

Rowde Village News

A photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a dirt path in a rural landscape. The path is covered with fallen autumn leaves. To the left is a large, leafy tree with some yellowing leaves. To the right is a grassy field with a fence and a stone pillar. In the background, there are more trees and a small building under a cloudy sky. The sun is visible through the branches of the large tree on the left.

December 2024 / January 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).

Did you know there is a new street named Haymeadow Way in the village? Well its just off Reed Place and you can see and read how its being created on pages 24 and 25.

Trish Gange has given us a very interesting account of her month long trip to Paris as a Paralympics volunteer. What an amazingly selfless but rewarding thing to do! Read all about it on pages 26 and 27.

There are also very good updates from The Mind Tree Café (pages 30 and 31) and David Gaston's continuing aid trips to Ukraine (pages 28 and 29).

Also in the local news section (pages 29 and 30) there is an article about a lucky charity shop find that turned out to be super relevant to the village.

Whilst 'out & about' I discovered a gem of a café in Calne. Read about just how good it is on page 20.

The new year is looming and apparently January tops the charts as the 'happiest' month! Find out why in Zöe Rucker's excellent article on page 21.

Finally can I, on behalf of all of us, say how grateful we are for the many years of voluntary work Sue Scruse has given to the magazine and the village as our distribution manager. Sue is stepping down from her post as soon as we can find someone to take over from her. See our advert for a new distribution manager on page 12.

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

The early morning photograph on the front cover was taken recently by the editor and is looking south from Rowde Court.

The wonderful photograph looking towards Oliver's Castle on the back cover was sent in by Zöe Rucker. It's a cracker Zöe! (see also her article and another great photograph on page 21)

MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

On Saturday 30th November, Monday Club will be holding a fundraising coffee morning from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Clubhouse so if you can, please do come along and support us.

We are a charity serving older people in our community and as such we need to raise funds to cover our overheads and provide for our members. Have you noticed the new arm chairs in the Clubhouse - Monday Club was able to buy these thanks to a grant obtained by our amazing treasurer.

We are grateful for donations from the Parish Council, Netherstreet Plant Sale and the Clubhouse Café but this does not entirely cover our costs. We provide subsidised hot meals, a warm and welcoming environment with fun, stimulating activities and transport to and from the club if required.

New members are always welcome, come along and join us. For more information contact:

Carol - 01380 850925 or Cathy - 01380 850555

Coffee Morning

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Rowde Monday Club



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ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

Nothing to report from the Village Hall, only to say the weekly Bingo sessions on Monday evenings are proving very popular with 'players' from the village and surrounding areas.

The Hall will be closed from December 20th until January 6th 2025 for staff holidays.

With all Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the Village Hall Committee.

Di Buckland

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

At the meeting on October 8th members enjoyed a good 'natter' and chose their menus for the Christmas Dinner at the Bear Hotel in December. The winner of the Raffle was Mrs. C. Sault.

At the 5th of November meeting we were very creative and made 3D Christmas cards with 'stand out' Christmas trees under the guidance of Mrs. C. Morris. The winner of the Raffle this month was Mrs. B. Watson.

The Christmas Dinner will be at The Bear Hotel on December 3rd and the next monthly meeting will be in the New Year on 7th January in the Village Hall, programme to be announced.

Happy Christmas and All Good Wishes for the New Year from Rowde Ladies Club.

Di Buckland

DID YOU KNOW?

If you report an incident of fly-tipping to Wiltshire Council, you could get a gift voucher of up to £200 following payment of a fixed penalty notice or successful prosecution. The council will then pay contractors to clear the area.

Rowde Carol Service @St Matthew's Church



**6pm
Sunday 22nd
December
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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 REVIEW

'One Hundred Years of Solitude' **by Gabriel García Márquez**

This novel, widely acclaimed as a great literary masterpiece and written by the Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez, was first published in 1967.

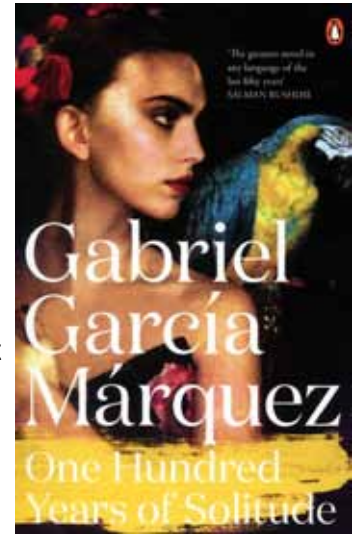
It is an epic tale spanning one hundred years of turbulent Latin American history and seven generations of the Buendia family, beginning with the founding of the city of Macondo in a secluded forest of Columbia. Separated by mountains and a swamp road from neighbouring settlements the inhabitants have little contact with the outside world except for an annual visit by a travelling band of gypsies peddling technologies like ice and telescopes.

The plot follows the creation and disintegration of both Macondo and the Buendia family. Wars and disasters follow one after another and the humour is dark. Incestuous tendencies in the family are present in each generation and they seem unable to break this fatal cycle. Patterns of behaviour are repeated as often as the names given to each generation, all of which which can prove very confusing for the reader.

Classified as a novel within the genre of magical realism, fantastical elements appear normal. It was described as "surreal but strangely compelling and thought provoking" by one of our book club members, while others found it bewildering in its complexity and "very challenging".

Gabriel Garcia Marquez received a Nobel prize for literature in 1982. The novel is currently being made into a sixteen part series for Netflix!

Jane Baker



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ROWDEY COW NEWS



We've just finished a busy half term and had a fantastic first family Rowdey Cow Bingo night – we sold out of tickets straight away and everyone had a great time – we also raised money for Julia's House with a raffle. We hope to repeat this with a Christmas Bingo night next month. Although the café is a lot quieter this month we are in full swing preparing for Christmas!

We have a delicious 2 or 3 course Christmas Menu which can be preordered and we have a Christmas Party Buffet Package on offer too! If you are looking for a venue for your works party we have 3 nights of Tea with Santa and the tickets are for sale on our website.



We are also very excited to be selling Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees on behalf of Wiltshire Christmas Trees and £5 from each tree will be going to Dorothy House. We can also organise to deliver to your home if you live locally.



Karen is busy creating some festive ice cream flavours with After Eight, Chocolate Orange, Minced Pie and Kinder Bueno to name just a few!

The pigs and donkeys are now in for the Winter as the fields are too wet for them and can be seen in the barn. The other animals are still managing some outdoor time as the weather has been quite mild for this time of year.

We are very pleased to be hosting the Rowde Church Crib Service here on Christmas Eve.

Our Christmas opening hours will be:

Monday 23rd December open 9am-4pm,

Tuesday Christmas Eve 9am-3pm

Christmas Day & Boxing Day Closed

Friday 27th-Tuesday December 31st open 9am-4pm

January 1st New Year's Day Closed

January 2nd – January 5th Open 9am -4pm



ROWDEY COW NEWS

We wished our most regular customer, Brian, a happy 80th birthday in November which he enjoyed here with us.



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NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



The Drama and Music Yr 11 groups took place in the Shakespeare in Schools event and performed to family and friends and paying members of the public at the Frome Merlin Theatre. Their performance was exceptional and well received. Pupils enjoyed themselves so much that they have performed two encores to their friends and staff.

We also received some amazing feedback from the Head of St Lawrence School who watched our students perform:

"We spent the afternoon with some of your staff and students yesterday in Frome as part of the Shakespeare festival. I just wanted to

say what a joy it was and how impressed we were at the production. Your staff had worked incredibly hard and what was created was both theatrically and musically authentic but moving, funny and creative. There is often a patronising assumption that the 'mainstream' production would be the one to watch, but my students came away from Silverwood's Tempest with loads of feedback on how to improve their own work. My particular favourites were Prospero, Stefano and Ferdinand and we all loved the integration of the live music. Massive congratulations!"

Becky Young

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NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our bright start leads to their bright future

At Rowde C of E Primary Academy, we are well and truly settled into this academic year and we can feel the festive season approaching! On Friday 13th December, we have our Christmas Church Service at St Matthew's Church: you are welcome to join us. So far this year, we've had a number of successful open events for both our current and prospective parents. One area of our school improvement plan this year is to develop the children's oracy and confidence when public speaking and performing. We have started a partnership with Eisteddfodd, which we will expand next year, and we are increasing pupil involvement in assemblies – Year 3 and 4 have already done their class worship in Term 1 and it's Year 5 this term. Of course, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are also rehearsing for their nativity performance!



Another important element of school improvement this year, is developing our forest school provision and outdoor spaces. Mrs Barilli, one of our teaching assistants, is completing her training and running a 'Rowde Rangers' forest school club after school. She



also helped coordinate an amazing tree-planting mission on our site where every child planted a sapling on the field. We parents join us if they could, too, and I can't wait for the children to watch and see their tree grow! To support us in purchasing more forest school equipment and developing our outdoor classroom, we currently have a Tesco in-store vote which is now in 3 Tesco stores - please vote for us! You can find us in the following Tesco stores: Calne Beversbrook Road - SN11 9PU, Devizes Express - SN10 3EQ, Calne Express - SN11 9UP.

Back in October, we had an amazing Bake Off event. We couldn't believe the standard and quality of the cakes that were submitted to the competition. We welcomed Devizes Mayor John Stevens to judge, alongside the Chair of our Academy Council – Julie Baker – and our amazing cook and cleaner – Nicky. Our families worked together and each class had

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future



a first, second and third place. It helped RAFT (our parent teacher association) raise more money which will be used to fund some emergency awareness training with Wiltshire Air Ambulance in the new year. We have great connections with Dauntseys School – we're lucky to benefit from a number of outreach opportunities, we take part in their dance festival



and use their swimming pool for our lessons. In November, an art teacher and some older students came to teach our Year 3 and 4 class how to do screen printing. The children used some pictures of autumn/winter animals to create their print tiles and then they experimented with colour and design.



This year, after getting our 'Ofsted Good' in February, we are focused on building wider connections in our community and, of course, growing as a school. I'm hoping in our next newsletter I can give you more information about a nursery opening at the school, for children aged 2 and above. We are also, hopefully, extending our wrap-around care so the school will be open as a community hub for 10 hours a day – I'll keep you posted!

As always, we have an open-door policy at Rowde, and you are always welcome to come and have a tour. If you feel you have any skills or connections, or if you'd like to spend time with us, please do get in touch. Do have a look at our website, or follow us on Facebook, to get more frequent updates of all the exciting things we're up to – I'm really looking forward to our whole-school trip to the pantomime at the Bristol Hippodrome on Thursday 19th December!

<https://www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk/>

Alice Simpson, Head Teacher

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.

If you can spare just a few hours every two months and would like to become a member of our small friendly team please email Sue at scrusefamily@aol.com

SPEEDING IN ROWDE

Rowde Community Speed Watch Team
& Speed Indicator Device



The Parish Council has a Speed Indicator Device in the village to warn drivers of the speed that they are travelling. This device needs to be moved every 3 months.

If you feel you could help with this task, we would love to hear from you.

Community Speed Watch is another way to tackle speeding motorists to keep our village safe.

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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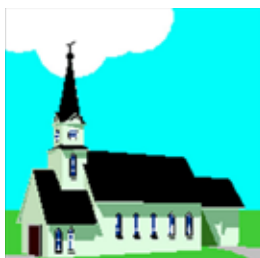
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Your Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on
Wednesday 11th December 2024

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 needs more Councillors.
If you can spare a few hours a month and are interested in local issues, please consider joining the team. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council met on 9th October and 13th November 2024. The full minutes for these meetings are available on the website: rowdevillage.org or upon application to the Clerk at rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com, or 07752 724096.

PLANNING

Draft Gypsies and Travellers' Development Plan

Wiltshire Council's Gypsies and Travellers' Development Plan will be voted on at Wiltshire Council's Cabinet meeting on 10th December 2024. The Chair of Rowde Parish Council has booked Rowde Primary School hall on the evening of Friday 13th December 2024 to stream a recording of this meeting so residents can keep up to date with the outcome of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Cllr Mayes had posted a model response to the Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation on the Rowde All About It Facebook page and also delivered over 50 letters to residents who are closest to the proposed site (Oxhouse Farm). There were around 20 responses to that letter which were forwarded to the relevant officers at Wiltshire Council.

Sands Lane application appeal

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) is with the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council has responded to the appeal, in addition to local residents. No date has been set for the appeal to be determined.

Planning Applications

- PL/2024/09662 Full planning permission: Lower Farm, Devizes Road, Rowde, SN10 2LX Devizes Roofing of Existing Silage Clamp. The Parish Council had no objections.
- PL/2023/08887. Listed building consent. Creation of new dormer to single storey wing to the rear of the main house to facilitate the installation of a platform lift (previously approved) Silverwood School, Rowde, Devizes, Wilts, SN10 2QQ. The Parish Council had no objections to the application. It was agreed that the lift would be needed by the school.
- PL/2024/08495 Full planning permission. Change of use of agricultural building to rural worker dwelling (resubmission of PL/2023/10888)

Stroud Farm, Rowde, Devizes, SN15 2JL (off The Common). The Parish Council objected to the application. It was noted that there are ample, empty dwellings in that area if rural workers need accommodation. Wiltshire Council has subsequently approved this application.

DEVELOPMENT

Haymeadow Way

It is reported that the building of new homes at Haymeadow Way, off Reed Place, is progressing well. The modules arrived at the end of September. Wiltshire Council thank local residents for their co-operation with the safe delivery of the modules. Work is underway to fit out the units internally. Externally electrical connections have been made and roofing work is underway with scaffolding erected around the site. The homes will be fitted with EV chargers and solar panels.

It is anticipated that the buildings will be completed in March 2025.

Priority for the new homes will be given to Rowde residents who are in need of housing.

All applicants for the new houses must be registered to bid for the properties on the Homes4Wiltshire website.

J Dalley noted that some soil has been deposited on the permissive path. J Dalley has asked for this to be moved. *(see also article on pages 24 & 25, Ed)*

SILVERWOOD SCHOOL

Cllr Mayes has visited Silverwood School recently and noted that it is a wonderful facility. The Headteacher has confirmed that the school arrivals and departures are working well. Cllr Mayes continues to pursue a speed reduction outside of the school.

FLOODING & DRAINAGE

The Chair has met with a Drainage Engineer for Wiltshire Council, who has confirmed that the CCTV drainage survey of Devizes Road will take place in Rowde before Christmas.

There have been problems with flooding from Silverlands to Manor Farm. A Wessex Water map shows there is a culvert there which may need to be cleared. It may be necessary to contact all landowners along the route of the culvert to ask them to clear their ditches and drains.

Along Paradise Lane there are big drains that the landowners are responsible for maintaining. Wiltshire Council has suggested asking residents who have properties along the culvert whether they would consider funding a CCTV drainage survey. This will show any damage to the culvert and could prevent further risks of flooding to the properties.

There will be a CCTV drainage survey in Spring 2025 on Marsh Lane (past the bridge towards Caen Hill) to look at flooding issues in that area.

HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Pavement on Devizes Road: complaints were raised again about the overgrown pavement. Cllr Mayes agreed to speak with the Highways department again about this.

Cllr Mayes has requested a repair to the road surface on Devizes Road, near to the Tanis bus stop. C Greenwood noted that Springfield Road also needs to be resurfaced.

Temporary road closure: C249 Devizes from its junction with A342 to its junction with the A361 will be closed for 2 days to carry out carriageway reactive patching and other associated works, recommencing from 15 January 2025.

The government has given Wiltshire Council £20million for Highways improvements. Wiltshire Council is adding a further £22million to this amount. Wiltshire Council has purchased a Bobcat machine, which can be used for a variety of tasks and achieve them in a short period of time.

Update from National Grid on VIP project: From week commencing 28th October, National Grid were taking deliveries of 5m diameter drums carrying 1000m of electricity cable to install underground. There will be three deliveries per day, with a total of 72 deliveries taking place over the coming months. Deliveries will take place during weekdays and during daylight hours. The cables will be moved on large flat-bed trailers, travelling at slow speeds. The trucks will approach from the Beckhampton direction and will deliver the cables through the construction compound via the Hopton Industrial Estate. Deliveries will be completed in January 2025. 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.

SID matters: M Somerville has strimmed the area around the SID socket on the Devizes Road, opposite the bus shelter. There is still some overhanging overgrowth. The Clerk will ask the Parish Steward to cut this back.

Thank you to M Somerville, R Wills and L Wills for turning the SID around in its current location.

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) can be moved more frequently when more volunteers join 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

Community update

Please contact Barbara Zaccarelli (barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being a part of the committee.

FINANCE

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase a reconditioned barista machine to help open the café facility at Furlong Close for The Mind Tree Café (Community Interest Company) for £1,800.

This is the first time that the organisation has made a request for funding from the Parish Council. It was highlighted that a coffee machine would benefit many people in the village.

Monthly bank reconciliation & monthly invoices for September 2024:

(total: £3,330.27)

Admin costs: £1,823.58

Ground's maintenance: £1103.49

Playground inspections: £403.20

Monthly bank reconciliation & monthly invoices for October 2024

(total: £3,036.06)

Admin costs: £1,850.68

Ground's maintenance: £1,047.70

Misc: £137.68

VACANCIES

• There are four vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled through co-option. If you can spare an evening a month and are interested in what happens in your village and you want to hear about it first, join the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

DOG OWNERS – REQUEST FOR OWNERS TO ACT RESPONSIBLY

Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be under their owner's control at all times, and they are asked to be respectful of other people.

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.

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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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December 2024 and January 2025 Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane



Services in St Matthew's, Rowde are in bold
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Date/Time	Service	
DECEMBER		
Sunday 1st	(1st Sunday of Advent)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 8th	(2nd Sunday of Advent)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 15th	(3rd Sunday of Advent)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Friday 20th		
<i>6pm</i>	<i>Nine Lessons and Carols</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 22nd	(4th Sunday of Advent)	
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
6pm	Carol Service	Rowde
Tuesday 24th	(Christmas Eve)	
2:30pm	Crib Service	Rowdey Cow
<i>4pm</i>	<i>Crib Service</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
11:30pm	Midnight Communion	Rowde
Wednesday 25th	(Christmas Day)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Christmas Morning Communion</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
<i>10am</i>	<i>Christmas Morning Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
10am	Christmas Morning Communion	Rowde
Sunday 29th	(Christmas 1)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Bromham</i>	
JANUARY		
Sunday 5th	(Epiphany)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 12th	(Baptism of Christ)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 19th	(Epiphany 2)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 26th	(Epiphany 3)	
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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: Daily 9am – 5pm

A Message from Revd. Heather

As I write in mid-November I've recently driven past two local houses, highly decorated for Christmas. As you read this, I imagine many of you are getting out the Christmas lights, buying Christmas trees and arranging shopping trips or internet searches for presents. You may also have started opening the doors on an Advent calendar. Originally these were intended to be a preparation for Christmas – since Advent is about preparation – but I'm astonished at the inventiveness of people selling Advent calendars these days. A different miniature of gin every day? It's tempting, but I don't think it would help much in either practical or spiritual preparations!

If you'd like to give a little time to the spiritual, join us at St Matthews for our carol service, or at the Rowdy Cow on Christmas Eve for a children's service. Midnight mass begins at 11.30pm as usual and is a chance to think about the meaning of the day we are about to celebrate. As we enjoy being with families and loved ones, we remember that Jesus – God in human form – came so that God could enjoy being with us.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas,

Rev Heather Smith

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

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Open the Book at Rowde

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

Safeguarding Representative for Rowde: Michael Cornwell 07388 224129

Benefice Facebook page

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Souper Saturday

at St Matthew's, Rowde

Saturday 7th December

Saturday 4th January

12 noon to 1pm

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The editor goes 'OUT & ABOUT'

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On a recent trip to Calne to take some artwork in to an exhibition, a friend recommended this café for lunch. They were surprisingly busy for 11.00am on a Saturday morning but managed to squeeze us in for brunch by us sitting and eating at the bar.



The food was delicious and the coffee was exceptional, in fact they were so good that we made a booking there and then to come back the following Friday evening for their famous (apparently) Pizza night!



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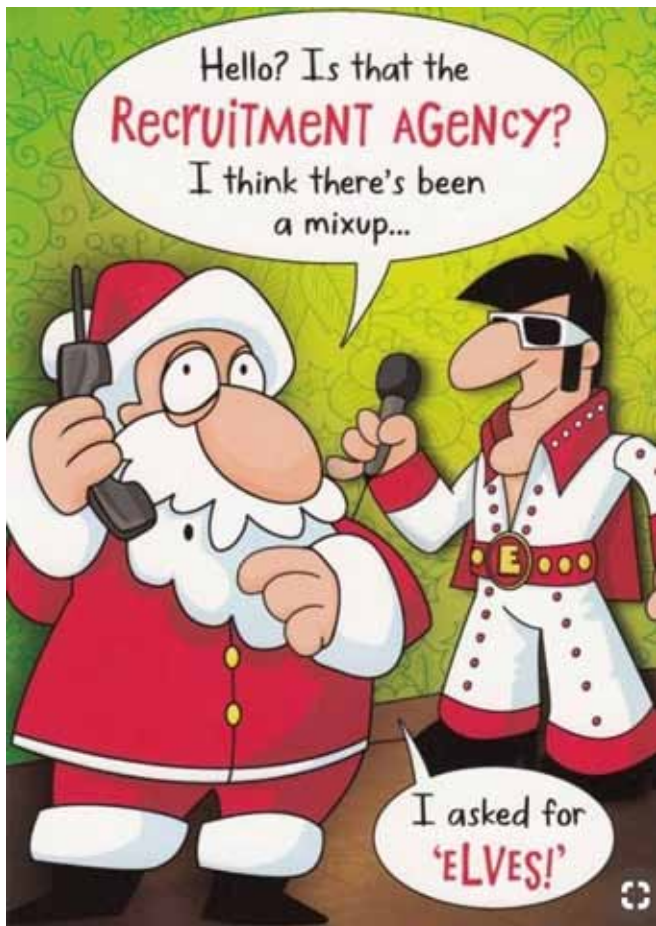
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The Big Little Things In Life! Edition 5

by Zöe Rucker



Breaking News: January tops the chart as the happiest month!

But why not? A new year, a new beginning, take a breath and start again. January is the ideal month for relaxation and re-focussing. It's a top contender for happiness.

It's a month that follows a crazy time. Time spent with more people than in any other period of the year, concentrated into a few weeks, sometimes days. A whirlwind of show times and finale of hard work, financial expenditure, travel and often expectation.

January is the month for organic levelling of expectations. It offers space to show gratitude and digest all the love and affection sprinkled over us as our sensual memories kick in: glasses clinking effervescing with life; knives and forks settling on china with decisive finality; smiles, hugs and laughter. Memories that last forever. This has been the closing ceremony of a year past.

The opening ceremony of a new year brings a raft of shiny new days that arrive with promises of well-being, relaxation and prosperity. In fact, these are the highlights January brings.

Our overall welfare is restored in this first month. Physical health returns instantly as we refill our fridges with everyday foods that we don't even really think about for the majority of the year. Meals that don't include nuts and mince pies; Brussels sprouts or smoked salmon.

The new year reminds us that going for a walk can be a solitary activity of simply being. Taking a crisp walk outdoors early morning or as the sun sets to return to a calm, cozy atmosphere inside. All adding to a feeling of extra contentment because there are no surprises... it's just January.

Mental health returns as we are relieved of late-night port-binging, whisky-drowned puddings and free-flowing brain-fuzzing prosecco. Anxiety expires as we settle back into well-drilled routines from the point of exiting restful sleep every morning.

And we can finally relax! Relax from expectations of happy days and nights. Relax knowing that you are no longer a slave to the smile pulling at your earlobes for most of the daylight hours through December. And relax because the plans you have made for today, that could amount to nothing, don't matter anything like as much as they did a couple of weeks ago.

January brings prosperity as pointless shopping for small plastic toys, socks adorned with bells and poetic tea towels ends. We are in fact in a state of financial recovery! It's a period of calm bringing a sense of relief as financial control is relinquished.

With renewed veuve for a new year, 'new you', the season of January brings a new energy for connection. We feel connection with colleagues back at work and friends banished from family gatherings. Silences are welcome as our thoughts take up the spaces where activity championed. We are comforted in the familiarity of well-rehearsed patterns of behaviours from people whom we can ignore at the end of the day.

January rekindles the chance for excitement and satisfaction. Feelings we've been starved of over months of needing to 'think of others before ourselves' ever since the end of August. This is the real reason for Winter blues!

But January is right there, it's coming and with it fresh starts, new beginnings; the restoration of routines creating a foundation for positivity and motivation...

And January sales!

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

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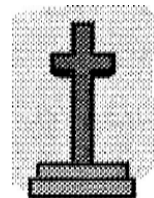
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Local News



HOUSING IN WILTSHIRE TRANSFORMED IN 1,000-HOME PLAN WHICH INCLUDES ROWDE

Wiltshire Council says good progress has been made on three new housing developments as part of a project to create 1,000 additional affordable homes in the county.

This includes work at Brickley Lane and Drakes Avenue in Devizes, Rowden Park in Chippenham, and Haymeadow Way off Reed Place in Rowde.

The Rowde development is being carried out by Rollalong and consists of 10 new bungalows, flats, and houses, four of which will be shared ownership and six of which will be social rent.



The ground floor section of a factory-built home arriving in Rowde

The homes are built in a factory before being delivered by road and craned onto the site. The on-site work is scheduled to be completed by March 2025.

Cllr Phil Alford, Wiltshire Council cabinet member for housing, said: "These affordable



A ready-built home being craned onto the site at Reed Place in Rowde

homes are a mix of new energy efficient properties, existing unused housing and modern methods of construction properties designed to be zero carbon in use. They will be available as social and affordable rent and shared ownership housing, demonstrating our innovative approach to provide affordable housing for Wiltshire residents who need it as part of our wider vision for 1,000 affordable homes across the county."



A narrower section arriving in Rowde



Building work well on its way at Reed Place in Rowde



Roofing tiles going on at Reed Place in Rowde

In total, the council says nearly £200 million is being invested in new energy efficient council homes.

Cllr Alford added: "We have now delivered 12 low or zero carbon affordable homes, with another 368 in the pipeline as part of our council house build programme which will see over £190million invested in building new, energy efficient council homes. We are also in Rowde making a substantial investment in improving existing council homes to ensure they achieve a minimum energy performance rating of B.

Affordable housing is a key aim of our business plan, and these schemes are a clear example of significant progress we're making to deliver the housing that people need."

PICTURES SHOW PROGRESS OF NATIONAL GRID PROJECT

New pictures have shown the progress being made on a project to "transform" the skyline.



Image: Balfour Beatty

The National Grid project to remove 13 electricity pylons from the North Wessex Downs National Landscape, near Devizes, began in January of this year.

By 2026, these pylons are scheduled to be replaced by underground cables, which will run from Roundway Hill and Covet to the Bridge Inn on Horton Road.

Project manager Amardeep Malhi previously said the landscape would be greatly enhanced by "removing this blot".

In June, the scheme was still in its "enabling" works stage, but construction has ramped up in subsequent months.

Balfour Beatty, the contractor carrying out the work, has since shared an update on how the project is shaping up. The company's contractors have been in the process of laying



Image: Balfour Beatty

ducts for the 400kV underground cables that will eventually replace the current overhead lines. A spokesperson for the firm said: "This project is crucial for preserving the scenic Devizes landscape while enabling new Net Zero infrastructure. It's inspiring to be part of a project that harmonises environmental preservation with technological progress."



Image: Balfour Beatty

A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF A PARALYMPICS VOLUNTEER!

By Trish Gange (who is a member of FaFF, the Family and Friends of Furlong Close, and who also volunteers at Furlong Close)



Trish and fellow Paralympics volunteers with the "Phryge" Games mascot (Trish is at bottom left)

Having now almost come back down to earth after an action-packed month in Paris, thanks to a wonderful opportunity to be a volunteer at the Paralympic Games, I will attempt to piece together just some of the many components that made it such a special and unique experience!

Paris was bustling in the aftermath of the very successful Olympic Games, and as I arrived their individual identification of the Olympic Rings was being replaced all over the city with the Paralympic Agitos in preparation for the start of these Games on 28th August. Accreditation and uniform secured, my "work" as a member of the Operation Support Team (Village Management) began a week earlier with shifts starting at 7am(!) to greet and help settle 4,400 athletes from 185 countries across the globe, along with their teams of doctors, physios, coaches and other essential supporters, baggage and large quantities of special equipment. What a happy role that proved to be, located in the athletes' village amongst so many extraordinary and inspiring people.

Before that level of activity began I was able to take advantage of some free time from my lodgings in a very cosmopolitan hostel dormitory to re-visit some of the great historic sights of Paris, as well as museums and concerts that were on

offer, along with my serial volunteer friend Nicki, who by pure chance had also been allocated a post in the athletes' village. One particularly special treat was a concert of Baroque music held in Sainte Chapelle with its stunning stained glass windows - a truly memorable feast for the senses!

The "village" resembled a small town rather than a village, housing a few thousand people with every possible amenity on offer, from training areas, dining hall, other food outlets, laundries, a prosthetic and wheelchair repair centre, medical centre and doping centre, to name but a few. Navigating my way efficiently around the village took a few attempts, and then I was relatively well equipped to offer directions to others such as "go past USA, round the corner to China, straight on past Chile and you will find what you are looking for between Germany and South Africa". The world certainly did then become a much smaller place! Each country identified their respective accommodation block with their name and several national flags, and sitting outside Australia were two life-sized kangaroos, an emu and a quantity of deck chairs in their national colours!

The afternoon of the Opening Ceremony arrived with a great sense of anticipation as the athletes turned out in full regalia to much applause before boarding an enormous fleet of buses, with police escort, to arrive at Place de La Concorde. Such a collective and emotional sense of national pride, bringing together almost the entire world for such a positive purpose, and at a time when we all need it most.

And then the Games began! At the same time what had already become the daily hustle and bustle within the village continued, with athletes going to and from their respective training grounds before their scheduled individual competitions. As the days went by there were more and more medals in evidence, some proudly displayed and some modestly tucked inside clothing. Team GB, as can



Paralympic cauldron the Tuileries Gardens at day break

be seen in the photo, had an on-going medal tally displayed on the front of their accommodation block, and what great success they achieved! But then, very sadly, the bubble burst and the arrivals process was reversed, national emblems dismantled, and the many return journeys began, culminating in 5000 people leaving the village on one day.

I was particularly fortunate that my sons, Tom and Richard, were able to come over for the week-end and I was able to share some of this amazing experience with them. We had an action-packed time together watching athletics, visiting the on-going restoration of Notre Dame, Tom running the marathon course, and Richard running down the rue de Rivoli at Q Q'clock in the morning to see the Paralympic Cauldron with me in the Tuileries Gardens at sunrise, and much, much more, all punctuated by appropriate stops for French food and wine, of course!

But it wasn't quite over. The Closing Ceremony followed the final competitions on the last day and was held within a packed Stade de France, once again bursting with national pride, and proved to be a spectacular and very fitting tribute to the many competitors.

Throughout these three weeks I was fortunate enough to be part of a wonderful team of volunteers, once again representing several nationalities. All previously unknown to each other we soon bonded with a common purpose and much bonhomie, but inevitably there was great sadness when the moment came to say farewell. However, we all agreed never to say goodbye, only au revoir, and there was much talk of us all applying to be volunteers once again for the next Olympic/Paralympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028 - never say never!

A huge thank you to so many amazing athletes who came together to make the world a smaller, happier place during a special moment in time, and make it possible for the rest of us to witness their dedication and extraordinary achievements.

Thank you also to the beautiful city of Paris!

Trish Gange



Paralympic Team GB house in the athletes' village showing the on-going medal tally

POLICE SPEED CHECKS



Image: Wiltshire police

Several speeders have been caught out by police officers lying in wait as part of a major crackdown.

On Monday, November 4, officers from the Devizes Response Team joined the Wiltshire Police Speed Watch Enforcement Team to stake out local roads raised as areas of concern for speeding.

The A342 from Rowde to Bromham saw the highest number of speeding drivers, with 14 motorists reported for driving over the 30mph speed limit. The highest speed clocked on this road was 40mph.

Four drivers were also caught speeding on Bath Road, at the top of Caen Hill in Devizes, with one going 39mph in the 30mph zone.

Officers have made it clear that this is not the last of speed checks in the area, as Wiltshire Police continues to crackdown on what it calls the "fatal five" offences.

These include speeding, driving without a seatbelt, driving whilst using a mobile phone, drink/drug driving and dangerous or careless driving.

The crackdown comes after the number of people killed or seriously injured as a result of collisions in Wiltshire rose from 157 in 2020 to 255 in 2023.

"Committing these offences greatly increases your risk of causing a serious collision," said Inspector Jonathan Fairbairn, of the Roads Policing Unit. "Our teams are committed to targeting drivers who commit these offences."

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 since the last issue of the Rowde Village News:

On October 30th David wrote:

We have completed our latest task in Ukraine and are going home again. The total length of the route is approximately 6,500 km. We deliver everything - from morphine, nearly 100 pairs

of winter socks and dozens of warm sweaters, to an SUV and a trailer. The mortar unit seems particularly pleased with the latter; the commander comments on how well it handles the terrain.

We have some interesting moments along the way. We drive 900km in a day from Kovel to Kharkiv, arriving at the outskirts late and to the sound of an air raid siren. Electronic interference blocks the satnav so we can't find our destination! We break the curfew! Finally, Vova manages to find his way to an old friend who he has not seen for more than 20 years. There is homemade cognac and a bed for the night!

In the morning, we have time for Vova to see his sisters for the first time in two years. We drink tea accompanied by distant but unmistakable artillery. Olena notes that four residents have been killed in her block of flats alone since 2022.

The journey from Kharkiv to Sumy requires us to go over some of the more difficult "roads" I have encountered. On the way we take a detour to deliver to a remote hamlet; 12 km takes the better part of an hour.

Another Olena greets us warmly and offers tea in exchange for comfort boxes for soldiers and warm clothing. I ask how far it is to the front line and am reassured that it is "about 10km". She then shatters the reassurance by pointing out that drones fly over regularly looking for targets!



We arrive at our final destination late and are met by a group of soldiers who quickly hide the aid. Vova is greeted by his old commander. There is hot food and coffee, then the men disappear; the woods are filled with black smoke; it is extraordinary how men, tanks and other armour can slip so easily into the night. Movement during the day is far too dangerous.

In the morning, Vova asks me if I heard the hum of drones during the night. What drones? "Four Shahads flew right over us. Didn't you hear them?"

In Sumy, we look in vain for seats on any bus to return to Kyiv. We find a car and a driver who is willing to drive the 370 km journey with

us; while we wait for him, explosions across the city raise eyebrows, but nothing more, as if incoming missiles and drones are normal. They are, here.

The trip has been made possible by the friendship and hospitality of Valentina and Nina, Sandra and Misha, Edward, Elena, Tanya. John provided the suv and Ukraine Freedom Company the trailer and aid. So many people have donated money; thank you.

And from me, the editor:

I have just finished this free portrait for a humanitarian aid worker who just happens to be David Gaston and his sister Marion Hunt lives in Rowde.



David Gaston is ex military and a retired Headteacher. His first trip to Ukraine was on March 14th 2022. He has since undertaken 17 trips which have involved 36 crossings into Ukraine including to the front line. David has delivered aid to civilians, hospitals, and refugees and he has assisted in the relocation of 70 displaced Ukrainians. He has also been driving for a Canadian Medical Charity assisting in the movement of doctors and nurses when and where needed. If you would like to make a donation to help David fund his future trips, please type the following link into your browser on your phone, tablet or PC.

www.gofundme.com/f/davids-drive-transport-and-aid-for-ukraine

And if you would like to follow David's amazing voluntary work, this is a link to his Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079293004703>

Since producing David's portrait and posting on my social media groups, fellow artists have contacted me wishing to also offer free portraits so, with initial help from David, I am currently putting them in touch with other amazing humanitarian aid workers. Ed

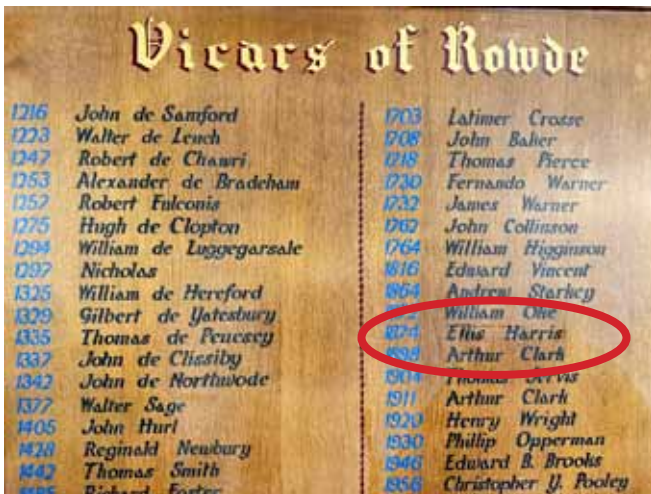
AMAZING CHARITY SHOP FIND!

The Reverend Ellis Shipley Harris

Reverend Harris was the vicar of St Matthew's Church from 1874 to his retirement in 1898, when he moved to Winchester. Upon his death in September 1907, his body was brought back to Rowde and interred in the churchyard. An article in the Hampshire Chronicle following his death states that Reverend Harris was "one of the best of the excellent vicars that Rowde has been favoured with in living memory", and "parishioners remember his hard work and generosity, and his pleasant manner to all".



I had been told that a beautifully framed photograph of the Reverend Harris had been found in the Sue Ryder charity shop in Devizes, and that a photo taken of it in the store could be viewed on the Historic Wiltshire and Wiltshire Memories Facebook page. Lisa Wills kindly reposted the article on Rowde All About It, and I was delighted to finally match a face to one of the names listed on the Vicars of Rowde board inside the church. I thought Reverend Harris's photo deserved to be here, and so a couple



of weeks later I popped into the charity shop and acquired the framed photo. After giving it a good clean and polish, I handed it to St Matthew's Church, where it is currently on display.



Sue Robson

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Upcoming Events

- Saturday 30th November 2pm - 5.30pm Christmas Fayre in partnership with the Friends and Family of Furlong Close. As with the summer fete the profit, will be split 50/50. This will be an exciting event with something for everyone, crafts and gifts, festive music and carols. Of particular interest is the arts and craft table for children and children's book signing. Refreshments available.

- Sunday 8th December at 2pm - Christmas Wreath Workshop, £55 per person, includes mince pie and festive drink, all proceeds to The Mind Tree Café, to book email enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

- Saturday 18th January Women's Wellness Event 2pm – 5pm. For all ages, guest speakers, refreshments provided, £10 per ticket.

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

- 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.

- Meditation Course running early 2025 on a Wednesday morning from 10.30 - 12pm (£48 for 6 weeks). Please email enquiries@themindtreecafe.org or pop down on a Monday or a Thursday between 10am and 4pm to register your interest

- Success - The fused glass workshop, herb and aromatherapy workshop and the Meditation and Sound Baths were well attended with people coming from far and wide. Thank you to the facilitators and participants who attended. We hope to have much more in our 2025 programme. If you would like to host a workshop, please talk to us.



Working in Partnership

Something we are passionate about is working in partnership with groups and individuals to have a positive impact. This month we were tested as one of our heating pumps failed on the coldest day so far. We were worried we would be back to square one with no heating or water and potential burst pipes, but people rallied round, lending heaters and Shires Building Services responded immediately with a solution.

Working together, in all areas of life is the path to success.

We are teaming 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 are seeing such a difference in our Orchard thanks to the Probation Service and Simon our Outdoor Spaces Co-ordinator. Thanks to the community 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.

In October we had a lot of fun meeting AJ Larcombe a children's author who lives near Salisbury. We have a display of his artwork and books in our Foyer to purchase. They are truly beautiful and a good read for adults and children alike. We are considering hosting book events next year.



In November we hosted an Area Board networking meeting where we met with lots of other organisations to consider ways in which we might work together to support our community.

In November we also met with Community First and the Community Foundation again, we have since been invited to the Neighbourhood collaborative, who have various wellbeing projects ongoing and Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Network who are also looking at ways to support wellbeing.

In November we met with some lovely ladies from Julia's House Hospice at our glass workshop. We hope we can support each other in the future.

Café Funding Bid

Our aim is to bring the whole project together with a community café, a place 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, providing volunteer opportunities. We want to continue to breathe life back into the buildings and outdoor space. Thank you to the Parish Council for supporting us with a refurbished Barista coffee machine and to the Area Board for helping with match funding. We are waiting for the results of a government funding bid, which took us 9 weeks to write. We will let you know how we get on.

We also received £400 this month from Unity Singers, a small choir based in South Bristol. One of their members Mel helps us with bookkeeping on a volunteer basis. This money was announced the day the heating pump broke, such great timing and so appreciated.

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.

In the new year we will be offering co-working spaces. If you are fed up with working from home and wish to come into the office, we can offer you a desk. The cost is £10 per day, access to a kitchenette and a lunchtime walk in our lovely Orchard if that's what you need. We can provide a friendly atmosphere and beautiful surroundings.

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3 to 4 hours per week, timings to be agreed, contact The Mind Tree Café.

Low-cost counselling service

Clients have been benefitting 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 on the email below. The cost is £10 for an initial assessment and £25 for a 50-minute session. If you are able to pay more, please support us by doing so. The sessions are weekly. We can offer up to 10 sessions.

Bus Timetable

Weekday	33	33	33	x33	33	x33	33	x33	33	33	33
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
London Road, Cemetery	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Sandy Lane	09:47	11:47	13:47	15:47	17:47
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Sunday	x33	x33	x33	x33	x33
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Sandy Lane	09:14	11:14	13:14	15:14	17:14
London Road, Cemetery	09:21	11:21	13:21	15:21	17:21
Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 3	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Chippenham, Rail Stn	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30

THE BEREAVEMENT HELP POINT



The Bereavement Help Point, 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's no need to book, just come along.

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Wiltshire Council Highways Investment

Did you know that Wiltshire Council manages more than 2,800 miles of roads? There are 356 miles of A-class roads, which carry the most traffic, 201 miles of B-roads, 1,042 miles of C-roads and 1,251 miles of unclassified roads in the county.

Unlike many Councils, Wiltshire Council's finances are in good order. This has enabled the Council to invest an extra £22m into Wiltshire highways – on top of the £20.7m we receive from the Government. You will see more temporary road works, but this is because we are now fixing the roads properly with more resurfacing and fewer potholes. We are now using Bobcat machines that can remove and replace large areas of road in a matter of minutes, before moving straight on to the next job. We've spent £1.1m on this brilliant piece of kit since April across the county – and this could not have been staffed and deployed without our extra investment.

There is much more to come, as we continue to invest significant sums into filling and preventing potholes, replacing and extending the life of our road surfaces, preventing flooding, replacing road signs and reinstating and painting new road markings.

Whilst we have to concentrate on the main roads first, if you want to report a highways issue please use the MyWilts App, which is free to download.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can help with any local issue.

**Councillor Laura Mayes,
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*Our delicious Christmas menu is now online to view!
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Sunday December 8th (29th TBC)
Sunday January 5th & 19th
Cheese plates £3.50 at half time
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New Years Eve 2024!

This year we would like to invite as many locals as possible! We are offering a 3 course sharing style menu @ £45pp. Bar will open for drinks from 8pm... Complimentary cheese & biscuits @ midnight

St Matthew's Carols & G&D Village Supper Sunday 22nd December

Meeting at the G&D for complimentary mulled wine & mince pies from 4.30pm Carols service starts at 6pm
2 Supper sittings at either 4pm or 7.30pm after Carols
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December & January Opening Hours

Mondays & Tuesdays : Closed
Christmas Eve open 12 to 11pm (Food 12-3 / 6-9)
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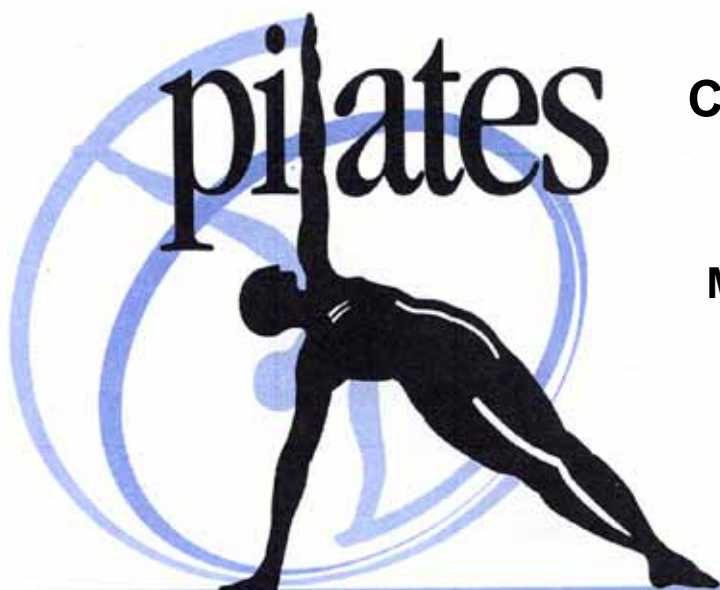
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Alan Watters, Editor

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YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

PCC visits service offering substance treatment and support to prisoners released early



Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson visited Wiltshire's drug and alcohol rehabilitation service Connect, which offers support to prisoners re-entering society following recent early releases as part of the SDS 40 scheme.

The service, which is led by Turning Point in partnership with Developing Health & Independence (DHI), Julian House and The Nelson Trust, is funded jointly by Wiltshire Council and an annual contribution of £105,995 from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

Connect offers treatment for anyone living with an alcohol or drug addiction, through 1-1 support, as well as out-reach provisions engaging with people in prisons, courts and police custody.

The organisation also works closely with individuals who are involved in substance use related crime, providing group work provision, access to medical interventions, inpatient detoxes and residential rehab, peer mentor support and more.

Mr. Wilkinson said: "It is vitally important my office works with partners such as local authorities to

ensure services in Wiltshire have the money they need to provide the best possible support for people living with addictions, and specifically being released from prisons to get them back on the right path.

"Services like Connect are especially important when it comes to prisoners on early release as despite the national issues with prison capacity, the priority will always be keeping our communities, and those most vulnerable, safe.

"This is a prime example of a service that works to reduce reoffending and break the cycle of criminality by providing the appropriate treatment and development plans for re-entering society, which directly delivers priority four of my Police and Crime Plan."

Alex Cattelona, Criminal Justice and Engagement & Prevention Manager at Connect started working for the charity after beating his own drug addiction using the service 15 years ago.

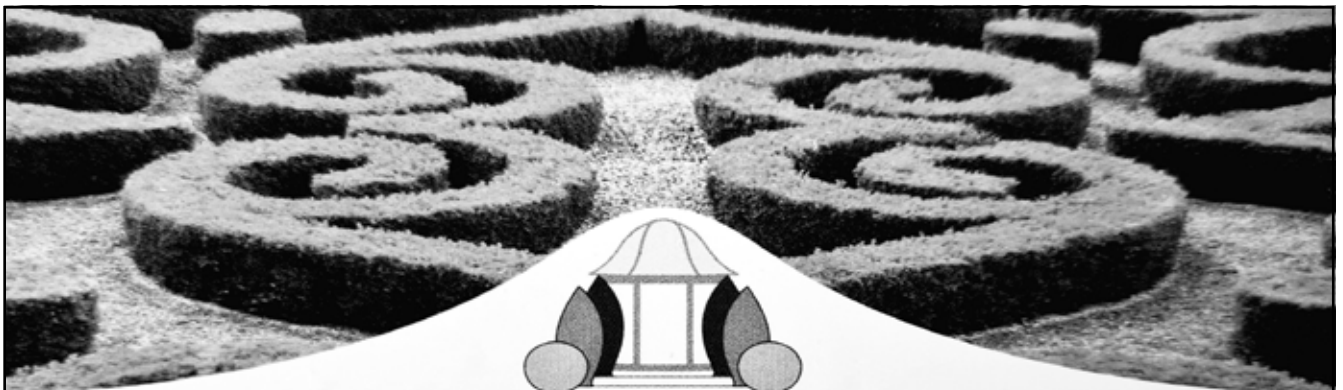
He said: "I'm very open around my background and the fact that I used to be a heavy drugs user years ago, as that has led me to where I am today.

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VILLAGE DIARY

Parish Council Meetings 2024/2025

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

2024 - 11th December, 2025 - 8th January, 12th
February, 12th March, 2nd April, 14th May, 11th
June, 9th July, 10th September, 8th October, 12th
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LETTERS

ROWDE POPPY COLLECTION

On behalf of the Royal British Legion Devizes Branch thank you to everyone who contributed the the 2024 RBL Poppy Appeal.



In particular a vote of thanks to those Ladies of the Village who have acted as collectors in the past and present: they are being Mrs Christine Holloway (Tanis); Mrs Marai Smith (Devizes Road); Mrs Maureen Burbidge (Marsh Lane); Mrs Di Buckland (Springfield) Road) and Mrs Liz Ibbetson (High Street).

Thanks also Rowde CoE Primary School Academy, Silverwood School, The George and Dragon, The Rodey Cow for allowing Poppy Collection boxes to be placed in their premises.

All the boxes have been centralised in the Devizes RBL Branch and the counting for each box will commence the week commencing 18 November. I will let the RVN know the Village Collective total in the next issue.

The Devizes Branch intend holding a Presentation to the long serving Poppy Collectors in April 2025 and I anticipate all the Lady Collectors of Rowde, past and present, being invited.

Once gain Thank You Rowde Village.

Michael Cornwell

Rowde Poppy Collection Coordinator

T O'ROURKE

All plastering work undertaken

No job too small

FREE ESTIMATES



Contact Troy on:

01380 698993

or 07968 634689

St Matthew's Church, Rowde Musicians wanted!

We have a lovely piano, organ and electric keyboard at St Matthew's, and as a result of advertising in this magazine, we are now lucky enough to have a pianist who plays for one service a month and an organist who plays for the other.

Now we are just looking for someone to play occasionally (perhaps once every few months) to cover holidays or when we have extra services. This would mean acting as accompanist for church services (usually on Sunday mornings) and possibly choir practices (currently on Friday evenings) at St Matthew's Church.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact:
Nicola Brown (choir leader) on 01380 722406
or at nicola_brown@talk21.com

Summer Holiday Remembered *a poem by Rowde's Alan Pengelly*

Gulls soar
Sea shore
Sand, sky, foam
Waves crash
Shingle dash
As if returning home

Sand dune
High noon
Sea salt tasting breeze
Wind rush
Through scrub and brush
Landward leaning trees

Harbour wall
Cockle stall
Seaweed crisp and dry
Another world
Now unfurled
Left by retreating tide

Silhouettes of fishing boats
Bobbing on the tide
Moon casts a silver sheen
Across the waters wide
A young couple shoes in hand
Walk the shore line
All this and solitude
And it's all your's and mine

Night calls
A star falls
Darkness comes too soon
Shadow land
Dance on sand
Clouds across the moon

All is one
All is well
All one can perceive
This hand I hold
This band of gold
Into eternity

“Your Village, Your Say”

**Residents meeting on Friday 13th December
6.30pm at Rowde Primary School**

Wiltshire Councils cabinet meeting to decide if the Gypsy/Traveller site at Rowde will go forward to the next stage will be decided at county hall on Tuesday 10th of December at 10am residents are able to attend this meeting, or it will be available to watch live on YouTube.



Rowde residents' group will be showing the recording of the cabinet meeting and will be discussing the next stages.

For further information please contact Lisa on 07557887278 or email yourvillageyoursay24@gmail.com

Sudoku (medium this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

Mini Sudoku (medium this month)

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

			3	1	
4					
				5	1
	4		6		
			5	3	
	6	3			

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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

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Please contact Rowde Parish Council

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Contact Michael Cornwell
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Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:
Sarah Leckie
sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Church Choir

Contact Nicola Brown:
nicola_brown@talk21.com
01380 722406

Church Wardens - vacant

Doctor

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

Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

Footpaths

Please contact Rowde Parish
Council

Garage

Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

Hospitals

Devizes Community Hospital
Tel: 723511
Chippenham Community Hospital
Tel: 01249 447100
Trowbridge Community Hospital
Tel: 01225 711300

Ladies Club

Held in Village Hall and meet at
various dates in the month at 2.30pm.
Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council
Tel: 0300 4560100
Devizes Town Council 722160

Neighbourhood Police Team

Jo Newbury Rural Beat Manager
PCSO Georgina Dodd
Ring 101
Google devizes npt to contact the
team on
www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk>devizes

Parish Council

Chair - **Lisa Wills**
Tel: **01380 730078**
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries
Tel: 07752 724096

Playing Fields

For playing field bookings
please contact the Parish
Council Clerk on 01380 501919
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

Pubs/Restaurants

George & Dragon, Tel: 723053
Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

Rowde Book Club

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

Rifle Club

Practice Wednesdays, Matches
Thursdays in Village Hall.
Laurence Plumb, Tel: 728174

Roads/Pavements

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Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788
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Rowde Village News

Alan Watters, Tel: 01380 724788 or
07886870053 watters.alan@gmail.com

Rowde Village Hall

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

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

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Head Teacher
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Website

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While we hope to submit the PIP the week of 18 November we welcome any comments or queries that can be used to inform the next steps. Please send these to landoffhighstreetprovidet@hotmail.com.

