that a new path will be created, parallel with the school fence along the back of the grassed play area at Silverlands Road. This path will be used by the school whilst the drainage works are being carried out. The path will remain in situ when the work has been completed.

Planning application: PL/2025/00879: Land to Southwest of Rowdecroft Farm Cottage, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 1SU: Removal of 15m of hedgerow in three sections. Deadline for comments 19/2/25. This application relates to the National Grid Visual Improvement Project to set pylons underground. The Parish Council did not object to the

application, provided there is a proper reinstatement of the hedgerow when the work is completed.

NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning application: PL/2025/01153: Household planning permission: Mulberry Lodge House, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2QQ. Conversions of existing garage and garage loft to form studio/workshop and annex over. Deadline for comments 13/3/25. The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

Notice of Lime Down Solar Park Statutory Consultation: Notice has been received publicising an application for a Development Consent Order regarding solar array sites on 878 hectares of land north of M4. This solar installation will stretch from Malmesbury to Melksham.

SANDS LANE APPLICATION APPEAL

There is no further news on the appeal against Wiltshire Council's refusal to grant planning permission to build up to 50 houses on Land West of Sand's Lane, Rowde (PL/2023/00386). The appeal is lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

VILLAGE AMENITIES

A 'Club House' for Rowde

The Parish Council intends to purchase the Club House from Bromham Parish Council. This is a pratten building which was originally used as a mobile classroom. The Club House will need to be set on a semi-permanent pad at the large playing field.

A digester or similar will be needed to deal with waste. There needs to be planning permission to site the Club House at the playing field.

BROADBAND

There have been some enquiries about the new telegraph poles that have been installed on Rowde Court Road. Openreach have responded to say that there were no/very few underground ducts and no existing telegraph poles to upgrade the new network. Without the telegraph poles it would involve a massive amount of civil engineering, roadworks and disruption. When this work has been completed, it will bring the technology to the curtilage of a resident's property, with customers then needing to have their gardens or driveways dug up to get the service into the property once they have placed an order. Openreach confirmed that:

The poles have been installed on public land and will not cause an obstruction or safety issue.

The relevant regulation notice was sent to the local council, prior to the pole being installed.

Openreach are not obligated to notify residents of planned works as this is on a publicly maintained highway. However, as good practice, they placed notices in the nearby areas such as lampposts.

VILLAGE APPEARANCE & SAFETY

Dog Fouling

Residents are respectfully reminded not to walk their dogs through the children's play areas in the village or the large playing field. These are areas for everyone to keep healthy and active without the health risks that are associated with dog waste.

The Parish Council has purchased new 'No dogs' signs for the three play areas.

Highways & Footpaths

- Discretionary Gully service

Wiltshire Council is deploying a discretionary gully clearing service around the county. They have asked residents to report gullies that need to be cleared (not 'A' roads). Please

report blocked gullies to the Parish Clerk or through the My Wiltshire App.

- Cllr Mayes has escalated the footpath repair along Devizes Road. Highways have reported that this section of pavement from Rowde to Devizes presents additional challenges as there is no surfacing under the material on the pavement. When the overgrowth is scraped back, it is just earth. The Council would then have to undertake re-surfacing work. Cllr Mayes will continue to chase an outcome for the problem.

- C Greenwood raised concerns again about the surface of Springfield Road. Cllr Mayes confirms that she talks to the Highways team as regularly as possible about this issue and others. However, the situation is the same across the county and work has to be prioritised.

- There will be a road improvement scheme installed on Caen Hill in 2026. As far as Rowde is concerned, there is a plan for movement sensorised traffic lights at the junction with Marsh Lane. Cllr Mayes suggested that the neighbouring parishes should meet to discuss the plans when they are made available.

- Parking notice from Aster Housing Officer:
"There have been recent concerns raised regarding parking in areas such as Springfield Road and Ferris Close. Issues include, but are not limited to, double parking, parking on the pavement, parking too close to junctions, and blocking access for emergency vehicles. Such parking practices create hazards and violate parking regulations, which can result in fines and penalties from the relevant authorities. Please be mindful and considerate when parking to help ensure that roads and pathways remain safe for all users".

Speed Indicator Device (SID) can be moved more frequently with more volunteers in the group. If you are interested in supporting the village in managing speeding vehicles, please contact Chris Greenwood, tel:07525 185514, email: cj_g@me.com

Community Speedwatch: The team can not come out to use the camera unless more people volunteer. If you are interested in being part of the Community Speedwatch Team, please contact Chris Greenwood on tel: 07525 185514, cj_g@me.com

NATIONAL GRID

If you have any questions for the VIP project team, or if residents experience any problems with heavy construction vehicles on Conscience Lane please call 0330 134 0051, or email: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

FINANCE

Monthly invoices

- Monthly bank reconciliation & monthly invoices for January 2025

January 2025 invoices (total: £2,998.68)

Admin costs: £1,844.86

Ground's maintenance: £1,132.22

Christmas: £21.60

- Monthly bank reconciliation & monthly invoices for February 2025

(total: £4,129.51)

Admin costs: £1,832.97

Ground's maintenance: £1,526.40

Misc, including defibrillator battery/pads, signs, flags: £520.14

Donation: Rowde Village News: £250

DONATIONS

The Parish Council donated £250 to the Rowde Village

News for the edition Feb/March 2025. It will donate a further £125 for the April/May edition.

There was some discussion about alternative funding streams, including new advertising from local businesses.

STAY CONNECTED!

Website at rowdevillage.org

Facebook page: Check out the Parish Council's Facebook page for news and events. Managed by L Wills.

Contacts: The Parish Clerk can be contacted at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 07752 724096 in office hours. Parish Councillors can be contacted through the contacts page of this magazine.

MY WILTSHIRE APP

- The more reports that are logged through 'My Wiltshire', the higher the priority the issue will be given.
- It is easy to report problems like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting in your area using the 'My Wiltshire' online form. Reports can be made anonymously, or you can register for free. Once you have registered, you can track the reports you have made, and receive notification once the work has been completed. The more residents report issues, the more likely we are to have them fixed.
- The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

CONCERNS

If you have any local concerns about footpaths, hedges, allotments, play facilities, or anything village related, we would like to hear from you. We value your input and suggestions and will try to help.

You can contact us through the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page, or by e-mail: rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or by telephone: 07752 724096.

POLICE MATTERS

If you need to report a crime: Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency. It is possible to follow the Police on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Parish Council meetings dates can be found in the village diary on page 41 of the magazine. Start time 7.30pm.

We invite all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time in the meeting.



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Rowde's Site Selection

For the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan

Wednesday 23rd April 2025, 6.00pm,

Rowde Village Hall. Everyone is welcome

A neighbourhood plan can provide the following benefits to a local community:

- a) Allocate sites for development you want to secure in your area
- b) Include policies to influence/guide development as it comes forward, for example through design matters and housing composition
- c) Protect key local assets – community facilities, heritage assets, important views, local green spaces and more
- d) Secure contributions to new and improved facilities, green infrastructure and active travel
- e) Receive a higher level of CIL or new Infrastructure Levy contributions accruing to the Parish (25% rather than 15%).

Rowde joined the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan Group in 2020.

It is your time to have your say about which sites should go forward for development.

If you are unable to join us on the evening, and wish to share your views please contact the Parish Clerk, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, tel: 07752 724096



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April and May 2025 Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

Services in St Matthew's, Rowde are in bold

Services in Bromham and Sandy Lane are in *italic*



Date/Time	Service	
APRIL		
Weds 2nd		
11am	Mid-Week Communion	Rowde
Sunday 6th	(Lent 5)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
10am	Holy Communion	Bromham
Sunday 13th	(Palm Sunday)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sandy Lane
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
6pm	Evening Prayer	Bromham
Mon 14th		
6pm	Compline	Bromham
Tues 15th		
6pm	Compline	Bromham
Weds 16th		
6pm	Tenebrae	Bromham
Thurs 17th	(Maundy Thursday)	
10:30am	Holy Communion	Rowde
7pm	Holy Communion and Vigil	Bromham
Friday 18th	(Good Friday)	
10:30am	Children's Service	Bromham
2pm	Hour at the Cross	Rowde
Sunday 20th	(Easter Day)	
8am	Holy Communion	Sandy Lane
9:30am	Holy Communion	Bromham
11am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 27th	(Easter 2)	
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
MAY		
Sunday 4th	(Easter 3)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
10am	Holy Communion	Bromham
10am	Service of the Word	Rowde
Weds 7th		
11am	Mid-Week Communion	Rowde
Sunday 11th	(Easter 4)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sandy Lane
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 18th	(Easter 5)	
10am	Holy Communion	Bromham
Sunday 25th	(Easter 6)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sandy Lane
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde

Everyone is very welcome at all our services.
Please visit www.achurchnearyou.com for more information, check our church noticeboards or contact the Benefice Administrator at sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com.

Church Opening Times

Rowde Church: Mon to Sat 10am – 4pm;
Sunday 10am – 4pm or after morning service.
Bromham Church: Daily 9am – 5pm
Sandy Lane Church: Open by arrangement

A Message from Rev'd Norma Fergusson

Writing this on yet another cold grey March morning, it is tempting to think that spring is still a long way off – but the sight of primroses in gardens, hedgerows and, of course, churchyards, reminds me that Shelley was right: "When winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Spring for St Matthew's, of course, means Easter and a return to having flowers in church on Easter Sunday. Our service this year will be at 11am so that all the churches in the benefice can have a service on Easter Day.

However, before we get to that wonderful celebration, we will mark the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday on 13 April; then a short, said, communion service at 10.30 on Maundy Thursday and an hour of music and meditation at 2pm on Good Friday.

In May we will join the rest of the country and probably much of Europe in marking VE Day. St Matthew's will have a short service at 6pm on Thursday 8 May before the church bells ring out for peace, and in memory of those who gave their lives for it, at 6.30pm. As the Channel Islands are part of the Diocese of Salisbury, we will also remember that they were not liberated until the next day. Those final hours must have seemed like a long wait.

May also marks a return to having a short, non-communion, service on the first Sunday of the month.

You are most welcome to join us at any of these services and we hope they will bring moments of peace and space away from the busyness of the world. On that note, the church is always open between 10am and 4pm, so please do call in at any time. It is a special place just to sit and be in the presence of God.

The Rev'd Norma Fergusson

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Rowde Church Café Tuesday 10:45 – 12pm.

Come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone welcome!

Craft, Coffee and Chat at St Matthew's, Rowde Friday 2pm – 4pm

Bring your own craft project or join in our jigsaw. All welcome! No entry fee. Coffee and cake available for a donation.

Souper Saturdays at St Matthew's, Rowde First Saturday of the month, 12 – 1pm

Come along and enjoy a choice of two soups (always one vegetarian choice) with a roll. Donation to St Matthew's welcome.

Growing in Faith Wednesday evening 7:30pm – 9pm on Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ruth on ruthbray@outlook.com so she can send you the links.

Flower Arranging at Rowde

Please contact Caroline Keevil on ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk or call 07860 148407.

Choir at St Matthew's

We practice from 6pm-7pm on the Fridays prior to a 10am Sunday service. Please contact Nicola Brown at nicola_brown@talk21.com or 01380 722406.

Bellringing at St Matthew's

Please contact Michael Cornwell at michael.cornwell@btinternet.com 07388 224129

Open the Book at Rowde

Contact Fran Hall on 07989758412

CONTACT US

Rector: Vacant

Associate Priest: Vacant

Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com 07933 817816

During the current vacancy, please contact Sarah Leckie if you wish to enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral.

Safeguarding Representative for Rowde:

Michael Cornwell 07388 224129

Benefice Facebook page

Churches of Rowde and Bromham:
www.facebook.com/groups/439328832796693

Benefice website:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9690

Diocese of Salisbury:

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Nicola Brown, Michael Cornwell

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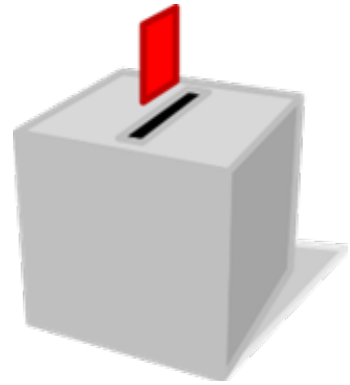
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ELECTIONS – in your Parish!!

There is an election in May 2025 for members to join Rowde Parish Council. The current Parish Council has 7 members, there is room for 11. If you are interested in local issues, for example planning, footpaths, sports facilities and many other matters, please consider putting yourself forward to join the Parish Council. Your village needs you.

If you would like to nominate yourself to become a Parish Councillor, please see below for details about how to apply. If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the nomination pack, please contact the Parish Clerk, rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, tel: 07752 724096



1. An election is to be held
take place on **Thursday 1 May 2025.**

If any election is contested the poll will

2. Nomination papers can be downloaded and printed from the [Electoral Commission website](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/resources-candidates-parish-council-elections-england) at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/resources-candidates-parish-council-elections-england

3. Alternatively, you can visit one of the 3 main council receptions and they can print the nomination pack for you:

- Main Reception at County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
- Main Reception at The Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury SP1 3UZ
- Main Reception at Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham SN15 1ER

4. Please go to our webpage www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections-candidates and make an appointment to submit your nomination papers using our nomination booking system.

5. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer or her appointed staff at **County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN** on any working day after the date of this notice (excluding weekends), between the hours of 10am and 4pm, but no later than **4pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025.** On arrival, please report to reception.

6. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **12 midnight on Friday 11 April 2025.** Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

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The Big Little Things In Life! Edition 7

by Zöe Rucker

The big impact of something as little as “Hello”

Greetings and goodbyes could be simple, universal - but they're not. Every culture has its own quirks, levels of enthusiasm, and unexpected traps for the unwary traveller. If you're moving between countries, a simple “hello” can either make you instant friends or result in a lifetime ban.

Here is a brief world tour of greetings and farewells and how the British might feel about them.

Starting with **England** where greetings are used as thinly-disguised ways to avoid real conversation - a nation of reluctant greeters and overall winners of awkwardness.

- “Morning!” – Fine until about 11:59 AM, after which it becomes an act of defiance.
 - “Alright?” – Meaning “Hello, I acknowledge your presence, please don't actually tell me how you are.”
 - “Hiya!” – Sounds cheerful but means nothing.
 - “How do you do?” – If someone says this genuinely, they probably own a country estate, and a Labrador called ‘Monty’.
- Verdict: just a small nod will do – The perfect greeting for those who feel even speaking is too much effort.

France enjoy the art of overthinking a simple greeting:

- “Bonjour” – Required before any conversation, otherwise you are uncivilised.
 - “Salut” – Casual, but only if you know the person. Otherwise, you have overstepped social boundaries and will be judged accordingly.
 - “Cocou” – Cute and playful. Like Peek-a-boo. Best not used at work.
 - The Double (or Triple) Kiss – British people panic at this. Do we kiss one cheek? Both? Three times? Where do we put our hands?!
- British Verdict: Too much face proximity. The French need to back up and let us stand in our personal space bubble. We would rather fake our own death than endure unexpected physical contact.

Italy can give the most flirtatious ‘Hello’ you’ll ever receive:

- “Ciao” – Used for both hello and goodbye, because why waste time with extra words when you could be drinking espresso?
 - “Buongiorno” – Formal but effortlessly stylish. But ONLY if you can say it properly.
 - The Air Kiss – Another cheek-based minefield. The British are simply not prepared for this level of Mediterranean warmth.
- British Verdict: Too charming. No one should look that good just by saying “hello”.

Germany enjoy efficiency:

- “Hallo” – No nonsense. No hidden meaning. Just “hello”.
- “Guten Tag” – Formal and functional, much like a well-built BMW.
- “Guten Morgen” – Strictly pre-10am. You can expect to lose respect if said any later.
- A firm handshake – Unlike in Britain, where a handshake is a delicate social dance, Germans mean business - you’ve probably signed a contract.

British Verdict: We admire the efficiency, but where's the awkwardness?

Spain & Latin American greetings that never end:

- “Hola!” – Simple, cheerful, and often the start of a much longer conversation.
- “¿Qué tal?” – Sounds like “What’s up?” but actually requires a response. British people find this terrifying.
- The Hug & Kiss Combo – Physical contact levels are dangerously high. British people may require a cup of tea and a quiet moment after such an encounter.

British Verdict: Too friendly. Too much joy. We need a lie-down.



Japan play politeness Olympics

- “Kon’nichiwa” – A lovely greeting, but only for midday. Use it in the morning or evening, and you’ve embarrassed yourself in front of the entire nation.
 - “Ohayou gozaimasu” – Formal way to say “good morning.” If you drop the “gozaimasu,” you risk being seen as a hooligan.
 - The Bow – The only greeting that lets you avoid eye contact entirely, making it a dream for British introverts.
- British Verdict: Finally, a greeting system we can get behind.

The United States are overly enthusiastic and slightly confusing:

- “Hey!” – Sounds fun, but is it directed at you, or just a general shout into the void?
- “How’s it going?” – A trap. The British will either respond with painful honesty or just mumble and walk away.
- “Sup?” – What is up? We don’t know. Are we meant to answer this?

British Verdict: Too enthusiastic. Calm down, America.

Australia just don’t make sense.

- “G’day!” – Does anyone actually say this? We assume it’s just used in films.
- “G’day Mate!” – worse. Much worse. And too forward.
- “How ya going?” – Is this a serious question? How do we answer? What is the question?
- A slap on the back – Casual violence as a greeting. Excellent.

British Verdict: We don’t consider this as language. It’s friendly noise.

India’s greetings feel profoundly spiritual:

- “Namaste” – Beautiful, but sounds like it should be followed by deep life advice.
 - The Head Bobble – A greeting? A ‘yes’? A ‘no’? We have no idea.
 - “Atithi Devo Bhava” – means ‘the guest is equivalent to god’ going against all the self-deprecating tones of English culture.
- British Verdict: Love the spiritual vibes, but too much respect for our liking.

When all said and done, saying “Hello!” is the simplest way to make people happy anywhere in the world. It can do a little bit more than a smile and much more than a wave. Although, going big, with a smile, a wave and a ‘Hello!’ is the best!

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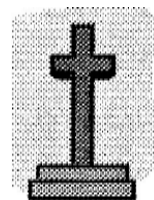
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For further details please go to

www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk/membership/
Organisations such as local history groups are charged £25 per annum, whilst individuals pay £14.

Please help us identify and study historic buildings throughout the county.



PHOTO MEMORIES



Jim Butler has found this lovely picture of a picnic on Roundway but he's not sure who the people are or when the photograph was taken. If anyone recognises any of them or has any idea of the date, please let the editor know via email on watters.alan@gmail.com. Note that there were a lot more trees back then.



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Local News



MAN ARRESTED ON 'SUSPICION OF DRUG DRIVING' AFTER CRASH ON LEAVING ROWDE

Source - Gazette & Herald

A man was arrested on suspicion of 'drug driving' following a crash that knocked down a telegraph pole on the sharp bend at St Edith's Marsh just outside Rowde. Emergency services rushed to reports of a collision on the A342 at Rowde at around 8am on Friday, March 7. Earlier on, police said the crash had involved two vehicles, with photos from the scene showing two vehicles having sustained damage.



Images: Trevor Porter

The first two photos show how one of the vehicles had crashed into a telegraph pole and downed a power line. The last photo (above) shows the other vehicle involved in the crash.

The road was closed temporarily to allow emergency services to clear the road. Police later confirmed the pole was removed from the road.

Wiltshire Police said a 48-year-old man was arrested then released under investigation.

DEVIZES IS AMONG ENGLAND'S BEST

Devizes has been named third on a list of the most quintessential market towns in England. Devizes scooped bronze in the national list compiled by holiday and travel firm Independent Cottages.



The ambulance service said it had sent one vehicle to the scene. Wiltshire Police confirmed there were no serious injuries reported.



looking south just north of Silverwood school





It was pipped to top spot by Dorset's Bridport, while Stockport was named in second place.

The ranking was based on a range of factors deemed necessary to make up a "quintessential" English market town.

This included the age of the town, its number of museums and listed buildings, and its independent businesses.

Devizes performed well in the independent business category, boasting 243, and also has over 350 listed buildings. Landmarks such as the old Wadworth brewery and the picturesque Caen Hill Locks were singled out for praise.



The study said: "The town's bustling weekly market is a must-visit, and Wiltshire's iconic attractions like Stonehenge are only a stone's throw away to visit."

WILTSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION (BKVC)

In February, entries will be invited for the BKVC. Categories are Large, Medium and Small villages. There are 15 prizes of up to £200. It's a great way of getting villagers together to keep our villages looking good and to build on our community spirit. Entry is simple and must be received by CPRE

Wiltshire by 17 April. Can you help our parish council with this? Details are at <https://www.cprewiltshire.org.uk/category/awards/> or call 01380 722157 and leave a message if necessary.

MOBILE LIBRARY UPDATE

Please note that the mobile library visits Rowde every fourth Thursday between 9.30am and 10am, and the latest list of dates for 2025 are 3rd April, 1st May, 26th June, and 24th July.

The single decker bus can usually be found parked on the High Street opposite Springfield Road, or, on the odd occasion, parked just inside Springfield Road. The service is free to library members and there are no late return charges. The only fees are for borrowing audio books (CDs), and pre-ordering specific books from the online site.

If you are able to do so, then please come along and support this valuable service in Rowde. Thank you.

Sue Robson

BROMHAM CARNIVAL 2025 - Save the dates!

Bromham Carnival will be held on Saturday 21st June, with Bromfest in the evening. The Teddy Bear Trail will be held over the weekend of 5th/6th July. The theme this year will be 'Cakes and Biscuits'. We plan to hold the Bingo Evening and Quiz Night in September, as part of the opening events for the new Bromham Community Hub. Dates to be confirmed nearer the time.

ROWDEFEST MAY 31ST



Our village summer celebration is coming soon with fun for all the family. This is the fourth year we are holding a fete in the small playing field, next to the church. There is also access from Tower View and Rowde Court Road. You may remember the Jubilee celebration, the Coronation, and last year we progressed to Rowdefest.

What is happening this year?

There is a wonderful entertainment programme for the whole afternoon and evening with five bands arranged by Darren Warrow. The event is from 1.00pm until 7.00pm

Food & Drink



We saw how much everyone enjoyed the food and drink last year, so you will see we have extended our close time to 7pm. This also means we can have a much more extensive bar including a beer tent, and plenty more food options for you all; fresh pizza from the Woodland Pizza Kitchen and hot food like fish and chips provided by Pablo and Teo, as well as ice cream of course from the Rowdey Cow.

The church will be open for tea and cake until 5.00pm and there will also be a display of historic items relating to the history of St Matthews in the church. Our Rowde Village Hall committee have kindly offered to be open once again for the use of their facilities.

Children



A round-a-bout is being provided by John Jennings Fun Fair. There will be lots of exciting games for children to play, as well as some small pets to stroke and cuddle from Pet Care in Chippenham. Children can get festive with glitter tattoos and nail painting, and maybe adults too!

Matt Fruci is coming again this year, to demonstrate and talk about his Fruci Fitness training programme.

Stalls

There will be some charities and not for profit organisations with tables, including RNLI and Mind Tree Cafe. Also several craft stalls. This year we have Chippenham Shed selling items crafted from wood and Katie Robson is back with more crochet toys. Another interesting craft stall is Bramblerose designs, which are designs inspired by the Wiltshire countryside created on wood and canvas etc.

There is still room for more, if you know someone who would be interested in having a stall.

How can I get involved?

Donate items

Kirsty is collecting books from now, please call her on tel 07866 048124. Raffle prizes can be dropped off at 4 Maundrell Close. Also, plants will be gratefully received for the plant stall on the day.

Homemade cakes will be sold with tea in the church so if you love to bake please bring cakes to the church from midday on the 31st.

Volunteer your time

We always need help setting up and taking down on the day as well as help with stalls. Please let me know if you would like to be a volunteer and I am sure there is a job for you.

Call me on 726316

or email barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com

Lend a tent or gazebo

We like to make sure that all the stalls have shelter, (from the sun of course) if you have a tent or gazebo please let us know.

Come on the day

Come with your friends and family. Please bring protection from the sun, bottled water, cash and maybe a chair. If you are coming by car can you give a lift to a neighbour?

We can feel proud of the community spirit in our village. There is now a very vibrant committee with lots of new ideas. This event is a great opportunity to greet villagers you don't see very often and if you are new to the village to make some new friends. Let's all have a fun time on May 31st and be proud of being Rowde.

Entertainment *written by Darren Worrow*

I'm honoured to be given the opportunity to arrange some music for RowdeFest, and thought you might like a little background on the five incredible acts I'm cramming into the day! Rest assured every act performing are of my most favourites and I hope you will enjoy them all.

In a pencilled-in order of appearance subject to change, firstly is the Devizes Jubilee Morris dancers, who need no introduction and will entertain you with bells on, quite literally!

The second act is renowned multi-instrumental musician and music teacher Andrew Hurst. From acoustic guitar to lute and orchestral timbre keyboard, Andrew's "1000" programme for arts festivals embarks on a journey through European medieval music to the familiarity of film and chart music, and his original compositions. What Andrew will decide to perform for us will be as much of a surprise to me and it will to you, but you can guarantee it will be a breathtaking start to the show.

After Andrew we introduce you to the best indie-pop band in the southwest, Talk in Code. A shimmering, synth-driven soundscape of original indie pop music, inspired by artists of the 1980's such as Go West, Duran Duran, Nik Kershaw and Pet Shop Boys. Talk in Code delivers an awe-inspiring, energy filled live show, which has headlined many festivals.

The Sarah C Ryan Band follows. A euphorically cool, melodic low-slung rock-pop five-piece with a country/folk tinge. Think Fleetwood Mac meets the Cranberries, and you won't be far from the top marks, which I award Sarah and her wonderful band every time I'm lucky enough to catch them playing live.

Thieves are next, a quartet fronted by Adam Woodhouse and a captivating acoustic ensemble which weaves a tapestry of country, Americana, and blues music. With a passion for storytelling and a love for intricate vocal harmonies, they deliver an unforgettable experience that resonates with audiences, and I promise you'll love them.

Last but by no means least, Burn the Midnight Oil play until we close. Skimming the surface of blues, country, folk, pop and rock, they are fronted by Chrissy, from Rowde, and have fast become one of the most popular bands on our local circuit.



Make no mistake, all of our acts are professionals of the highest quality, which you would pay for a ticket to see. All acts have been personally tried, tested and adored by me, and as editor of Devizine, we get a substantial number knocking loudly on our door!

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Rowde Open Gardens Saturday 28th June

There has been a good response so far.

If you would like to open your garden or for more information please get in touch by emailing rowde.events@yahoo.com

There will be more information in the next edition of the Rowde Village News.

OUR LIFE OUR CHOICE

Supporters of the Furlong Close Families were at the Houses of Parliament in support of the Our Life Our CHOICE campaign which is calling for a change in the Care Quality Commission policy condemning "campus and congregate" care and accommodation settings for adults with learning disabilities, settings like Furlong Close.

Who amongst us could possibly forget the traumatic two years spent saving the homes of the special residents at Furlong Close? They and their families remain hugely grateful for the support and affection that continues to be demonstrated by the wonderful community in Rowde and surrounding area. Had it been otherwise who knows where the distraught residents would now be, away from their familiar home and their friends and trusted carers.

The Our Life Our Choice campaign was launched in Parliament on 28th January with a premiere of the campaign film and lobby of MPS with the aim of persuading the CQC to change its policy towards "campus style" village settings, which currently denies adults with learning disabilities and autism the CHOICE of living in a "village" or intentional community setting.

Two of the speakers described their tragic endeavours to find suitable accommodation for their loved ones, one of whom had recently been evicted from their "village" community care home, considered out-dated by the CQC.

The third speaker, whose daughter lives at Furlong Close, initially focussed on how Furlong Close was saved, mentioning the dedicated staff who supported the residents throughout, as well as during Covid, the huge encouragement from the local community, the successful Petition, Save Furlong Close stickers - remember them? - and much more. All these came together to achieve success, but very sadly many other homes continue to be threatened with closure and closed with devastating impact.



The third speaker, Trish Gange

She then asked how it can be, from the young age of 55, we are encouraged to live in "campus style" retirement villages, thereby making these acceptable to one category of society, but denied to another? This disparity is what the Our Life Our Choice campaign is seeking to change through the wording of CQC policy so that, irrespective of individual situations, everyone can make their own choice.

MP Dr Brian Mathew was present and made a commitment to support this campaign along with Danny Kruger MP and a number of other Members of Parliament, so in a packed hall with standing room only, the launch was a great success and is to be followed by a Conference in London on 3rd April where a number of professional speakers will take this further. More information about this can be found on the Our Life Our CHOICE website.

<https://ourlifeourchoice.co.uk/>

Here's wishing this campaign swift success to restore peace to the lives of the many who are undeservedly threatened with eviction from their long-term safe and familiar homes, and prevent this from happening in the future.

THE MIND TREE CAFÉ CIC

The Café

A lot has been happening this week regarding the Café, we have had Alex's in sorting the build of the servery and the small café kitchen. This will be a space where you can come for a chat, access a workshop or have a drink or cake with a friend. Our focus is wellbeing, addressing isolation and providing volunteer opportunities. If you are interesting in supporting us with volunteering your time in the Café, please contact us on enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

We are still writing funding bids for staffing as we were unsuccessful with The National Lottery. The café will mostly work with volunteers, with some paid staff to oversee operations. A big thank you to Tasha who is helping us with the policies and processes, so we are ready to welcome our first customers.

Our OPEN DAY for the Café is 26th April opening times 9.30am - 4.30pm. We will then be opening three days a week for a period of time, Tuesday – Thursday and Saturday's 9.30am - 4.30am offering good quality drinks and cakes. Our aim is to be offering more days once we become busier.

Low-cost counselling service

Clients have been benefiting from the low-cost counselling service. We have several therapists delivering this service, if you or anyone you know is interested then please contact us - enquiries@themindtreecafe.org



The cost is £10 for an initial assessment and £25 for a 50-minute session. If you can pay more, please support us by doing so. The sessions are a minimum of 8 and we can offer more if needed.

We have been talking to the GP surgeries and Wiltshire CIL who are both signposting our services.

Upcoming Events

- 14th April 10am – 12pm we are hosting a children's storytelling event with the author A J Larcombe he will be reading from his books on The Zoo at Kathmandu. Tickets are £10.00 for 2 children and 1 adult. Adults are to stay with the children, and they are responsible. Tickets are on sale from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-holiday-childrens-story-telling-at-the-mind-tree-cafe-tickets-1295725232049?aff=oddtcreator>

- Wednesday 23rd April 10am - 11.30am Five Week Meditation Workshop, £50 per person or £54.88 from Eventbrite, suitable for beginners and those with some experience. Each week you will be guided through different meditations. all proceeds to The Mind Tree Café, tickets are for sale – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/five-week-meditation-classes-at-the-mind-tree-cafe-tickets-1295765231689?aff=oddtcreator>

- Monday Evenings - Pilates, please contact Suzan via email suzijj@rocketmail.com or call 07833 976362

- Monday Evenings- PSG Choirs, please contact www.psgchoirs.co.uk or phone Will Blake on 07751 697388

- Tuesday Evenings - Yoga, please contact Ginny via email yogawithginny@gmail.com or call 07973 517029

*Please check with the instructors before attending for spaces and suitability.

- 14th June - Glass workshop details to come.

- Success - Thank you all of those that came and supported us at our 80's disco, some of the residents and staff of Furlong

close, had their dancing shows on. We would also like to thank the local businesses that gave us raffle prizes. A big thanks to Kathryn for organising this as part of our on going fundraising for the project.

Thanks to Simon and the local community in supporting us to plant more fruit trees to add to our Orchard as part of celebrating the coronation of the King Charles III.



Working in Partnership

We have teamed up with Wiltshire Digital Drive to offer a drop off point for unwanted laptops and technology, they recycle this to provide equipment to people in digital poverty, which is a lifeline for those who need access to computers for work or learning.

We now have a clothes recycling bank on site, this will provide an opportunity to dispose of unwanted clothes in an environmentally friendly way but also raise money to support our work.

The probation service has helped us with indoor painting this month, in addition to the work they do in the Orchard. This is such a support and allows us to maintain the site and complete work.

Just a reminder we have apple juice for sale - £4.20 per 750ml bottle or £12 for 3 bottles. It has no added ingredients but will last for a year unopened as it's pasteurised. All proceeds to The Mind Tree Café. Our apple juice will be sold in our café.

Room Rental

We have therapy rooms to rent and a studio for hire. If you wish to run an activity or

workshop or hire the space for training do contact us on enquires@themindtreecafe.org for more information. Our rates are very competitive.

We also have a good audio-visual system in our studio, an 85-inch screen on a trolley, if you wish to deliver training or events that require this, please contact us for information.

Email – enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

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AID FOR UKRAINE

If you have been following the story about Rowde's link to Aid for Ukraine, here is the latest update I have received from David Gaston since the last issue of the Rowde Village News:

My latest trip to Ukraine was as part of a team from Ukraine Freedom Company and it was my privilege to lead them for the third time. This time there were eight of us delivering four SUVs all filled with aid, some medical for frontline soldiers and some for an orphanage in Lviv.



The trip went well; after delivering the orphanage aid (coats, toys, blankets and other items) the team split with two vehicles going to Dnipro and destined for Zaporizhzhia region and the other two to Kyiv and heading east of Sumy. We also used the wonderful Ukrainian postal service to get three large boxes of medical and other equipment to my friend Tatiana, who delivers aid to frontline soldiers in the north east of Ukraine.

The reality of the war is everywhere now – in the burned out buildings, the sirens and the shelters, and the huge number of flags in every square, each one placed by a grieving family remembering someone dear to them killed in the fighting.



Thanks to everyone who donated aid or money to enable this trip to take place. As we approach the three year point since the Russians launched their full scale invasion, it becomes increasingly difficult to raise funds. Please tell others about what I am doing and encourage people to help if they can. Although you have been generous enough to help us pass the original funding target set up at the beginning, we never thought in 2022 that we'd still need to be raising funds in 2025! Thank you once again for your support and generosity which is helping so many and really has contributed to saving lives. Thank you.

Editor's note: you can donate at www.gofundme.com/f/davids-drive-transport-and-aid-for-ukraine

ROWDE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, carer or expectant mother, come and join us on a Thursday morning 9.30-11.30 in the Rowde Village Hall.



Come and have a chat, a drink and a biscuit while your child plays. It's a great way to meet people and make new friends. Babies and toddlers are welcome from new born to preschoolers. It's £2.50 per family, unlimited cups of coffee/tea and biscuits and snacks for the kids.



FURLONG CLOSE AND COMIC RELIEF

On 21st March Alder bungalow in Furlong Close organised a Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk and a Cake Sale to raise money for Comic Relief. Residents and support workers enthusiastically took part and through all their efforts they accumulated over £400 for this worthy cause.



They ended up in the George and Dragon after their walk and landlord 'Chippy' kindly treated them all to a well earned free drink!





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Chippenham Rail Stn	06:55	-	-	10:15	11:05	12:15	13:05	14:15	16:00	16:35	17:30
Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 8	07:00	08:35	09:35	10:21	11:11	12:21	13:11	14:21	16:08	16:45	17:37
Chippenham, Cemetery	-	08:38	09:38	10:24	11:14	12:24	13:14	14:24	16:11	16:48	17:40
Derry Hill, School	07:09	08:44	09:44	10:30	11:20	12:30	13:20	14:30	16:17	16:54	17:46
Sandy Lane	-	-	-	10:34	-	12:34	-	14:34	-	-	-
Calne, Strand	07:15	08:52	09:52	-	11:26	-	13:26	-	16:26	17:03	17:52
Bromham, Greyhound	07:27	09:06	10:06	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	16:40	17:17	18:02
Rowde, Cross Keys	07:34	09:13	10:13	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	16:47	17:24	18:09
Devizes, Market Place, Bus Island	07:40S	09:18	10:18	10:52	11:52	12:52	13:52	14:52	16:52	17:29	18:14

Weekday	33	33	x33	33	x33	33	x33	33	33	33	33
Devizes, Market Place, Pelican	07:55	09:25	10:25	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:13S	16:10	17:45	18:15
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:01	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:18R	16:15	17:50	18:20
Bromham, Greyhound	08:10	09:37	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	-	16:22	17:57	18:25A
Chittoe Turn	08:15	09:42	10:42	11:42	12:42	13:42	14:42	-	16:27	18:02	18:29R
Calne Strand	08:27	09:51	-	11:51	-	13:51	-	-	16:36	18:09	18:37R
Sandy Lane	-	-	10:44	-	12:44	-	14:44	-	-	-	-
Derry Hill, School	08:33x	09:57	10:48	11:57	12:48	13:57	14:48	-	16:42	18:14	18:42R
Chippenham, Cemetery	08:39	10:02	10:53	12:02	12:53	14:02	14:53	-	16:47	18:18	18:46R
Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 3	-	10:07	10:58	12:07	12:58	14:07	14:57	-	16:51	18:21	18:49R
Chippenham Rail Stn	08:50	10:12	11:03	12:12	13:03	14:12	-	-	-	18:25R	18:52R

Key

x = Operates via A4, not Derry Hill village

S = Operates to/from Devizes School at 0743 and 1510 on schooldays

R = Request set down only

A = Operates via A342, does not enter Bromham village

No service on Public Holidays

Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Chippenham, Rail Stn	07:20	08:40	09:40	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:10
Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 8	07:24	08:45	09:45	11:32	13:32	15:32	17:16
London Road, Cemetery	07:27	08:48	09:48	11:35	13:35	15:35	17:19
Derry Hill, School	07:33	08:54	09:54	11:41	13:41	15:41	17:25
Calne, Strand	07:39	09:02	10:02	11:49	13:49	15:49	17:31
Bromham, Greyhound	07:51	09:16	10:16	12:03	14:03	16:03	17:43
Rowde, Cross Keys	07:58	09:23	10:23	12:10	14:10	16:10	17:49
Devizes, Market Place, Bus Island	08:03	09:28	10:28	12:15	14:15	16:15	17:54

Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Devizes, Market Place, Pelican	08:10	09:35	10:35	12:35	14:35	16:35	17:55
Rowde, Cross Keys	08:15	09:40	10:40	12:40	14:40	16:40	18:00
Bromham, Greyhound	08:21	09:47	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:07
Calne, Strand	08:32	09:59	11:01	13:01	15:01	17:01	18:19R
Derry Hill, School	08:38	10:05	11:07	13:07	15:07	17:07	18:24R
London Road, Cemetery	08:43	10:10	11:12	13:12	15:12	17:12	18:29R
Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 3	08:47	10:15	11:17	13:17	15:17	17:17	18:33R
Chippenham, Rail Stn	08:52R	10:20	11:22	13:22	15:22	17:22	18:38R

Sunday	x33	x33	x33	x33	x33
Chippenham, Rail Stn	09:32	11:32	13:32	15:32	17:32
Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 8	09:37	11:37	13:37	15:37	17:37
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Chippenham, Rail Stn	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30

LAURA MAYES YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR ROWDE



Please contact me if you have any Council issues including: Planning, Housing, Education, Highways (potholes, road schemes, speeding), Fly tipping and waste, Adult Social Care.

I am here to offer advice and support so please get in touch:

Email: laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07855 819343

Facebook: Laura Mayes – for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway

Wiltshire Council and Rowde Parish Council Elections – 1st May 2025

I can't believe it's been four years since the last election for Wiltshire Council! Many of you will have received your poll cards but if you are not registered to vote, you have until Friday, 11th April to get on the list. Please contact Wiltshire Council election team and they will help you – www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections Remember you need photo identification to vote so bring your driver's licence or passport to the polling station.

If you know you are going to be away or have difficulties getting to a polling station, then you can register to vote by post. I did this a few years ago and find it is a very convenient way to cast my vote. The deadline to apply to vote by post is 5pm on Monday, 14th April. Postal vote packs are sent out about 10 days before the election so you have

plenty of time to fill in it and put it in the post. Again, use the website above to get your form.

Many residents have contacted me about the Gypsy and Traveller Plan. Wiltshire Council has agreed to postpone the plan pending further legal advice as there were concerns about the process being rushed. Unfortunately, this does not mean the Rowde site has been removed, but it buys us more time to make our case.

I am writing this as the sun is shining and the daffodils are in full bloom. It makes me feel hopeful and excited about the future.

As ever, if you have any issues or concerns then please contact me at laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07855819343.

**Councillor Laura Mayes,
Wiltshire Councillor for Rowde**



ROWDEFEST

Saturday 31st May

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Springtime Promise

a poem by Rowde's Alan Pengelly

Buttercups, daisies and clover

Laid low by the scythe's hungry blade

Along with tall grasses lay drying

Sunkissed sweet fragrant hay

Springtime lambs in green meadows

Tumble, gambol and play

And when green corn shoots appear

Surely summer is on it's way

As the March wind blows, the March hare knows

It's time for their Springtime madness

And likewise, we, as the sap does rise

Should embrace all of Springtime's gladness

Hedgerows wounded by brutal flails

Sprout their budding leaves of green

Soon small creatures will find shelter

And build homes within my verdant screen

Buttercups, daisies and clover,

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Sunday Night Quiz

Every second Sunday is quiz night
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Keep an eye on Rowde all about it for any changes/updates!

Cheese plates £3.50 at half time

Bar opens at 7pm – Quiz at 8pm

April & May Opening Hours

Monday Evening is cards night : BAR open 6-9pm (sorry no food)

Tuesday : closed

Wednesday to Saturday : open as usual

Sunday : lunch only

Dear Rowde Villagers,

As always we would like to Thank you for your continued support! We are so lucky to have such a diverse village and would like to think that **EVERYONE** feels welcome to join us here at The G&D... For nearly 400 years people have stopped for a pint & packet of crisps, a warming bowl of soup or a full on slap up meal.

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See you all very soon, Chippy & The G&D Team



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Magazine Team Vacancy

The Rowde Village News would like to thank Sue Scruse for all the hard work she has put in over several years to make sure you all receive your regular free copy of the village magazine.

Sue is stepping down from her role so we are now looking for someone in the village to take over her post as Distribution Manager.

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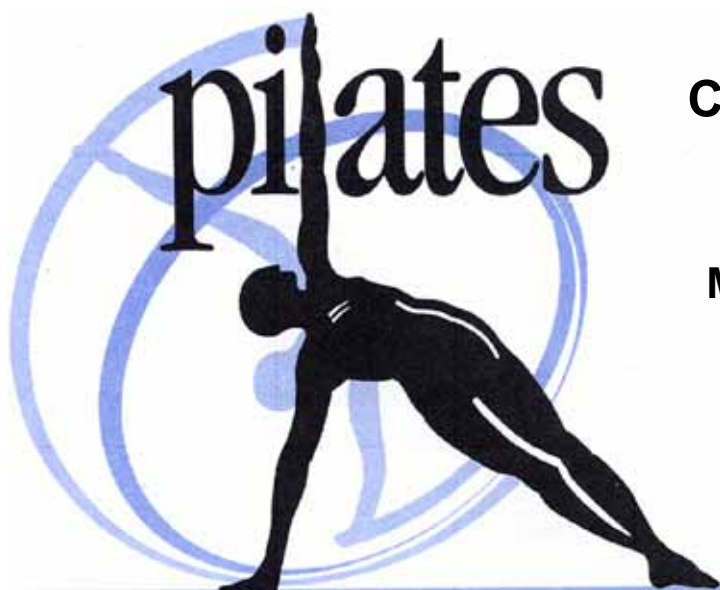
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Over the past few years, the issues surrounding shoplifting have become more prevalent in the news as shoplifting has become more organised and more brazen, with offenders often working in groups, seemingly not worried about being seen.

I've been told by shop managers that their staff have been assaulted when they've tried to intervene, and they are writing off thousands of pounds in stock.

My new Police and Crime Plan focuses on retail crime, and how we tackle the underlying causes and associated anti-social behaviour. This can make our main shopping centres, which should feel relaxed and inviting, less attractive and for some people, intimidating.

We also have to look at the financial costs to retail owners. For small and medium businesses, the disruption caused by shoplifting can be crippling. Whilst I know there are some people who'll say that the larger stores can afford to absorb the loss, but according to the Centre for Retail Research, shoplifting adds £133 to the cost of the average UK shopping bill each year.

In Salisbury, we have piloted a Business and Retail Crime Reduction Partnership, which links businesses with the police and local authorities, so we can build on the existing relationships we have, and foster new, stronger ties with the businesses and retailers in the city. We're now in the process of expanding the partnerships to other towns in the county.



We are also looking at ways to make it easier for businesses to report crimes to Wiltshire Police, so that a more intelligence rich picture can be built of where the shoplifting gangs are operating and the tactics they are using.

We have also funded anti-social behaviour (ASB) wardens to be a visible presence in our largest town and city centres, and ASB hotspot funding will continue for a further year, which means there will be extra police officer and PCSO patrols in the areas deemed to be most affected by anti-social behaviour.

By taking these measures and tackling the root causes of the anti-social behaviour which blights our commercial centres, I believe we are taking positive steps to making Wiltshire and Swindon a safer place to live and work

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Parish Council Meetings 2024/2025

(All Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Village Hall unless otherwise notified)

2nd April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July, 10th September,
8th October, 12th November and 10th December.

23rd April – Site Selection – Rowde, Neighbourhood
Plan, 6.00pm. Rowde Village Hall - page 17.

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LETTERS

A BIG THANK YOU FROM A CYCLIST

I was cycling my old 1975 Carlton cycle down Dunkirk Hill towards Rowde and my mirror fell off! A couple in a grey Golf stopped, picked it up and turned around to bring it back to me. In 50 years of cycling I have come across much negativity towards cyclists but tonight reminded me there are more kind people in this world. Thank you Grey Golf couple.

Bruce McFarlane

PLEASE SUPPORT ME

Hi my name is Rosie. I am currently in Year 9 at Lavington School and went to Rowde Primary and live in the village.

Recently, I have been offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to go on a 4 week trip to Peru with Camps International. The trip is all about supporting the local community in environmental, economic and educational ways. I will also be participating in a 5 day hike to Machu Pichu, which I am very excited about.

During this trip, I would like to gain important life skills and I'm looking forward to exploring different cultures and aspects of the world.

To go on the trip I need to fundraise, I am having a stall at Rowdefest selling sweets and have a go games for prizes. The money I raise will go a long way to helping me fund my trip!

Your support means a lot to me, and it will make a huge difference in making this incredible adventure happen. I would be so grateful for any donations of bric a brac for car boot sales too! Please email saweeden@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Many thanks; Rosie Weeden

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Can you spare an hour or so a month to be part of the Community Speed Watch Team? Training will be given.

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

Last Month's Solution

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

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.

		6			
	3		6	2	
				1	2
	1				
		5			1
3				6	

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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